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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Well that was a whirlwind half term - it seems to have disappeared. Looking ahead, we return to school on Monday 19th February following the usual Monday timings. Please also note that we have an INSET day on Friday 15th March and then we finish on Thursday 28th March at the earlier time of 1.20pm for the Easter holidays. Summer term starts on Monday 15th April.

Mr Wright managed to secure a Dragon's Den event on Wednesday, supported by SATRO and Legal and General. Students were assigned to small teams and were taken through the process of starting a business, marketing, sales and competition through an interactive business project. Many thanks to Mr Wright and the staff who supported him throughout the day.

Gabe managed to arrange Level Two Bikeability this week for students who managed Level 1. The early stages of training were going well, despite students being exposed to some motorists who would prefer not to share the road with cyclists. An important lesson for cyclists and drivers actually. The effort and excitement was thwarted later this week with the unpredictability of the weather. I am sure Gabe will negotiate an alternative event later in the year.

Mr Peters continues to manage the GASP Motor Mechanics scheme and all students who are on the scheme for this second half of the term have been notified. If your son is interested, a ParentMail has been sent to all families which is the only way onto the course. Please respond via the ParentMail form as spaces are limited, we keep a waiting list in case someone drops out, or even for the following term.

We have an external Safeguarding audit scheduled for Friday 23rd February. All staff at Sunnydown take our Safeguarding responsibility seriously. Our policies and procedures set clear and high expectations regarding how students and adults should behave and interact. These policies include, but are not limited to, the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which outlines the safe use of electronic devices and social media. Safer Internet day was on Tuesday of this week.

An important aspect of Safeguarding training delivered across the country to all schools is to constantly remind one another that keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. As our staff are incredibly vigilant to changes in eating habits, changes in behaviours, increase in language which might cause concern, interactions with other students, we hold a great deal of observational data. When these observations raise a level of concern, it is most likely that one of our Designated Safeguarding leads (DSL) will reach out and discuss this with you. These supportive conversations are to inform and to secure that partnership working that will clarify and resolve matters quickly, and where necessary allow access to the right support.

The weather next week for half term looks mixed. However, with a strong and positive mindset, whatever you do and wherever you are, you can create positivity.

Already looking forward to seeing all the young men return on Monday 19th February.

NEVER GIVE UP ON
SOMEONE WITH A
MENTAL ILLNESS.
WHEN "I" IS REPLACED
BY "WE", ILLNESS
BECOMES WELLNESS.

-SHANNON L. ALDER



Dragon's Den

On Wednesday SATRO and Legal & General hosted a Dragon's Den Careers activity day in our sports hall. Students from Years 8, 9 & 10 were divided into House teams to compete as start up businesses. The challenge involved designing a product (key ring), negotiating and purchasing resources, agreeing timelines for delivery of product and then producing the agreed product on deadline. It was incredible to watch our students working together demonstrating leadership, teamwork, negotiation skills in a pressured situation. The CEO of Legal & General couldn't speak highly enough about our students and how they conducted themselves. SATRO (education charity) also enthused about the employability skills and manners demonstrated by all of the teams. Congratulations to the Buxton team who finished the day with the highest profit margin.

**Winning Buxton Team -
Felix Drummond, James Hall, Ollie Taylor, Sam Lopes & Kamauri Craig**



Amplify

Please see the flyer below regarding a family event for half term where there will be plenty of free activities for families to learn about resources to help their wellbeing in Surrey.

There will be a Specialist Schools MHST stand where they will be creating stress balls, affirmation cards and giving advice on making sensory boxes. It may not appeal to all families being in a busy mainstream school environment and it is based in Epsom, hopefully for at least some local parents they will find it helpful and as mentioned there will be many **free activities** to do on the day.



February Heart Month

Right At Home are a live-in care company who are really excited to be a partner of the British Heart Foundation and to be able to host an event for their February Heart Month. Their Caterham office is creating a window display called 'Caring Hearts in Caterham'. As part of their event they are inviting Caterham residents to help build the window display. Residents old and young are welcome to come in and write a note on a heart shaped piece of paper to someone they care about, they will then hang this in their window for everyone to see. There will also be some craft supplies to decorate the heart should they wish.

