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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

A week later than anticipated but welcome to 2023. All staff are sending our best wishes to all families for a prosperous year.

I know I do not need to remind everyone, but I will. Sunnydown is an excellent school. No Specialist School in Surrey can boast the breadth of curriculum we offer. No Specialist School in Surrey can boast the quality of the academic and pastoral support we offer. Those statements could be considered brave, or courageous, even contentions; but I maintain they are facts.

An often overlooked aspect of education are the 'softer skills' that young people develop by attending school. At Sunnydown, these 'softer skills' are of paramount importance. One example is a sense of enjoyment and satisfaction, pride even, from being able to support other people. Every student and staff member and family needs to acknowledge and feel this pride. Allow me to explain.

I have had the recent privilege of working with and listening to Headteachers of large secondary schools and MATs. Unanimously they are gobsmacked when they realise that as a small Specialist School, and through our Caterham Cycle Challenge, we have worked collaboratively to raise over £40,000 in two years and invested this, not only in Sunnydown, but in our local community. Such an achievement and the commitment required is considered 'softer' than academic skills because it is so hard to measure. There is no exam grade or certificate, just a sense of pride in having done the right thing for people less fortunate than ourselves. If we could measure pride and impact on our community, without doubt we are the leaders!

Building on this ethos, I am so pleased to share today the first formal advertisement for the Sunnydown Music Festival on Saturday 3rd June. Ex-students have formed a band and will be performing alongside other local bands for an afternoon and evening of fun, music and great food. Monies raised through SunnyFest will be used to support our commitment to improving mental health support in our school and local community. SunnyFest is in support of the Caterham Cycle Challenge which has been running for several years now.

Remember that we also have the Caterham Cycle Challenge, The Gibb Cycle Challenge in Australia and the Golf Day (Tuesday 6th June) as well. A busy year ahead!

Returning our focus to academic pursuits, I would encourage all families to visit the school website and specifically the curriculum section. Here you will find detailed information on the topics being studied in each subject for each year level. I am confident that the information presented to families and students in the December reports was of a high quality, and reflected the progress your son has made. Working together, and supporting the concept of a growth mindset, students can be empowered to achieve greater outcomes than may have previously been thought.

Year 11 Trip to Rose Theatre in Kingston on Tuesday 16th December

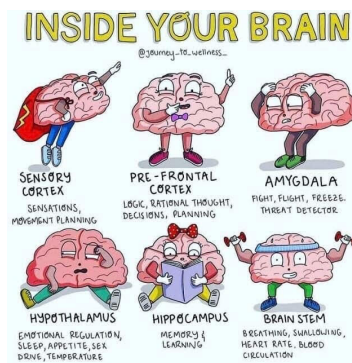
We embarked from the school at 11:00, travelling by train to Kingston Upon Thames. We strolled through the town centre, stopping along the way to pick up lunch: fresh sushi, German pastries, and succulent sausages. We feasted under the twinkling Christmas lights hung around the sitting areas, and explored the history of Kingston by browsing the Christmas market stalls. We then made our way to the Rose Theatre to watch the production of A Christmas Carol, adapted by Morgan Lloyd Malcolm for 1 hour and 50 minutes, with an interval. We remarked afterwards on the play, noting our thoughts on the interesting themes put forward, the bold inclusion of Charles Dickens in the play, and the innovative decision to cast both Dickens and Scrooge as women. Crucially, we all felt that the literary notions underpinning the play were stimulating and applicable, furthering our understanding of Charles Dickens' work and of literature on the whole. In this, we regard the outing to be successful, both as an educational experience, and generally as a fun day out. The English Pathway 2 Class would like to thank Mrs Jensen and Mrs McCarthy for their work in providing a wonderful experience for us.

By Thando Po-Ba, with input from Elvinas Sermuksnis



Thrive

Happy New Year. Here is some information about how the Brain works. This is how the brain processes our feelings and regulates them. Our young people go through lots of changes. As their brain develops and goes through these changes, we can support and help them to regulate their emotions.



Miss Brooks

Autumn 2022 Reading Achievers

Congratulations to our Reading Achievers (students listed at the end of this newsletter) who achieved high reading targets during the autumn term.

Miss Wood

Attendance

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn 2022 term:

Edward Bridges-Pugh
Daniel Diaz-Lester
James Hall
Elvinas Sermuksnis
Liam Tushingham

Harvey Caruana
Varen Estwick
Dominic Hanley
Nathan Small
Nathan Waters

Kamauri Craig
Bailey Goodliffe
Jacob Kelly
Joshua Tucker

Online Safety

Please see the flier at the end of this newsletter with some tips on how to stay safe on new devices.

