

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

I am not sure where time is going at the moment. We seem to fit so much in at Sunnydown in such a short space of time.

Longer articles will be shared in the near future regarding the following major events:

- Caterham Cycle Challenge which sees students cycle at least 660km around Kenley aerodrome
- The Gibb Challenge - a cycle event across the Gibb River Road in the Kimberley region of Western Australia Ollie and Oscar took part this year, supported by Gabe and Miss Kiddier
- SunnyFest - A music festival held at Sunnydown at the start of Caterham Festival involving local bands, wonderful food and this year, spectacular weather
- FoS Corporate Golf Day at Farleigh

All four events are designed to develop awareness of and money for mental health support here at Sunnydown but also in our local primary schools.

The JustGiving page for the Caterham Cycle Challenge remains live - please share it as far and wide as you can so we can secure the support required.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sunnydowncyclechallenge23>

For all of the events, the work behind the scenes of various members of the Friends of Sunnydown committee, headed up currently by Kelly Barnes, is acknowledged and appreciated greatly. Thank you.

Some warm weather around this weekend - please do drink plenty of water and keep yourself protected from the sun.

In walking around PSHE lessons this afternoon, I noticed students actively engaged with sessions on keeping themselves safe and treating others respectfully while online and using social media, as well as some first aid in Year 7. PSHE lessons are important ways to share information across the school in accordance with the National Curriculum expectations, something we deliver with great care and consideration.

Huge congratulations to all of Year 10 who this week benefitted from Work Experience opportunities across the county. Reflecting on this experience will help our students make decisions about their next steps post Sunnydown, but also give them an understanding of what is required to succeed in the career they explored this week. I look forward to seeing Year 10 students next week and learning about their week in the life of work.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Paul Jensen

## Friends of Sunnydown

**Sunnyfest** - What an amazing day we had last Saturday! Thank you to each and every one of you who came along. We appreciated the work from all of the volunteers who helped make it such a successful day. A special thank you goes to Kelly and Tom Barnes who worked tirelessly and went above and beyond to make this event happen. Watch this space for a similar event next year.

### **Quiz night at Sunnydown - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023: 6:30pm arrival for 7:00pm start**

Pop the date firmly in your diaries and get your tickets now! £12 for adults and £6 for children. This will include a delicious fish and chip supper (sausage or vegetarian options also available). Come and meet the surprise Quizmaster! There is capacity for 12 teams of 8 people in each, and spaces are filling up fast. It's a great opportunity to meet other Sunnydown parents - and also pick up some spare uniform items from our pre-loved range, a selection of which will be on display for purchase / order. We also would appreciate donations for the raffle prizes, so if you have any unwanted gifts please let us know.

### **Family camp night - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

Bring along your tent and enjoy camping under the Sunnydown stars! There will be food, drinks and even marshmallows to toast in our own fire pit, £5 per head. This is likely to be a popular event and numbers are limited, so claim your space now.

### **End of year staff 'thank you' fund**

At the end of each school year we like to take the opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to each and every member of staff at Sunnydown for the amazing commitment they show for our boys. If you would like to donate to a staff fund to be shared amongst our fantastic Sunnydown staff, please do so using the following link. Vouchers will be gifted to show our appreciation.

To purchase tickets and/or donate to the above, please follow this link: [www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents)

### **Fancy joining Friends of Sunnydown?**

Don't forget to let us know if you would like to join Friends of Sunnydown. Just one hour of your time per week or less, is required (maximum two hours per week for large events). Thank you.

### **Sports Day reminder - 21<sup>st</sup> July**

This will be held on the last day of term and is always an exciting event (which includes a bouncy obstacle course for the boys!). Everyone is welcome.

## Face to Face Session - Children With Disabilities Team

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (10am to 12 noon)**

**Leatherhead Leisure Centre (feel free to arrive from 9.30 for coffee and cake! Free Parking)**

### **[Leatherhead Leisure Centre - Google Maps](#)**

A chance for families to meet senior decision makers from the Children with Disabilities (CWD) team to share lived experience and drive positive change.

