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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

What a way to end the year - a Sports Day in wonderful sunshine, huge participation from so many students and sportsmanship unrivalled anywhere. Being blessed to have the support of so many families onsite was also incredibly special.

Days like that, and weeks such as SMSC week, are organised by a small group of staff but are supported by everyone. To all Form tutors who arranged and managed trips and events this week - thank you. To Mr Wright and his team - thank you for overseeing the week but with efforts specifically around sports day.

Many congratulations to the Portley House champions for 2023 with Cam'ron leading the way as House Captain and returning to accept the trophy on behalf of the team. It was also so heartening to see so many graduates from previous years, and even new families attend and be welcomed.

In the past few days many messages of support and gratitude have been shared with me from families. These are always appreciated and demonstrate groundswell of positivity towards and for the school. I will share all messages sent to school with my incredible team.

The Friends of Sunnydown (FoS), coordinated for the last few years by Kelly Barnes, have been instrumental in providing the school with funds to provide resources we could not otherwise have access to. Learning Space for example would not exist here at Sunnydown without the support of FoS. This professional support is provided free of charge to students and their families because of the tireless efforts of Kelly and her FoS support team - what a legacy. If you have time to dedicate to helping or coordinating future events so we can continue to have access to wonderful resources, please contact them at friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

On Thursday we had the privilege of gathering as staff to share our congratulations and pride in two of our TAs who have been accepted on to teaching courses. Miss Collings has been accepted to Reigate school to teach languages and Mr Nelson has been accepted to Reigate college to teach psychology. While they will both be missed here at Sunnydown, we wish them every success for their next steps.

We also reflected on the support of Mrs McCarthy who, after 12 years at Sunnydown, has made the decision to have a 'gap' year. Mrs McCarthy has been instrumental in managing daily aspects of the timetable and the TA team since becoming our HLTA. Her efforts in classrooms and delivering lessons have been a welcome contribution to the education of so many young men. I am confident that we will see her again, if even only for a visit and a cup of tea, but again, on behalf of the school community, I extended my personal and professional gratitude to Mrs McCarthy for all that she has done for the school.

Matty Horkan, an ex-student who suffered a broken neck, continues to make positive progress and reflect on the

impact of his life changing injuries. His group of online supporters have arranged a cake sale this Sunday in Hythe. I appreciate this is a long way from Caterham, but if you are travelling near there or know people in the area, please encourage them to support this cause. Information is attached.

Finally, please read the reflections on SMSC week below as you start the summer holidays, knowing that your sons have had not only a wonderful time recently, but throughout the year.

Happy holidays to one and all.

Paul Jensen

The new term starts on Tuesday 5th September for Years 10 and 11 and Wednesday 6th September for Years 8 and 9. Arrival on these days is between 8.30am and 9.00am. It is so important to start the year off with excellent attendance. This ensures the correct mindset for the whole of the year. Year 7 starts officially on Monday 11th September at 10.00am, though students will visit the school the week prior to this. Additional communication will be shared by Mrs Wermig regarding Year 7.

SMSC Week & Sports Day

Thank you to all the students and staff for a fantastic final week of class trips, giving back activities and Inter-House competitions. Thank you to all the families, Friends of Sunnydown and ex-students who supported Sports Day, you created a fantastic atmosphere for the boys to enjoy. I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.





Mr Wright

On Monday, Year 7 had a visit from Robin from the Caterham Food Bank as part of our SMSC week 'Giving back to the community.' He spoke to us about the work that the Food Bank does and has done over the last 10 years to support the local community. He shared with us that emergency food parcels are distributed to over 80 families a week and the Food Bank has over 90 volunteers a month. To demonstrate the difficulties that some families have and why Food Banks exist in society today, Year 7 completed a budgeting challenge to plan and shop for 2 adults for a week. The boys showed a great deal of maturity and understanding and spent some time creating posters to share around the school.



Mr Cybuch

On Monday **Year 8** spent their day giving back to the community and made some delicious cakes for a charity cake sale. They designed posters to promote the sale and their chosen charity was The Dogs Trust. The whole school raised £62. As a reward for their dedication to giving back to the community, we took the boys to Crawley to Hollywood Bowl to play some games of bowling, then went to McDonald's. Lots of fun and laughter was had! On Wednesday they chose in-house activities. On Thursday all students displayed their sporting and friendship skills.















