



AMHERST SCHOOL

Amherst School Newsletter No. 35

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Message from Mr Reid

Yesterday we received from the **government** the much awaited details of how all pupils will **RETURN TO SCHOOL** in September.

As a **leadership team** we now need time to understand how the government’s proposal will be managed at Amherst. Once this is completed I will be able to share with you a more detailed plan before the end of term.



Today however, I would like to share with you some of the headlines from the document:

- Firstly, it **looks very positive** and I welcome all of the proposals.
- It is clear that **all children will return** to school in September not just selected year groups. **All children will attend all day, every day.**
- **Children will be taught in full classes** rather than groups of 15. Whole year groups can be considered as ‘**social bubbles**’ to enable schools to operate at level that is practically manageable.
- There **may be staggered pick up and drop off times** for year groups. **Lunchtimes** and **break times** may have to be timetabled as year groups. Whole school gatherings such as assemblies will not be possible.

Protective measures are still focused on:



- Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school



- Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual



- Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach



- Continued enhanced cleaning

It is a **35 page document and there is much to consider**. I feel confident that we can make it work through careful planning and a coordinated approach by the whole school community. There will be changes in routine and behaviours that we will all have to adopt but that is a minor disruption if it enables all children to be in school all day everyday.

I feel excited and enthused about the prospect of having Amherst School functioning as a full school once more in September.

School REPORTS



We are in the process of finalising your child's end of year school report. It will be distributed electronically if your child is in Years 3, 4 and 5 and by paper if your child is in Year 6. **Reports will be sent out on Wednesday 15th July.** This report has been written covering the autumn and spring terms. Their March NFER score is reported rather than the usual June assessment.



ACHIEVEMENTS

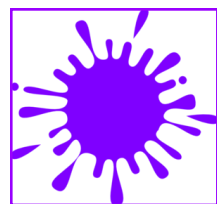
Well done to Myrto in 6P for **winning** her singing class of the Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival, being awarded the only distinction in the class. A wonderful achievement Myrto!

This week's ASSEMBLY



Please click [here](#) to listen to Mr Reid's assembly of 29 June 2020.

Wear something PURPLE



Every year the staff at **Riverhead** have a '**Wear something purple day**' when they celebrate the lives of their dearly loved and sadly missed friends and colleagues. This has become an opportunity for us to remember all the happy times and laughter we shared and to make a donation in their memory to an appropriate charity.

This year we will be donating to Liam's Appeal to welcome and support one of our new families who will be joining us in September. Liam is in a battle for his life. He has high-risk neuroblastoma, an aggressive childhood cancer.

His family are appealing for your help to raise £232,000 by August 2020, so Liam can receive a clinical trial in New York that aims to stop his neuroblastoma from coming back. Please click here if you would like to make a donation:

<https://www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk/appeal/liam>



Families Magazine

We're pleased to be able to send you the latest Families magazine which is a "**surviving the pandemic**" issue. It is full of resources and ideas to help with returning your child to school, home learning, pre-school play and has dozens of ideas for **family activities and entertainment**. Please click [here](#) to read.

MAP ANSWERS

Answers to last week's map challenge - Map 33

The first family to reply with the most amount of correct answers was:

First Place: Well done to the Stanger family for the most correct answers!

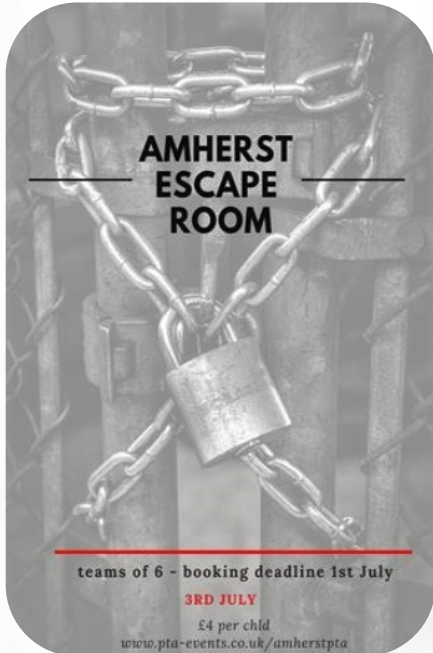
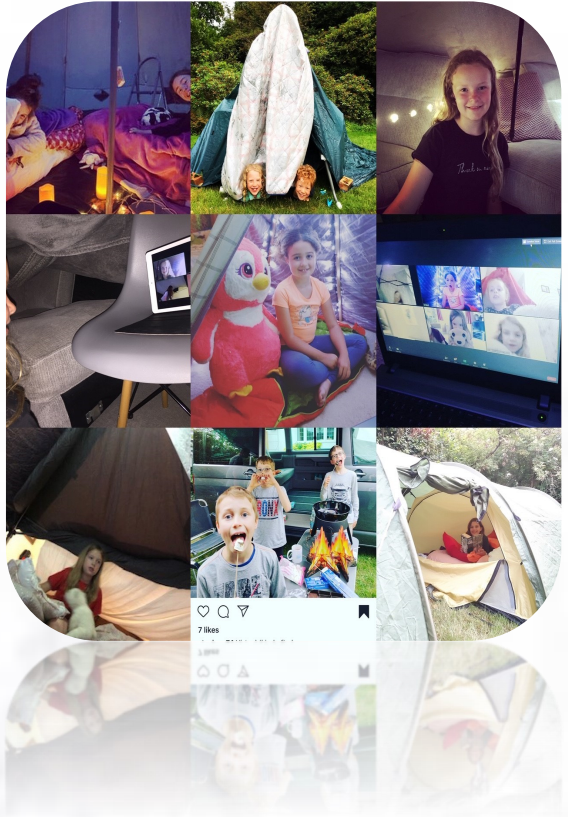
Answers