So far attending from the CWD will be:

Jenny Brickell - Assistant Director CWD  
Melanie Carroll - Service Manager CWD  
Lisa Bowman - Service Manager CWD

Lisa Roberts – Healthwatch

This event is for parents but other professionals, school staff, school link workers etc are welcome to come along.

Please book your place using this Eventbrite Link: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../face-to-face-session ...](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../face-to-face-session...)

### Year 9 Fulham Football Club Workshop

The Year 9 boys headed down to Fulham Football Club's training ground again on Monday but this time not for a football tournament. There were football matches but Sunnydown was the only school in attendance as Coaches Katy and Athena delivered the new workshop they had developed challenging gender stereotypes and helping build mental health and resilience. They were ably supported by Coaches Katie and Dom. There were practical sessions on the astro, classroom based activities and the boys still had time to take part in football matches and penalty shoot outs. It was great for some of the boys who had never been to the facility before to go and visit and to be part of the development of a new resource to help build resilience, mental health and positive relationships. A massive thank you to the coaches for their hard work and to the boys for their engagement and participation.



### Attendance

Congratulations to 11P & 8O for achieving 100% attendance during the week ending 26<sup>th</sup> May. Big congratulations to the 39 students who achieved 100% attendance for this half term (17th April - 26th May). Certificates will be handed out in assembly today.

### Online Safety

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter - 'What parents need to know about OMETV'.

**Mr Cassim**

### Pet of the Week

This week's Pet of the Week is Daisy, nominated by Freddie Ponsford (7W). Clearly enjoying the sunshine.



## Song of the Week

This week's Song of the Week was nominated by 7W, Maroon 5 featuring Cardi B - Girls Like You (2018).

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| <p><b><u>Thought for the Week</u></b><br/><b>(W/C: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023)</b></p> <p><b>What Does LGBTQ mean?</b></p> | <p><b><u>Thought for the Week</u></b><br/><b>(W/C: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023)</b></p> <p><b>How can we maintain a healthy lifestyle?</b></p> |
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| <p><b><u>Employability Skills Award</u></b></p> <p><b>Varen Estwick</b><br/>For his ability to learn &amp; adapt</p> <p><b>Ryan Gellett</b><br/>Negotiation, communication &amp; IT Skills</p> <p><b>Alexander Neale</b><br/>Organisational skills, IT Skills &amp; using his initiative &amp; being staff motivated</p> <p><b>Ty Small</b><br/>Negotiation Skills</p> | <p><b><u>Sportsmanship Award</u></b></p> <p><b>Alfie Monk</b></p> |
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| <p><b><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is</p> <p><b>Michael Hanley (80)</b></p> | <p><b><u>Scientist of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for cooperation &amp; work completion</p> <p><b>Felix Drummond (9T)</b></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova for</p> | <p><b><u>Musician of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is</p> <p><b>Thomas Emms (7C)</b></p> | <p><b><u>Chef of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull for progress, confidence &amp; a positive approach is</p> <p><b>Freddie Ponsford (7W)</b></p> | <p><b><u>Artist of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for his concentration &amp; effort in the lesson this week is</p> <p><b>Lithar Po-Ba (80)</b></p> | <p><b><u>Writer of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Mrs Palmer for creating such imaginative sentences about the River Thames using both imagery &amp; figurative language is</p> <p><b>KS3</b></p> <p><b>Felix Drummond (9T)</b></p> |
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| <b>House Points</b> |                  |
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| Lucas Abrams        | 750 House Points |
| George Whatling     | 750 House Points |
| Ollie Taylor        | 600 House Points |
| Lithar Po-Ba        | 550 House Points |
| Kasra Alavi         | 400 House Points |
| Jonathan Edwards    | 400 House Points |
| Freddie Ponsford    | 300 House Points |
| Finley Marley       | 350 House Points |

Congratulations to Josh Barnes who will be presented with his 1000 House Points certificate next week.

