

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

1,000 House Points

Reaching 1,000 House Points is quite a landmark at Sunnydown and something that deserves recognition. We would like to congratulate Lithar Po-Ba for this incredible achievement as he passed the 1,000 mark midway through Year 10. In the school meeting this afternoon the whole school will join together in celebrating this achievement with him.

Congratulations Lithar.

Enhancing Our House Point System

We are excited to announce some important enhancements to our House Point system, designed to better support student progress and personal development. These changes have been informed by valuable student feedback and will take effect from the start of the summer term. The enhancements were approved by the Student Council and I thank them for their consideration and feedback to the proposal.

Why Are We Enhancing the System? At Sunnydown we recognise that every student is on a unique learning journey and therefore engaging with their own personal growth deserves rewarding. We are aligning House Points more closely with our RICE3 targets, ensuring that every student has equitable opportunities to earn recognition for their progress in resilience, independence, cooperation, engagement and effort.

What's Changing? Moving forward, House Points will be directly linked to students' progress in the RICE3 areas. This will enable staff to reward not just academic success but also the vital skills and qualities that contribute to well-rounded personal growth. Whether a student shows increased independence in their learning, demonstrates resilience in overcoming challenges, or collaborates effectively with peers, their efforts will be acknowledged and celebrated.

What Does This Mean for Students? By connecting House Points to RICE3 targets, we hope to accelerate student focus on developing key life skills while maintaining fairness in how points are awarded. Every student will have the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their starting point, as the system now recognises individual progress and effort across a broader range of achievements. We will also introduce RICE3 awards to the Friday whole school assemblies celebrating students' efforts and progress.

We believe these enhancements will make the House Point system even more meaningful, motivating students to strive for personal growth while contributing to their House's success.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact this will have on our school community and encourage parents and carers to discuss these changes with their children as we approach the summer term.

Mr Wright

Morning Arrival

We are finding an increasing number of boys wanting to spend time in the corridors of Forest View in the mornings, between arriving at school and the start of the day at 9.00am (9.30am on Mondays). This is a key area and time of the day for staff to make final preparations for lessons and meet with colleagues and should remain as clear as possible. We will be reminding all students of the expectations that they can drop their bags off outside their Form rooms on arrival but then must go out into the playground. If the weather is particularly unpleasant, then a wet break is called and students are encouraged to go straight to their forms. We would appreciate your support in reminding the boys and ensuring that they have appropriate clothing for the weather, as the main reason we encounter for them wanting to be inside is that it is too cold outside.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mr Lord



Samba Workshop

I am excited to share that our Year 7, 8, and 9 students will be participating in a Samba workshop at school on Tuesday 25th March 2025. We have arranged for a specialist to bring the rhythms of Brazil to life through Samba music.

During the workshop, the boys will have the chance to explore various instruments and learn the techniques behind Samba music. There will also be a performance at

the end of the day, showcasing their new found skills and creativity. This workshop aligns with our music curriculum, enhancing understanding of different musical cultures.

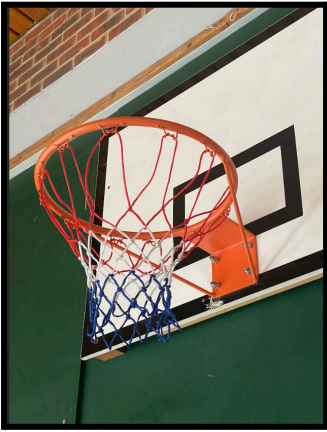
Mrs Cybuch

A colorful poster for 'Scouts 1st Whyteleafe Table Top Sales'. At the top left is the Scouts logo (a fleur-de-lis) and the text 'Scouts 1st Whyteleafe'. To the right, a purple speech bubble says 'Refreshments available all day!'. Below this is a circular illustration of a table top sale stall. The main title 'Table Top Sales!' is in large, bold, purple font. Below the title, there are two columns of information. The left column lists the dates: '2nd Sunday of the month, 10.00-14.00' followed by '13th April', '11th May', '8th June', '13th July', '10th August', '14th September 12th', and 'October'. The right column lists the location: 'Scouts HQ, Church Road, Whyteleafe, CR3 0AR'. Below that, it says 'Sellers tables available' for '£5 per table (£4 if pre-paid)' and 'Set up from 8:30am'. At the bottom, it says 'Entrance 50p' and 'Free for children'. An email address '1stwhyteleafewebsite@gmail.com' is provided for booking. At the very bottom, the logos for 'BEAVERS', 'cubs', and 'SCOUTS' are displayed.

