



AMHERST SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Reid

Firstly, I would like to **update you on our plans for all children to return full time in September** and timeline of communication.



- We have worked hard this week to produce a plan for September that we feel will **deliver all elements required by the government.**
- We will be **sharing this plan with staff today** to enable a period of consultation and involvement of all staff to ensure it is deliverable and sustainable.
- Once this has been completed, I hope to be able to share **the full plan with you as parents by Monday 20th July.**



You will have received an email yesterday providing details about the **Zoom transition meetings** that are taking place next week. If you have not yet read the email please remember:

We have arranged Zoom transition meetings for your child to meet their new teacher next week. We will continue to use the smaller groups already created.

Please could your child prepare in advance to have an object, picture or photo to share with the group that tells their new teacher something interesting about them. This could be a hobby, interest, experience or about their family.

Meetings will take place on the following days and the meeting link will be placed on your child's Google Classroom stream:

- *Current Year 2 – Wednesday 15th July*
- *Current Year 3 – Monday 13th July*
- *Current Year 4 – Tuesday 14th July*
- *Current Year 5 – Monday 13th July*

Please be aware that parents are not expected to appear on screen or participate in the meeting.

We have welcomed our new Year 3 children onto Google Classroom this week so they can complete a piece of transition work for their new teachers to comment on.

Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will also have a transition piece to complete next week, which will need to be uploaded so their new teacher can provide feedback.

Admissions

Due to less movement during lockdown nationally and between countries, we unusually have a small number of spaces in our Year 3 intake for September 2020. Full admissions information can be found on the school website: [Admissions Information](#)



Finally, **thank you** for all your continued messages of support and encouragement during such a turbulent and disruptive period. As always, we will continue to reflect on what has gone well and what could be improved. This is a key process to be completed as it will inform our contingency plan if (hopefully not!) there are further lockdown periods next year.

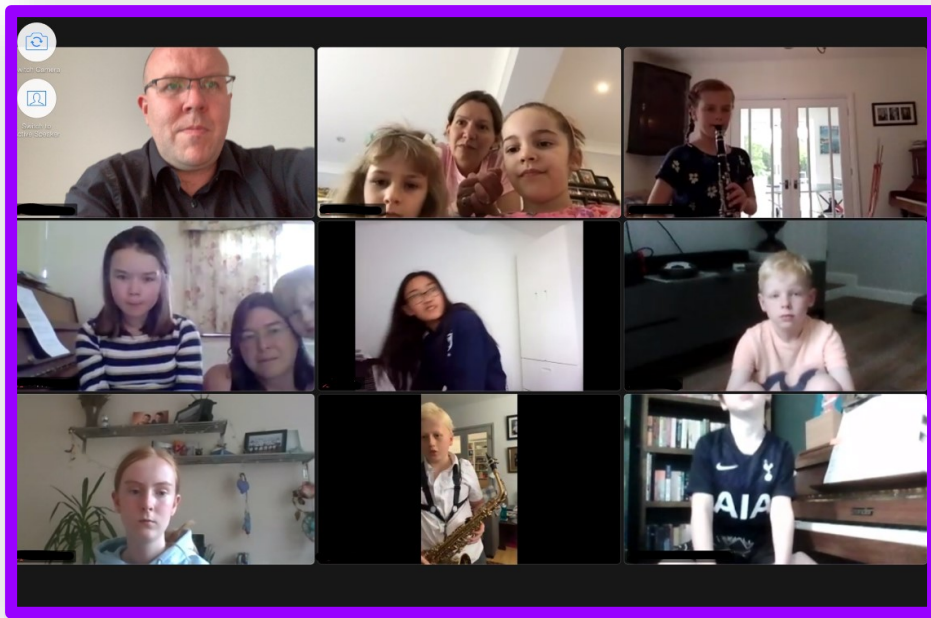
This week's ASSEMBLY



Please click [here](#) to listen to Mr Reid's assembly of 6 July 2020.

Music CONCERT

In total, there were 23 performers, including an Amherst alumna, and also a prospective Amherstian! Everyone played brilliantly, and showed off the excellent dedication and hard work that they have put in during the lockdown period. Congratulations to all for a brilliant concert!



We had the following message from our UNIFORM SUPPLIER:

As well as the disruption with supply we also have one of the earliest back to school dates for some time, adding extra pressure for delivery.