### **Forthcoming Events 2023**

| <b><u>Date</u></b>   | <b><u>Description</u></b>                            |
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| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June                                  | CWSNF - Opening ceremony of Fitness Suite (TBC)      |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Year 7, 8 & 9 KS3 Grafham Grange Football Tournament |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June                                   | 7W Flower Farm visit                                 |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June                                  | National Maritime Museum Trip                        |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June | Year 9 Residential Brenscombe Trip                   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                                | Year 11 Trip to Brighton                             |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                                 | Year 11 Graduation Ceremony                          |
| <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>                             | <b>INSET DAY</b>                                     |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Caterham Barn Dance                                  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Year 9/10 KS4 Grafham Grange Football Tournament     |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June                                   | Orpheus School to perform The Rats of Anarchy City   |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June                                   | Friends of Sunnydown Quiz Night                      |
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                                  | Family camp night                                    |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | SSSSA Athletics, K2 Crawley                          |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July                                    | Drama club performance at The Arc                    |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July                                    | Year 8 Kayaking - Blacklands Farm                    |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                                | Prospero Theatre performing Blood Ties               |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July                                   | Year 7 Kayaking - Blacklands Farm                    |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                                   | SPORTS DAY & Last day of term                        |

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# OMETV

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

OmeTV is another app which encourages users to 'make friends from all around the world'. People can search profiles by age and gender and send direct messages or photos. However, the app is primarily used for video calls. When using this feature, users are connected at random, although only their country of origin is shared. People can then either choose to move on to the next chat or can stay in that call for as long as they wish.

### STRANGER DANGER

While young people generally know not to share personal information with strangers, the safety of their home and the distance offered by technology can make them feel more relaxed and uninhibited. Combined with the fact that OmeTV provides a webcam function – and anonymity – it can be an easy way for groomers to gather information, ask to connect on other social media platforms, or potentially request intimate images.

### EXPLICIT CONTENT

Unfortunately, there are a lot of users who use OmeTV's webcam feature to expose themselves. While users can swipe to the next call quickly, it's not something that can be filtered out completely – so young people could easily be exposed to highly inappropriate images.

### REPORTING DIFFICULTIES

When video calling, the other person's username is often hidden and therefore they can't be blocked or reported. There is a 'Report Abuse' tab at the bottom of the video, but the speed with which calls can swipe past can make it difficult to use this system. There's also little evidence to suggest that offenders are dealt with appropriately (through warnings or account termination, for example).

### AGE VERIFICATION

17+

Although the site states that users must be 18 or over, there's no way to verify this, and it's easy to use an existing Facebook account to log in, or for users to set up a fake account. To access OmeTV, users simply need to press a button confirming they're an adult, which means it's likely many users will claim to be much older than they are.

### VIDEO RECORDING

When young people are chatting live on a webcam, they could be coaxed by others into doing things they don't feel comfortable doing, or persuaded that no harm can come from it. What they don't know is whether the other user is recording them. These videos could then be used to embarrass or blackmail them, or they could be kept by a potential online predator.

### LIMITED PARENTAL CONTROLS

OmeTV has very limited parental controls. There is a 'safe mode', but this is of little practical use given that explicit content isn't filtered out. While the site lists several rules and regulations, there are few apparent ways to enforce them or restrict what users can see or do.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### FOLLOW AGE GUIDELINES

OmeTV has an age recommendation of 18 and over, which suggests the developers are aware that it may facilitate adult content. It's important to adhere to the age guidelines and try to restrict access to the app for younger users. If you find it on an under-18's device, talk to them about the potential risks and explain why they probably shouldn't be using it.

### DISCOURAGE CHATS WITH STRANGERS

Remind your child of the dangers of talking to strangers online. The anonymity OmeTV offers, plus its webcam function, makes it an attractive place for groomers to network and create inappropriate content. Explain that your child may see something which upsets them – and that it's a crime for anyone to expose themselves to a young person online.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Maintain communication with your child about online safety and empower them to protect themselves. Simply deleting an app from their device impacts their independence and can cause resentment. Instead, highlight news reports of predators exposing themselves to children on the internet, and discuss what they should do if asked for explicit images.

### ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Regardless of how responsible your child may be, it's essential to use parental controls on their device. It's easy for young people to get lured in by others, feeling they've built up a trusting friendship and being coaxed into doing things they wouldn't normally do. Ensure in-app purchases aren't enabled on their device, and emphasise that they can always talk to you about anything online that worries them.

### 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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