A key aim of the BHF is to highlight the importance of CPR. To do this they have created an app, ReviveR, which interactively takes you through the steps of giving CPR in 15 minutes. They will have an area for guests to try it out with us using a pillow or they can get the link to try at home. Lastly, because life is not complete without a hot drink and slice of cake, they will also have a variety available on the day. This is a completely free event, BHF are grateful for donations but there is no fee to pay to attend or take part in either of the activities. Please see the flyer below.

This event is on **Monday 12th February, from 10am-2pm**, at Right at Home, Station Avenue, Caterham.

A flyer for the British Heart Foundation 'Go Red for Heart Month' event. The flyer has a red background with a white ECG line graphic. It features the British Heart Foundation logo and the 'Right at Home' logo. The main text reads 'Go Red for Heart Month'. Below this, it says 'This February, Go Red to raise money for lifesaving research and learn CPR for free in 15 minutes with RevivR app.' To the right, there is a white box with text: 'Right at Home is inviting local residents, young and old to help decorate our 'Caring Hearts in Caterham' window display for February Heart Month. When: Monday 12th February 2024 10:00am - 2:00pm. Where: Right at Home 5 Station Avenue, Caterham CR3 6LB. • Write a note to someone special and share it in our window display for everyone to see. • Design a heart message with our craft supplies to hang in the window. • Learn CPR in 15mins using the RevivR app. • Cakes for sale with a hot drink (cash only please). Give us a call on 01883 460 376 or simply pop in we are a friendly bunch.' At the bottom right, there is a 'REGULATOR' logo and the text 'British Heart Foundation 2023 a registered charity in England and Wales (25971) and Scotland (SC039426)'.

Home-Start Surrey

Home Start Surrey are a consortium of 8 local Home-Starts who provide home visiting volunteers to families with at least one child under the age of 5 who are encountering challenging times. They want all children to have the best start in life and support parents in a variety of ways, both on a practical and emotional level for the ultimate benefit of the children. This in turn will also benefit schools and teachers as once the children are old enough to attend their respective schools, the happier the children the more receptive they will be to learning and eventually becoming much valued members of society.

The charity needs help and cannot function without volunteers and one thing that they stipulate (as well as full DBS checks) is that you have parental experience. They are hoping to potentially reach thousands of parents across Surrey, some of whom may be looking for a new challenge, they may have more time now their children are back at school, some may have even had our help when their children were young and they want to pay it forward. The charity runs courses twice a year and has new courses starting throughout Surrey in the Spring. Please see the flyer below and their website for more information: <https://homestartsurrey.org/being-a-volunteer/>



Volunteers Needed

Do you have parental experience? Could you spare 2-4 hours a week to help a local family in need? Our home visiting volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family. Full training and expert ongoing support given.

Courses starting throughout Surrey in Spring 2024, contact us today to register your interest.

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Attendance

Congratulations to 7P for achieving 100% attendance during the week ending 2nd February 2024.

Online safety

Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter re 'What Parents and Carers Need to know about Monkey.'

Employability Award

Alfie Monk

(9N)

Nathan Small

(10D)

Nominated by Legal & General during the Dragon's Den activity

Sportsmanship Award

Loui Salliss

(7P)

Baton Award

**Jack Bristow
(8W)**

**Jayden Peters
(9O)**

Successfully ran a lunchtime football club together

**Thought for the Week
(W/C 5th February 2024)**

Safer Internet Day - Why is it important to keep safe online?

**Thought for the Week
(W/C 19th February 2024)**

What does heritage mean to you?

Pet of the Week

This week's Pet of the Week goes to Mrs Gower for her beautiful cats - Roo and Tinks .