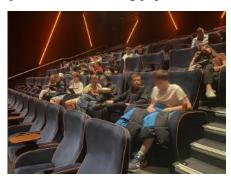
Mrs Li-Ying & Miss Newcombe

On Tuesday **9D** and **9T** gave back to the school community by helping move the library books over to the Academic Hub where the new library will be from September. The boys also put on their overalls and worked together to help paint the new library.





On Wednesday, we all went to The Light cinema in Redhill. We enjoyed a McDonald's lunch then watched the movie - Mission Impossible whilst eating popcorn. The boys and staff had a great day! Have a lovely summer break.





Miss Drake & Miss Thompson

On Tuesday 10M worked on some projects around the school grounds. They started by working on the metal fencing between the playground and the animal enclosure where they hung the metal gates, dug some new fence post holes and cut back some of the undergrowth that had become overgrown. Later in the day they helped lay a path around the edge of the wallabies enclosure.







10C were busy cleaning out the bike shed and maintaining all the bikes. This involved taking all the bikes out of the shed, throwing out unnecessary clutter and giving the floor a good sweep. Once the bikes were out, they were checked over, ensuring the breaks worked and tyres were pumped up. The next step was to put all the bikes back in the proper place. A good job done so they all can enjoy cycling when we return in September.

Mr Moody & Mr Cassim

Round Table - Beer Festival

The RoundTable are big supporters of Sunnydown. They are holding the Annual Beer Festival with details below. The committee are seeking businesses to sponsor the event. If you own, work in or know a business who may be able to contribute, please follow the links below. It would be amazing if you could also let them know that you are sponsoring through Sunnydown School, then we would receive even more funds.

Caterham Round Table's annual beer festival is back on for 2023 - taking place on 15th and 16th September - would you be interested in sponsoring a barrel for charity? This is the biggest local beer festival with 1400+ guests and over 60 real ales and craft beers, ciders, prosecco, gin and wine also available. The event is organised and staffed totally by local volunteers.

There's live music on Saturday evening. All barrel sponsors get 4 tickets, free souvenir glasses and business logos/names on the barrels. Each barrel is £135. If you want to sponsor a barrel follow this link, complete your details and we'll organise the rest - simple! Other sponsorship opportunities include glass, bar and T-shirt sponsorship ... To date we've raised over £120,000 and this money goes directly to mainly local charities and good causes. There are too many to name but there's a list on the website here - just some of those which have benefited from Caterham Round Table.

Online Safety

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter - 'What parents & carers need to know about W App'.

Also, a Parent mail has been sent with information about our online monitoring and filtering system. Please do read this.

Mr Cassim

Summer Holiday Bowls

Horley Bowls Club have recently started a junior section and are offering some FREE taster sessions over the summer holidays.



Thought for the Week (W/C: 17th July 2023)

Reflection on the year

Baton Award

Jaden Doorga (7C)

For showing incredible resilience on Sports Day

Sportsmanship Award

Kasra Alavi (8N)

Employability Skills Award

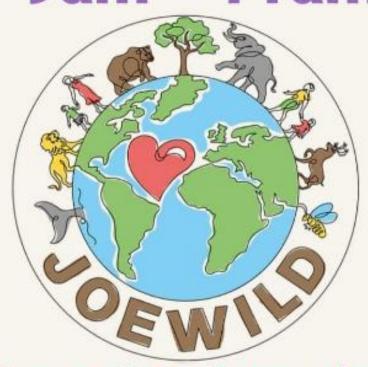
Josh Barnes (11P)

For using his initiative & being self-motivated

| House Points | |
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| Max Mahboobani | 900 House Points |
| Jamie Rogers | 750 House Points |
| Oscar Stewart | 750 House Points |
| Callum Lagan | 650 House Points |
| James Millar | 650 House Points |
| Ollie Taylor | 650 House Points |
| Callum Annis | 600 House Points |
| Lithar Po-Ba | 600 House Points |
| Hamish Scott | 550 House Points |
| Alfie Wilson | 500 House Points |
| Kasra Alavi | 450 House Points |
| Logan East | 450 House Points |
| Alfie Tharle | 450 House Points |
| Freddie Collins | 400 House Points |

| Bailey Goodliffe | 350 House Points |
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| Luke Dean | 300 House Points |
| Jaden Doorga | 250 House Points |
| Callum Dowie | 250 House Points |
| Harrison Williams | 250 House Points |