Whyteleafe Scout Group Table Top Sales

1st Whyteleafe Scout Group Trustee Board are hosting a number of table top sales over the coming months, on the second Sunday of the month from April to October as a large part of their group fundraising.

They are informing the local community about this event who can participate - as either buyers or sellers. All the information is on the flier.



Students were really happy to get this new basketball net installed this week!



Spring 2025 Newsletter


FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Schools can now buy a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL 16** parent talks

Thursday 24th April 19:00 - 20:00 FREE		Responding to Angry Behaviour What can we do in the moment?
Tuesday 18th March 10:00 - 11:30 £24		Anxiety Explained Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.
Thursday 3rd April 10:00 - 11:30 £24		Supporting a Child with ADHD Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.
Tuesday 3rd April 19:00 - 20:30 £24		Improving Family Communication How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 17 March 2025)

Red Nose Day

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 24 March 2025)

Women's History Month

The Baton

Freddie Collins

Overcoming his fears and pushing himself

Employability Award

Callum Jordan
Planning and organisation

Mathematician of the Week

The recipients of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are

Milo Baker

For a fantastic effort and result in his maths assessment!

Jack Gregory

For excellent effort and achievement with fractions, decimals and percentages

Callum Duff

For effort and achievement with angles

Eddie Smith

Was nominated for an award by Matthew for helping him with his revision

& awarded by Mr Wright

Freddie Ponsford

Ethan Lyons

Growth mindset

Scientist of the Week

The recipients of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova are

KS3

Harley Schooling

For his excellent effort in recent lessons

KS4

Toby Chapman

For excellent effort and achievement

Writer of the Week

The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is

KS3

Harry Origgi-Fernando

For an excellent newspaper article using the checklist to support.

KS4

Ollie Taylor

Kasra Alavi

For their excellent effort and engagement with scaffolds to help structure a GCSE answer

& awarded by Mrs Jensen is

Callum Jordan

For effort in classwork

Chef of the Week

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is

Freddie Collins

For effort and improving time management

Artist of the Week

The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is

	Sam Lopes <i>For his kindness and concentration in Art</i>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is Ethan Lyons & awarded by Mrs Cybuch is Tekai Lewis <i>For his attention to detail on his composition</i>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Mrs Zulfiqar is Frankie McSorley <i>For his determination to succeed</i>
<u>Computer Scientist of the Week</u>	The recipients of Computer Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Amzart are Ollie Hall Jack Gregory Jacob Napier George McGookin <i>For each creating an outstanding digital abstract and geometric image on computers using Paint-Z.App</i>

House Points

<u>House Points</u>	
Ollie Taylor	1,050 House Points
Lithar Po-Ba	1,000 House Points
Logan East	800 House Points
Freddie Ponsford	800 House Points
Oscar Gregory	450 House Points
Kye Lawrence	550 House Points
Milo Baker	350 House Points
Zack Harrison	300 House Points
Louie Rodrgues	100 House Points
Carter Stevenson	100 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025

<u>Spring Term 2025</u>	
Friday 14 th March 2025	Life Skills Science Museum: Power Up Trip
Monday 17 th March 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 19 th March 2025	Year 10/11 - Limpsfield Grange Spring Disco
Tuesday 25 th March 2025	Samba Workshop - Years 7, 8 & 9
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Year 9 & 10 Curriculum Evening
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Coltsford Mill Fishing Event
Monday 7 th April - Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	EASTER HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 4 th April)
<u>Summer Term 2025</u>	
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Start of summer term
Thursday 24 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 1
Friday 25 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 1

Monday 28 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 29 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	SSSSA KS4 Basketball
Thursday 1 st May 2025`	Bikeability Level 2
Friday 2 nd May 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Friday 9 th May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 12 th May 2025	KS4 Fulham football Start of GCSE exams
Friday 16 th May 2025	Year 9 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Year 7 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th June 2025	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 9 th June 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening Last GCSE exam
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Graduation
Friday 20 th June 2025	Business Breakfast
Friday 20th June 2025	INSET DAY
Thursday 26 th June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Wednesday 2 nd - Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Presentation event
Friday 11 th July 2025	The Arc - Prospero Drama Group
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Sports Day
Friday 18th July 2025	END OF TERM (1.20pm finish)
Monday 21 st July 2025 (Was 4 th November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 (Was 14 th March 2025)	INSET DAY