House Points

Ty Small	950 House Points
Kamauri Craig	550 House Points
Freddie Ponsford	550 House Points
Jaden Doorga	400 House Points
George McGookin	200 House Points
Kye Lawrence	200 House Points
Hayden Howells	150 House Points

Daniel Leonard	150 House Points
Luke Luo	150 House Points
Jacob Napier	150 House Points

Baton Award

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke Luo (7P)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For consistently working hard in maths</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">& awarded by Mr Zadok is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lucas Abrams (11C)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For excellence in GCSE statistics</i></p>
<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Charlie Carter (9N)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For cooperation & engagement</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">& awarded by Ms Hristova is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Milo Baker (7P)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For excellent practical work & creativity</i></p>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Harry Franklin (9N)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For independence & confidence & supporting his peers</i></p>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kasra Alavi (9N)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For his beautifully painted pop art cup cake. He was also an absolute star in the Dragon's Den group, organising people maturely & creatively!</i></p>

Forthcoming Events 2024

Date	Description
Mondy 12 th -16 th February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 21 st February	Naturally Talented Me (Years 7 & 8)
Thursday 22 nd February	Year 9 Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio, Meningococcal ACWY vaccination
Thursday 27 th February	National Portrait Gallery Art Trip (Year 10/11 art students)
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 5 th March	KS3 Basketball event
Friday 15 th March	INSET DAY
Wednesday 27 th March	Curriculum evening
Thursday 28 th March	Early finish 1.20pm
Tuesday 2 nd -12 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 24 th April	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday 15 th - Friday 17 th May	Year 9 Residential Trip
Monday 27 th -31 st May	HALF TERM
Saturday 1 st June	SunnyFest
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Thursday 20 th June	Scheduled formal graduation event 🎓
Friday 28 th June	School trip to The Arc
Tuesday 23 rd July	END OF TERM

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONKEY

Also known as Monkey Cool, this platform aims to fill the gap left by Omegle (which has now shut down) by placing users in random video chats with strangers. Participants use their mobile number and Snapchat username to connect to the service, where they can make matches, message other people and join group chats. The mobile version has been removed from the App Store due to safety concerns, but iPhone owners can still access the site via their web browser. The app remains available on Google Play, where its listing claims that Monkey has more than 30 million users worldwide.

AGE RESTRICTION
17+

(Although the lack of age verification means that someone younger could easily log in with a false date of birth.)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The app claims to use AI to detect sexual content or activity that violates its policies, along with having a 24/7 moderation team. However, reports in the media continue to indicate that explicit content remains commonplace on Monkey (including sexually graphic or violent material) and is therefore accessible to anybody who uses the app – including those aged under 18.



CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

The obvious risk in accepting random video chat partners is that users cannot know what or who they will see on their next connection. Talking to strangers is, of course, potentially dangerous – especially for children who might be persuaded to meet up with these people offline. The app lets users find each other by location, increasing the chances of a child being matched with a stranger from their local area.



IN-APP SPENDING

While Monkey is free to download, it nevertheless offers in-app purchases promising to unlock access to premium features. For example, users who wish to make use of 'Knock Knock chat' (Monkey's text-based messaging option), rather than the app's Chatroulette-style random video calling feature, will need to pay to be able to do so.



INTRUSIONS ON PRIVACY

According to Monkey's privacy policy, personal information (such as name, profile picture and date of birth), user-contributed content (any photos, texts, videos and screenshots shared) and each user's browser and IP address are collected. That is a considerable amount of data for Monkey to gather on its users – and all of this information is shared with third parties.



Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Even if you're comfortable with your child using Monkey, it's still important to talk about the potential dangers. It's crucial, for instance, that young people recognise the risks that stem from video chatting with strangers; that they understand not to share identifying information (like their street or school name); and that they know what to do if they are exposed to inappropriate content.



RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASING

If your child is accessing Monkey via an Android device, you can prevent them from making in-app purchases through the device's settings. If you do allow your child to use the site, we'd recommend that you enable this feature: young people have been known to spend significant amounts of money in their desire to unlock more features in apps such as this.



REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Monkey states in the safety section of its site that "people are given the power" and that, to a large extent, Monkey is "self-governing." If a user is exposed to sexually explicit or inappropriate content on the platform, they can select the 'police' emoji in the top right corner of their screen to submit a report for Monkey's moderation team to review.



SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Monkey – or that they may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content – it's important to watch for potential indications that they've been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable or unable to concentrate, for example, or failing to complete their homework or even to eat regular meals.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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