CAKE SALE Hythe Beach Sunday 23rd July 9am - 11am



Bring cakes, buy cakes. Cash only

Supporting Matty Horkan's spinal injury recovery and his Joe Wild initiative

www.mattyhorkan.co.uk



Dedicated Drama Workshops for ages 7 - 19 + with SEND

3rd - 31st August 2023

Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9NT



HOLIDAY
Drama Workshops



Have Fun, Make Friends & Learn New Skills

Drama games, role play and improvisation in a friendly & accessible space. Explore character and encourage creativity and communication

Every Thursday in August x5 sessions

19+ yrs - 10.30am-12.30pm - £25

7-11 yrs - 2-3pm - £12.50

12-18 yrs - 4-5.30pm - £18.75

- Free parking on site
- Disabled toilet
- Hygiene room facilities

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Email for more info: workshops@h2hsensorytheatre.com

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



MAPP

12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Developed in Germany, this social networking app is called 'W App' in the Apple Store and Google Play but is also branded as 'Slay in some territories. Aimed primarily at teens and marketed as a 'zero-negativity' zone, it asks users to connect with others from their school. They are then asked a positive question (such as 'Who is the nicest person?') and shown four people from their school to choose from.

All users from a school can appear in the polt not just those a child is friends with. The app is mainly anonymous — but does ofter clues to reveal who selected you for each question.



CATFISHING RISKS

SUBSCRIPTION

REPEATED USE

COSTS

FAKE ACCOUNTS

There is no verification when signing up to W App. Once someone joins, they can see all users at their school and add them if they wish. Users provide their name, gender, school and grade but are also able to change these costle from their name) as other a they like. This concerned our experience of the predators could potentially keep oftenpting to build connections.

PROFILE OVERSHARING

Young people send to have multiple social media accounts, so if suttal their identity is protected online. By default, W App thares someone's school and grade, while users choose whether to share their full name, photo and other social accounts. Most people appear to select this — making if easier for someone to build up a picture of whee they are, what they action and where they are, what they are no to school.

SPAMMING CONTACTS

the app's activity feed notifies a user when they slowe been put formand for a poil. They're then given the option to reveal the initial of the person who normanted them, by inviting a friend to join the app. The friend doesn't have to sign up, but they will receive a get the app new text, followed by a fink. This process could result in taxts being continually sent to a shift or others.

DISCUSS FRIEND REQUESTS



Advice for Parents & Carers

BE MINDFUL OF REJECTION

The polls in W App are designed to be complimentary rather than negative. Nowever, never being nominated or picked by their peers could leave a child – especially a status-conscious teen – feeling ignored and isolated. If you think that W App is having this effect on your child, it might be time to a supportive reminder that social medio doesn't reflect someone's true worth or couplarity.

PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

It's crucial that trusted adults regularly remind children about the importance of not sharing too much of their personal information online (and demonstrate it on their own social occounts, where possible). Whap automatically displays the user's school on their profile — but if your child does want to use the app, you can advise them to only enter their first name and not to upload an image of their foce.

DO SOME 'APP ADMIN'

Before jetting your child download W App, you may want to (via their device's settings) disable the option to make in-app purchases: £4.99 per week for the subscription can soon mount up. Likewise, if a friend's use of W App is causing your child to be inundated with tests inviting them to sign up too, you could suggest asking that friend to stop selecting your child's name from their contacts list.

Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday











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Newsletter

EXTRA SUMMER SESSIONS

Thursday 20th July

18:00 - 20:00



Supporting a Child with ADHD

interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

Thursday 27th July

18:30 - 20:30

Anxiety Explained

Whether it is your anxiety or your children's, what exactly is it and how do we manage it?

Thursday 3rd August

18:30 - 20:30



Drug Awareness talk for Parents

Cannabis, vaping, ketamine, energry drinks? How much do you know? what are the risks? Increase your knowledge and awareness of the issues.

Videos to rent for £5

Understanding the Teenage brain Cannabis Awareness Introduction to ADHD

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