



# AMHERST SCHOOL

Amherst School Newsletter No. 37

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## Message from Mr Reid

This will be the **final newsletter** of the most unique year experienced in my twelve years as a headteacher. None of us would have believed in September the scale and impact that coronavirus would have, and continue to have, on our lives.



**We have all had such different experiences** so a key part of the return in September is to support all children and staff to enable a smooth transition back to school. I'm sure there will be a full spectrum of emotions from highly anxious to super excited.



This morning you should have received an email with the **detailed plan for all children to return to school** full time in September.

I am pleased that we have been able to plan to deliver such a comprehensive offer. Like all things in life, the reality of delivering it in September may be more challenging than writing it on paper! I'm sure there will be small changes needed as school life returns but I feel confident that core principles of the plan



## Sports Day

Year 6 and the Key Worker Classes enjoyed Sports Day in school on Wednesday. Well done to all of you who took part at home. **Thank you for all the wonderful photos and videos** of children competing that were uploaded to Google Classroom.



15 July 2020

Finally, I hope you all manage to have some form of break over the summer holidays. The last day of school is **TUESDAY 21 July 2020**.

We all deserve a rest! Some parents have requested access to Google Classroom over the holidays to complete lessons that were missed. Google Classroom will remain in place but please be aware that teachers will not be providing feedback or uploading new content during the holidays.

I look forward to welcoming all the children to a new year at Amherst in September.

Mr Reid



**YEAR 3  
SPACE  
AVAILABLE**

# This week's ASSEMBLY



Please click [here](#) to listen to Mr Reid's assembly of 13 July 2020.

## STATIONERY PACKS

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](http://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**



## VACANCIES

Please click on the link to view the job description and apply for:

[Breakfast Club Assistant Vacancy](#)

[Catering Manager Vacancy](#)

## OPEN EVENTS Secondary Schools

Secondary schools are planning a variety of styles in terms of open events for September. Please log onto their websites for details.

Trinity School has asked us to share the following with you:

We just wanted to highlight we have changed our open events in the Autumn term. We now won't be holding our planned open events, but instead have a series of tours available in small groups for children in year 6 this must be booked. Details of the dates available and how to book are on our website: [Bookings](#)

## LAST DAY on the common

Please respect our neighbours and behave appropriately following our six school values Trust, Kindness, Determination, Politeness, Fairness and Cooperation.



## MAP ANSWERS

*Answers to last week's map challenge - Map 9*

No winning family this week as there were no entries!

**Answers**

1. 10m
2. They all precede the word 'Ho' in places on the map
3. West
4. Seven
5. 3km



# AMHERST PTA

## AMHERST YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2020 COMPETITION

Thank you to all the children who entered this year's competition. The quality of the pictures was incredible and your 'happiness' rubbed off on the judges who noted how upbeat they felt after looking at them! Here are the winning pictures from each year group.

### Happiness is...\_

Our Amherst Young Photographer of the Year 2020 winner is:

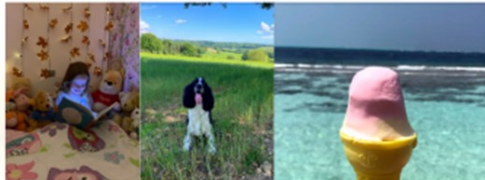
Isabella L with her photo: Magical Adventures.

**Congratulations** to all the winners!

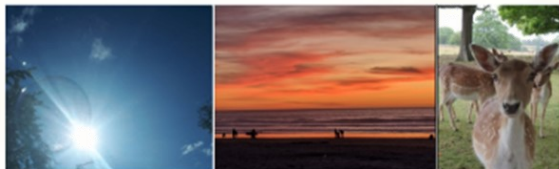
To view the photos, click here: [\*\*WINNER PHOTOS\*\*](#)



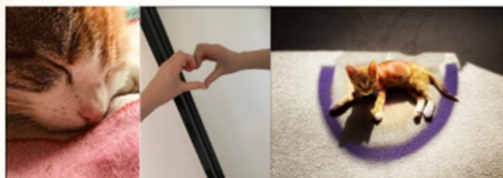
Yr 5  
Daisy R - Zeph M - Gemma R



Yr 3  
Isabella L - Ben L - Aerin P



Yr 6  
Bethan J - Lois M - Alfie M



Yr 4  
Rina N - Emma G - Oliver B

## AMHERST SUMMER BBQ IN A BOX

Delicious food, fantastic quiz (did you guess all teacher baby photos correctly??), the Amherst Spotify playlist, blue sky – a truly successful and fantastic Amherst Summer BBQ lockdown style. Thank you to all of you who took part. Your feedback has been so very positive and all the credit goes to our Summer BBQ team Camilla W., Helen F. and Emma B. for all their hard work in making the BBQ in a box a very joyful and successful event.

This will be our last entry into the schools newsletter for this school year although we will be sending you one final newsletter in the next days so please do have a read for a round up on our 2019/20 PTA activities.

If we don't catch you with our newsletter, have a **truly fantastic summer**, and look after yourselves.