- Please let your parents know that they should **order in July** to help us deliver their uniform for back to school before 1st September.
- For orders placed in August, whilst we will be working hard to deliver these before the start of the new term, we process orders strictly in date order. We have lost nearly 3 months of preparation time in the lead up to the back to school peak period. With the impact of both social distancing measures and this lost time, we expect delays with later orders.

MAP ANSWERS

Answers to last week's map challenge - Map 34

No winning family this week as there were no entries!

Answers

1. Five
2. Three
3. They all start the name of a farm
4. A. Five, B. Five, C. Three
5. Ermine (a stoat) in 'Ermine Street', and fox in 'Fox House'
6. A. Works B. Garden Centre

AMHERST PTA

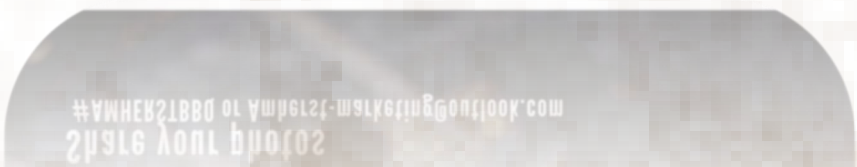
It's Amherst BBQ in a box time...

Well, thank goodness the weather has dried up and we have SUNSHINE for our BBQ!

Thank you to everyone for your orders – the BBQ team have been working incredibly hard in the background getting your boxes ready for delivery – you may have even already received yours!

Get your dancing shoes on – click here for your [AMHERST SPOTIFY PLAYLIST](#)

We hope that you all have a fabulous time and please don't forget to share your pictures with us! [#AMHERSTBBQ](#) or amherst-marketing@outlook.com



Mansion Impossible

The Escape Room took place last week and the feedback was that the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

184 participants took part and thankfully, everyone escaped!!!

Have a fabulous weekend with some very happy BBQ'ing!

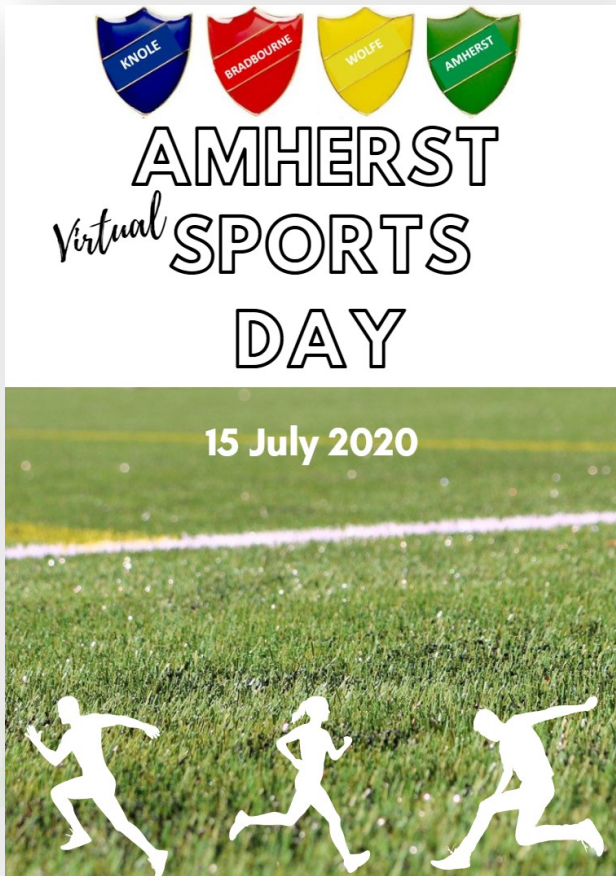
Your PTA

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SPORTSDAY



Wednesday 15th July is our virtual Sports Day.

Year 6 and Key Worker classes will be competing in school that day and it would be fantastic to have as many Year 3, 4 and 5 children competing at home.

The following will all be uploaded to Google Classrooms under the PE section:

- The list of events,
- Equipment needed
- Scoring sheet will be uploaded. Please upload the scoring sheet on Wednesday 15th July 2020

CHESS



This week our Tuesday tournament had 16 players, some very exciting games and a close battle for the top spot.

That went to Ben H, with Lucas T in 2nd and Tessa H in 3rd.

On Wednesday we played the final Primary School battle of the term.

Eight brave players entered and all contributed to the final score. It was definitely the taking part that counted in this one as we came last out of 6 schools, but had far fewer players than the other teams. Many congratulations to all who took part: Lucas T, Dylan D, Benjamin H, Ben H, Shabd L, George F, Owen P and William R.