Mr Cassim

Friends of Sunnydown

The Friends of Sunnydown would like to say another huge thank you for your support throughout 2022. After a couple of years of Covid cancellations, we managed to get back on track and held the quiz nights, a band night and not forgetting the Christmas 'snow' day and shopping days for the boys last month. Watch this space for more news on some exciting events for this year in the coming weeks!

Friday Curriculum - 20th January 2023

A timetable of events will follow next week.

<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (w/c: 9th January)</p> <p>Why do we need to look after our health?</p>	<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (w/c: 16th January)</p> <p>Who is Martin Luther King?</p>
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Song of the Week

Song of the week was nominated by James in 9D: One Republic, Counting Stars (2013). Last week's Song of the week was nominated by Varen in 10C: All Caps, Mad Villain (2004).

<p><u>Sportsmanship Award</u></p> <p>Callum Truttero (7W)</p> <p>For maintaining to display sportsmanship</p>	<p><u>Employability Skills Award</u></p> <p>Callum Annis (80)</p> <p>For ability to learn & adapt</p>
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<p><u>Baton Award</u></p> <p>Harrison Williams (7C)</p> <p>For resolving conflict between others</p>
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<u>House Points</u>	
Max Mahboobani	700 House Points
Max Gibbins	500 House Points
Ollie Taylor	450 House Points
Alfie Wilson	400 House Points
Jonathan Edwards	300 House Points
Freddie Collins	150 House Points
Robert Hall	150 House Points
Callum Dowie	100 House Points
Thomas Emms	100 House Points
Ethan Lyons	100 House Points



<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<u>Musician of the Week</u>	<u>Chef of the Week</u>
<p>The recipients of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mr Zadok are</p> <p>Daniel-Diaz Lester (11P)</p> <p>For resilience and progress</p> <p>Thando Po-Ba (11J)</p> <p>For achieving Grade 7 in his mocks</p> <p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is</p> <p>Alfie Tharle (80)</p> <p>For persevering with his homework</p>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for engagement & cooperation is</p> <p>Joshua Tucker (11J)</p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova for active learning is</p> <p>Freddie Ponsford (7W)</p>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for his fantastic character sculpture is</p> <p>Freddie Ponsford (7W)</p>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is</p> <p>Thomas Emms (7C)</p>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull for a consistent and calm approach to learning is</p> <p>Cody Osborne (7C)</p> <p>&</p> <p>For outstanding work in their final assessment are</p> <p>Elvinas Sermuksnis (11J)</p> <p>Thando Po-Ba (11J)</p> <p>Joshua Tucker (11P)</p> <p>Liam Tushingham (11P)</p> <p>Byron Boniface (11J)</p>

LAST WEEK (6/1)

<p><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is</p> <p>Callum Annis (80)</p>	<p><u>Scientist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for independence & cooperation is:</p> <p>Taylor Conway (9T)</p>	<p><u>Artist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for his fantastic animal drawing is</p> <p>Noah Atkins (7W)</p>	<p><u>Musician of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is:</p> <p>Freddie Collins (7W)</p>
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LAST WEEK (6/1)

<p><u>Sportsmanship Award</u></p> <p>James Hall (9D)</p> <p>For consistently good sportsmanship</p>	<p><u>Employability Skills Award</u></p> <p>James Dean (10M)</p> <p>Using initiative & being self motivated</p>
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LAST WEEK (6/1)

<u>House Points</u>	
Liam Tushingham	850 House Points
George Smith	750 House Points
Andrew Hendry-Smith	600 House Points
Jaden Doorga	100 House Points
Harrison Williams	100 House Points

Autumn 2022 Reading Achievers



100% (5 House Points)

Zac H
Luke D
Harry F
Charlie H
Ollie T
Toby C
Sonny C
James H
Freddie P
Nathan S
Harry V
Andrew H-S
James D
Jamie R
Daniel D-L
George S
Liam T
Nathan W



90% + (3 House Points)

Freddie C
Robert H
Alex P
Callum T
Harvey C
Bailey G
Dominic H
Edward G
Felix D
Jensen P
Ryan G
Max M
Ollie Mc
Ty S
Oscar S
Josh B



80% + (1 House Point)

Freddie P
Kamauri C
Thomas E
Harrison W
Kasra A
Charlie C
Jacob K
Alfie M
Callum A
Michael H
Lithar P-B
Logan E
Teddy F
Charlie Mc
Alfie W



STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an Internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and online scams. There's never a bad time to refresh your Internet safety knowledge, and it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



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