Your PTA Lead Team



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# THANK YOU

*Dear Parents & Children*

*Thank you for spoiling us with the most wonderful gifts and thank you cards over the last few days.*

*Wishing you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September.*

*Teachers & Support Staff*

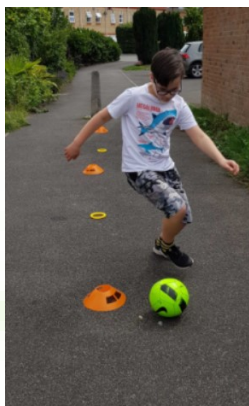
# AMHERST SPORTSDAY 2020

## EVERYONE AT HOME

Thank you so much to all the children who took part in our 'virtual' Sports Day on Wednesday. The teachers received some wonderful positive comments about the events and it sounds like the children had great fun in their gardens, on the Common or in the park! Thank you for all the brilliant photos of the children participating in their Sports Day. It was great to see how imaginative you were with your obstacle courses!

### The result was very close:

Amherst - 2,639 points  
Bradbourne - 2,551 points  
Wolfe - 2,430 points  
Knole - 2,345 points



## YEAR 6

On Wednesday 15th July, Year 6 participated in a year group Sports Day - remaining in their social bubbles!

The children thoroughly enjoyed competing against each other in our usual Amherst Sports Day events. Each team managed to score extremely highly, posting some very quick times on the team events!

Congratulations to the winning team - 6B1 Team 1!

Well done to all of the Year 6s for a very enjoyable morning.



## CHESS

**This week's tournament was another hard fought but good-natured battle between 13 players.** Well done to Ben H who came first, Tessa H in second, and Lucas T in third, and Mick H, Jake A, Dylan D, Owen P, Edward C, Rory S, Daniel B, Shabd L, Poppy-Grace DL and William R who all won at least one game. It was a pleasure to watch.

**We have decided to carry on with the lichess tournaments through the summer holidays,** as it is easy to set them up in advance even if I am away. So please login and join if you would like to, on Tuesdays at 4pm (but we won't be able to send out reminders).

**Finally, we would like to say a huge Thank You to this year's leavers in Year 6** - you have been such an amazing group of chess players all the way through the school, ever since you qualified for Camber Sands in Year 3!

Good Luck in your new schools.



# STAR OF THE WEEK



**3A — Georgia C**

Georgia has continued working hard with her very positive and independent attitude to home schooling. She enjoyed a hockey taster session with cubs this week and has also been practising her clarinet and piano.



**3W — Sammy W**

Sammy enjoyed meeting up with a few of his 3W friends for Sports Day. He can't wait to be back at school with them soon. He enjoyed meeting Miss Wonnacott online on Monday, but is sad to say goodbye to Mrs Wheeler after such a lovely time in her class. Since lockdown Sammy has enjoyed developing his passion for cooking and baking which his family have enjoyed!



**3S — Joe H**

Joe has been enjoying lots of football, practising his goalie skills with his brothers. He's made brownies with his sister and has played lots of Lego and Minecraft. He's looking forward to the summer holiday.



**4C — Amaia B**

Amaia has continued to work hard at home. Her favourite lesson this week was sports day when she competed against her friends at, the egg and spoon race, hockey, netball and the sack race. They even had a presentation at the end and were awarded a bag of sweets!



**4SF — George B**

George has worked hard each week with his home-schooling. He has enjoyed learning about The Tudors and The Mary Rose and has produced excellent work. He enjoys Mr Reid's assemblies and Hattie the hamster enjoys these too. He misses his school but has enjoyed the Zoom meetings and also meeting his new Year 5 teacher.



**4W — Jacob D**

Jacob has had a busy week which included visiting his Grandmother for the first time since lockdown began, going on a 14 mile bike ride, meeting his new teacher Miss Holland via Zoom, practising Spanish and the piano and spending time with his Guinea Pig, Boo!



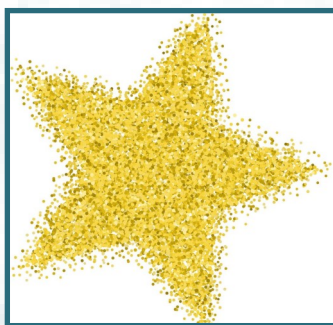
**5B — George H**

George has been enjoying lockdown by developing his love of cooking. He has also kept very busy with his piano and jujitsu too.



**5H — Alice B**

Alice has been enjoying her time at home. She has been baking weekly with her friends, carrying on with her dance classes and spending time in the garden or going for walks. She has been learning lots at home, making sure she follows the school timetable including play time breaks! She enjoyed combining baking and learning by making her Trojan Horse out of gingerbread!



**5J — Ed C**

Ed enjoyed taking part in the virtual sports day on the common this week with a few of his friends. He has also continued to work hard on his school work at home and is enjoying taking part in training for a few of his favourite sports again, cricket and football. He can't wait to return to school in September.



**6A — Megan T**

Megan's been very happily continuing to practice her new skateboarding skills at home...when Jake (the puppy) let's her and doesn't try to join in that is!



**6B — Eva G**

Eva has really enjoyed being back at school and seeing all her friends. Since returning she has become more independent, walking to and from school on her own and meeting friends on the common after school. During lockdown she learnt how to paddleboard and Eva has enjoyed staying connected with her climbing squad friends on zoom calls and workouts, an activity Eva is looking forward to getting back to.



**6P — Daisy B**

Daisy loved getting her leavers hoodie and has been wearing it proudly! She has been making chocolate brownies in mugs for her Grandad who is unwell in hospital, and has kept cheerful despite having a knee injury and unable to participate much in Sports day. She's delighted to finish Amherst as Star of the Week!