1. Five
2. Six
3. Three: football, cricket and tennis
4. Five (William Road, George Road, Henry Road, Edward Road and Victoria Road)
5. London Road and Victoria Road (capital of the Seychelles)
6. 1,600m

AMHERST PTA

One down, two to go!!!!

So last Saturday, Amherst went camping – thank you so much for sharing your pictures – some very cosy camps and, we hear, some impressive Zoom nattering until late into the evening!!! We hope you all had so much fun!



Our last two events are now live with our Escape Room happening this evening! Good luck to all of those taking part – we hope you make your way out!

BBQ orders are also now been taken – the menu looks incredible and the Amherst Spotify playlist is already listing some really fabulous tunes! www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta



Our last PTA meeting for the year will be happening on 16th July – all are welcome so if you would like to join us, please drop us an email.

Last but by no means least, Photography Competition winners will be announced on the 17th.

That's it from us – have a great weekend!

Follow us on social media:



@EventsPTA



@amherstptaevents

DISTRICT SPORTS

This is in place of District Sports this year!

Please could as many of you enter as possible as Amherst are currently reigning champions and we would like to retain our **crown**!

Minute to Win it!

- The whole family can take part each week
- Send the results to Sportspartnership@knoleacademy.org:
- Send your
 - * Surname,
 - * School and
 - * Score.

Week 4

- **Round the world** is an co-ordination task passing the ball from right hand to left hand around your waist for 1 minute, each rotation is 1 point score. A tennis ball or similar sized ball. Again you can practice everyday BUT its your best score of the week that you send in.
- Results must be: e.g only.... Family Harris (Amherst School)
Child 1 = 20, Child 2 = 37 Adult 1 = 51 Adult 2 = 48 rotations.

DISTRICT SPORTS LOCKDOWN

Minute to Win it

Week 1 : (15 June) - Walk or run. How many minutes of activity can you do? 

Week 2 : (22 June) - How many skips in a minute? 

Week 3 : (29 June) - Wheels— bike/scooter/ rollerboots. How many minutes of activity can you do? 

Week 4 : (6 July) - Around the world. Pass a ball around your waist ... how many times can you do it in a minute? 

The whole family can take part in this year's District Sports event!
Results will be announced on 20 July 2020.

To enter: Send your surname, school name and results to:
Sportspartnership@knoleacademy.org,

For more information, visit the Sports Partnership section of the Knole Academy website:
<https://www.knoleacademy.org/490/knole-sports-partnership-10>

You can also follow us on our social media platforms:

 knoleacademy  Knole Academy News  @KnoleAcademy



CHESS

On **Tuesday** we had our friendly club tournament open to all Amherst members.

15 players entered, of all abilities and year groups. It was unpredictable and fun, due to the random computer pairings- you could end up playing 5 or 6 different people, or the same person several times.

Well done to the top 3- Ben H, Lucas T and Dylan D, first timers William and Alex F, and all the brilliant players in between: Owen P, Poppy-Grace, Shabd L, Noah T, Daniel B, Edward C, Jake A, George F, William R and Louis R.

UK Chess Challenge

This competition which we played the first round at school is now playing Megafinals on lichess.org.

Anyone can enter, it costs £30, and it is a tournament separated into age groups. Each player plays 6 games within a 2 hour window. There is a round of Megafinals this weekend - on **4/5 July**.

To enter, go to delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.com

STAR OF THE WEEK



3A — Robin G

We are very proud of Robin and all the work he has done and continues to do for school each day. Although missing his friends and the school setting he remains positive and enthusiastic, playing with his siblings and doing endless drawings from the Lord of the Rings! Robin is greatly looking forward to turning 8 on Saturday!



3W — Tommy B

Tommy has been working hard on his MyMaths tasks at home. He has enjoyed making models with Lego too.



