



AMHERST SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Reid

I hope you all have the chance tomorrow to not work and **celebrate the Bank Holiday!**

If you were not aware, **tomorrow is VE Day, 75th anniversary.** The fighting in Europe, during WW2, ceased on **8th May 1945.** Click on - [Monday's assembly](#) - to view this week's assembly for more information regarding VE Day.

Due to the coronavirus restrictions most VE Day 75 events and street parties have had to be cancelled or postponed. **The BBC have launched the Great British Bunting.** You can make your own special VE Day 75 'Great British Bunting' to **display in your window at home.**

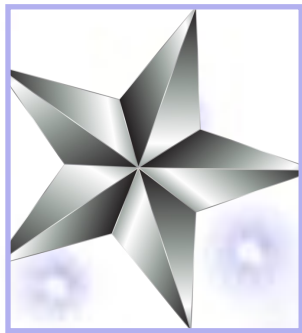
You can decorate your bunting with pictures of whatever **inspires** you, whether it's those who fought on the frontline or worked hard on the Homefront, or whether it's a celebration of enduring peace or your own personal hero.

Hang your bunting with pride over the weekend of Friday 8 May - Sunday 10 May!

Click on [Great British Bunting](#) to see more!



STAR OF THE WEEK



3A — Jomi O

Jomi has been enjoying her class work on Google classroom. She enjoyed preparing and presenting on rivers. She has enjoyed feeding the lambs at a nearby farm and she is enjoying some of the books on audible. She is currently reading 'Kid Normal'.



3W — Alastair B

Alastair is enjoying his school work and is doing well with his fractions. He has really enjoyed doing art work using a YouTube art for kids tutorial. He has been drawing lots of characters including baby Sonic, baby Yoda and Elsa from Frozen for his little sister.



3S — Jessica F

Jessica has been busy with her online learning and really enjoyed writing her own version of 'Jack & the Beanstalk'. In her spare time this week, Jessica learnt how to sew! She sewed a cushion and decorated it with buttons and ribbons.



4C — Taylor H

Taylor is really enjoying his maths and history school work. He loves reading to his grandparents on Skype and enjoying his favourite exercise - bike riding. He is really missing his friends and looking forward to playing with everyone again soon.



4SF— Isaac H

This week Isaac has been learning all about acids, alkalis and indicators in a special remote lesson from his grandpa. In addition to his school work, he has been participating in weekly football, biweekly judo lessons and keeping in touch with his friends through Minecraft!



4W— Cooper P

Cooper has been working diligently on his school work and also helping to look after our new pets - 4 chickens. He has been helping with household chores loading and unloading the dishwasher. He remains super positive about being able to see his friends again when its safe.



5B — Zeph M

Zeph loves being at home with his family and making pancakes for them at the weekends. He is having tennis tournaments with his brothers, 3 a side football matches and generally having lots of fun. He has just run a sponsored 5km raising money for the NHS and key workers. He misses everyone dearly and sends his best wishes to all.



5H— Evie S

Evie has fully embraced home schooling. In between working she has enjoyed baking and playing Minecraft with her sister. We are really proud of all the efforts she has made.



5J— Nicholas B

Nicholas has been working really hard this week and keeping up with all of his school work. He has been out cycling, walking and always goes out running on a Thursday morning just like he did when he was at school. He's looking forward to having Friday off!



6A— Olivia R

Olivia is continuing to work hard at home and is enjoying going on local bike rides. She has been busy making birthday cakes for her mum and sister to help make these days special. Every Thursday she has joined the neighbours to sing 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' in support of the NHS.



6B— James H

James has been a total star this week. Working hard with his schoolwork and making a very funny Simpsons themed shadow puppet show with Josie. He has also been practising his basketball lay-ups and is really improving his shooting.



6P— Ava H

Ava has been really enjoying painting, baking and keeping fit. She has been having great fun with her sister by following a training programme on the 'Couch to 5K' app. Together they run 5 times a week and are now able to run 5k!



Google Classroom

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

We are all becoming used to Google Classroom and **thank you for the continued feedback**. We would like to share some **feedback from the teachers** who are working very hard to upload content and provide comments back to each child.



1. Please could children **Mark as Done** each assignment as they **complete it** rather than waiting to the end of the week and uploading the whole week. This makes it really hard for the teachers to track which children need comments.



2. **Please do not expect instant comments** (although the teachers are pretty quick!). There is not an expectation that teachers will comment late in the evening or over the weekend. They need a break too!



3. A **due date** will now be set for the one assignment each week that requires uploading.

Reading

If your child is running out of books to read then a great resource for younger readers is **OxfordOwl**. It is a huge collection eBooks for ages 3 -11 years old. The children can read the book online and it will also read to them. It is free but you do need to register.

[Oxford Owl— Find a Book](#)

Let's get them flying!



Answers to last week's map challenge - Map 26

There was renewed interest in the map challenge this week. Well done to all who entered and the following three families were the first to send in a correct set of answers. Places based on speed of reply!

Third Place: The Baker Family

Second Place : The Collins Family

First Place: The Stanger Family

Answers

1. *Abbey Road*
2. *Brookvale Park*
3. *Eight*
4. *'Park' (as in Park Place, Park Road and Park Approach)*
5. *Waterworks Street shares its name with 'Water Works' on a Monopoly board*
6. *A. River Tame; B. Cuckoo Bridge*
7. *Gladstone Road*

MAP 35 — SPACE AGE RELIC STILL DELIVERING

Goonhilly Earth Station, the Lizard, Cornwall

The satellite ground station at Goonhilly was located here, partly because the Lizard is one of the most southerly points on mainland Britain, but also to tie into the underwater communication cables, laid before the space age, that come ashore nearby. Twenty-three of the dish antennas are currently active, including No. 1 ‘Arthur’. Built in 1962, it was used to carry the first ever transatlantic pictures from the USA to Europe via the Telstar satellite. Nearby is a Neolithic standing stone, so people have been looking up from here for a very long time.

Questions

Easy

- 1. How many times do either ‘Tumulus’ or ‘Tumuli’ appear on the map?
- 2. What is the highest number marked on the map, ignoring the B road?

Medium

- 3. How many different types of body of water are labelled with text on the map?
- 4. Which place name on the map would appear first alphabetically?

Tricky

- 5. How many times does the letter ‘b’ appear on the map?
- 6. How many occurrences of double letters are there on the map?

Challenging

- 7. Given that the scale of the map is 1:12 500, what is the greatest distance between two masts on the map as the crow flies, to the nearest 100 metres?