UK Chess Challenge

Well done to Tessa H, Mick H and Dylan D who took part in the second Megafinal last weekend. Tessa came second in the U12 Girls winning 5/6 games and qualifying for the Gigafinal. Congratulations!

STATIONERY PACKS for new year 3's

We have a complete pack of stationery available to purchase for every new year 3 child.

Packs are selling for **£12.00** (RRP = £15.00+)

Please log into www.schoolgateway.com

- Register with your email address & mobile number on file at school
- Click on the **PAYMENT TAB** to see the item.
- Add to your basket & pay.

PACKS WILL BE ON YOUR CHILD'S desk on the first day in class in September and will come home on that day.



STAR OF THE WEEK



3A — Ben S

Ben has been working very hard over last week and doing well! He recently had his 8th birthday and we celebrated by going to Howletts zoo to see the monkeys and also seeing family. He received lots of Lego and has already built all of the sets!! Ben is still loving his bike riding and is looking forward to the school holidays.



3W — Arnav S

Arnav has been enjoying his home schooling, especially maths. He has enjoyed measuring capacity and converting between the units. In his spare time, he painted a beautiful sunset. He has impressed us with learning the capital cities of more than 85 countries. He has been on lots of bike rides with his dad and also playing badminton, basketball, and building Lego with his brother.



3S — Matthew H

Matthew has worked so hard each week during lockdown on his schoolwork. He has also been joined by his younger sister with some of his practical science and geography lessons. He has learnt to ride a bike and been practising his football skills in the garden.



4C — Isabella V

Isabella has enjoyed learning about Shakespeare this week, her favourite play is Romeo and Juliet.



4SF— Lucy A

Although missing everyone at Amherst, Lucy enjoys having extra time to cuddle our dog, Arya, and has read lots of books. Lockdown has been tough at times and we are very proud of Lucy's resilience, empathy and kindness; always quick to notice when someone is having a hard day and quick to offer a hug or smile.



4W— Ettie J

Ettie has been enjoying growing her own vegetables and cooking with them, she has also enjoyed spending time during lockdown with her family, but she is missing her friends and teachers and is looking forward to seeing everyone soon.



5B — Isabelle P

Isabelle is a type 1 diabetic and this has made the lockdown period more worrying for her. She decided this week to help another newly diagnosed two year old. She produced a video explaining how to apply a blood sugar monitoring sensor. We are so proud of Isabelle's maturity and compassion for others.



5H— Annie T

Annie has missed her friends and teachers but she has settled really well into the home school routine and works hard every day. She particularly enjoyed recording a story for her Riverhead buddy and has loved having some extra time to spend outdoors (practising swing ball and basketball), going for walks and playing lots of music!



5J— Leo G

Leo has done a brilliant picture this week of our dog Bandit. He has also been a great help at home, looking after his younger brother and sister while his mum is working!



6A— Vivien R

Vivien has been working very hard on her fitness and core strength. She constantly plays with football and rugby balls. She schools her horses nearly every day. Also she has been persistent with her violin practice too.



6B— Oliver L

Oliver has enjoyed the return to school and the DT lessons in particular. He is very pleased that he can take part in sport again and enjoys playing cricket with his friends.



6P— Alessandro T

Alessandro has been growing in independence and walking to and from school very responsibly, while even going to the shops to buy groceries for Mum. He has been going on long walks in the country with family and loves doing Geocaching. He has also impressed us lately by enjoying a variety of exotic foods that children wouldn't normally eat. He has been really excited with his creative writing as well this week.

MAP 9 – NOT FAKE—JUST A FALSE ORIGIN

The Central Meridian

In 1936 the Ordnance Survey moved from county-based mapping with their local Cassini projections to a single Transvers Mercator projection covering the whole of Great Britain. This gave us continuous mapping across county and country borders and allowed for the introduction of a 'national grid'. To get a spherical Earth onto flat paper a projection is used. The central meridian runs straight up along the 2 west longitude and is seen here coincident with the 00 eastings at Berwick. To avoid negative grid figures, the true origin of the projection was moved to create a 'false' origin for the national grid to the west and south of the Isles of Scilly.

Questions

Easy

1. What is the lowest height numerically indicated on the map?

Medium

2. What do 'hill', 'prior', 'blue' and 'white' have in common?

3. Which compass point does not appear on the map?

Tricky

4. How many parts of the body feature on the map, either in their own right or within other words?

Challenging

5. Given that the scale of the map is 1:40 000, how far is the golf course from the camping and caravan site, to the nearest kilometre as the crow flies?