3S — Joe C

Joe is putting a lot of care into his school work, and is particularly enjoying English. He has also enjoyed learning some new skills at home; sewing, model making, cooking, origami and making short films. He has been a particular star by being a kind, wise and creative brother for his little sister. They had their own PSHE lesson in the Wendy House, and he leads his own brand of 'PE with Joe' sessions with her in the mornings!



4C — Ben H

Ben has enjoyed reading, acting and learning about Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. He enjoyed the History mystery, trying to decide what happened to the Princes in the Tower. He had his first Zoom lesson with Mr Clarke and has progressed further with his tables. He has been playing guitar and lots of online chess, also running, walking and playing football with his family.



4SF— Zac S

Zac has been reading weekly to his Grandma in Cheshire via FaceTime since mid-March. They have both enjoyed it so much in lockdown that they have decided to carry it on indefinitely. He has loved having more time on his bike and skateboard as well as successfully trying a pedalo for the first time this week!



4W— Bronagh M

Bronagh has painted, danced and baked her way through lockdown. She has been a good home student but has missed her friends and teachers a lot. She was delighted to be reunited with Miss Wonnacott on Zoom this week.



5B — Georgina G

Georgina has been having a lovely week, spending lots of time with her dog!



5H— Ryan V-H

Ryan has worked hard with Joe Wicks 3 times a week since he went back to school after Easter. He loved reading to his buddy this week and doing the Trojan Horse earlier in the term was his favourite activity.



5J— Kai K

Kai has been working hard on his fitness throughout lockdown, last week he managed a 20km walk with his Dad! He has also been extremely helpful at home, helping around the house and with the gardening, and taking care of his little sisters.



6A— Keira H

Keira has thoroughly enjoyed working independently on her school work during this time and she has particularly enjoyed completing the English, Art and DT work. She has loved going for a ride or walk every evening with her family too.



6B— Connie F

Connie is enjoying her online piano lessons, is riding her bike every day and likes using her spare time to bake and create some fabulous artwork.



6P— Callum D

Callum has been enjoying his time, although he has been missing his friends and Miss Parish. He is in the routine of doing his homework first thing in the morning and then spends the rest of the day doing the thing he loves most...sports. He's enjoyed playing table tennis, football and is making the most of the new basketball hoop we have installed.

Gainsthorpe Medieval Village, Lincolnshire

It is often difficult to uncover the reason for the desertion of a medieval village. Most likely it would have been a combination of factors that prevented it from remaining a viable community. Plague, soil erosion and deliberate depopulation by landlords for pasture are popular explanations. The text ‘site of’ on the map informs us that not much is left of the settlement of Gainsthorpe in Lincolnshire, one of about 3,00 that we know of and one that more clearly defined and best preserved.

Questions

Easy

- 1. How many times doe the word ‘quarry’ (or its plural, ‘quarries’) appear on the map?
- 2. How many different symbols for places of worship are there on the map?

Medium

- 3. What do the words ‘cliff’, ‘old’, ‘home’, ‘gain’, ‘quarry’, (or its plural, ‘quarries’) ap-pear on the map?
- 4. How many times do the following words appear on the map, either as a word in their own right or within another word? A. Cliff, B. Kirton and C. Gainsthorpe

Tricky

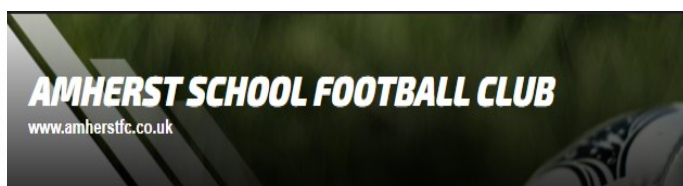
- 5. Can you find two words on the map which are also the names of animals?

Challenging

- 6. Which places on the map could solve the following cryptic crossword clues?
A. Functions right within pans B. Recent danger damaged plant store



EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY



48 years old and still going strong!

Please click here to register your interest in playing with Amherst School Football Club from September:

[Register Player Interest 2020-2021](#)

Or click on <http://www.amherstfc.co.uk/>



**CHIPSTEAD FC
SEVENOAKS
KENT**

If any of the **current year 6 parents / boys** are interested in coming us next season we will (hopefully) soon be running trials. They can either contact myself:

Keiththomas99@hotmail.com or on the mobile: 07903 898834 or alternatively contact the football club directly on chipsteadkentfc@gmail.com and we'll provide them with all the necessary details.

Ide Hill FC 2020/21



We at Ide Hill FC are working hard behind the scenes in preparation for the new season and are looking for new players to join our family.



Ide Hill Firsts
Kent County League
Premier Division



Ide Hill Reserves
Kent County League
TBC



Ide Hill Thirds
Sevenoaks & District League
Division 3 or 4



Ide Hill Juniors
Crowborough & District Junior League
U6s, U7s, U8s, U9s, U10s, U11s, U12s, U16s



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