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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

THE LOST SPELLS

Our current whole school book project is progressing well with some wonderful work and activities taking place. The poems and artwork in the book celebrate all that is inspirational and uplifting about the natural world.

Year 4 had some surprise visitors on Tuesday morning and were treated in the hall to a bird of prey display. **Year 5** completed a visit to the woodland by Riverhead School to complete some fantastic tree rubbings. I have seen some wonderful poetry and artwork from **Year 3** this week about foxes. Several **Year 6** children were sent to me to share their fantastic writing and artwork. I think you will agree the water colour paintings below of woodpeckers completed by Year 6 are amazing.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have always taken great satisfaction at Amherst in the children being well presented and wearing their school uniform with pride. I am aware that the disruption of the pandemic, such as non-essential shops and hairdressers being closed has made it hard for the usual high standards to be maintained. Quite rightly, we have taken a common sense approach and been lenient where appropriate. With restrictions in society now easing please could we make a big effort over the coming weeks to return to those high standards regarding uniform and hair, to enable the children to take pride in their appearance.

SHOES

Please could children only wear trainers when it is their PE day. Black school shoes should be worn at all other times.

NAIL VARNISH AND EARRINGS

Nail varnish should not be worn at school. If it has been worn at the weekend please remove it on Sunday night. Earrings should be a plain stud.

HAIR

Please could all hair be tied back if it is long in length.

Thank you for your anticipated help.

I hope you all have a good weekend and enjoy the extra day off on Monday.

If you get the chance to walk in a bluebell wood, I would recommend it, as they only last for a few weeks each year.



BIRDMAN VISIT- YEAR 4



THE LOST SPELLS BOOK PROJECT

FOR VIDEOS,
CLICK ON THE
ICONS

FOR MORE PHOTOS [CLICK HERE](#)



NOTICES

BIKEABILITY

Year 6 parents are reminded of the letter sent yesterday asking you to indicate whether your child would like to express their interest in the Bikeability training during half term break (1st June to 4th June 2021)

The deadline is Monday 03/05/2021 and consent should be given via www.schoolgateway.com



VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies in school at the moment. Please click to see more information on the KENT TEACH website.

[Midday Supervisor Assistant—Part Time](#)

[Inclusion Manager](#)



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodie **orders are now open**—letter sent yesterday.

The **deadline is 14 May** and late orders can unfortunately not be accepted.

www.schoolgateway.com



NEW MENU COMING SOON!

Mrs Roy (our cook) has spoiled the children by trialling a few new puddings this week:

- Donuts
- Orange/chocolate biscuits
- Beetroot/chocolate muffins



GUM SHIELDS

YEAR 5 is doing hockey this term, please ensure you send your child in with a mouth guard on Thursdays. You are able to buy them via the school:

www.schoolgateway.com



CALENDAR

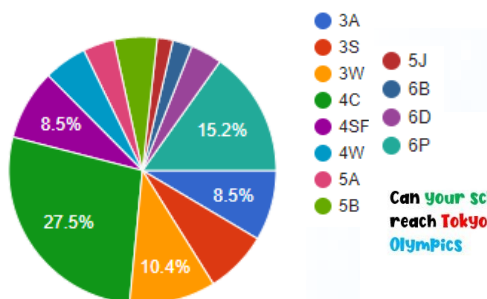
Subscribe to our school calendar via the Amherst School Website:

PARENTS / SCHOOL CALENDAR—select the subscribe button.



TOKYO

We have travelled **359 miles** this week which brings our total to **2199 miles** —great achievement everyone!!



Can **your school** be the first to reach **Tokyo** in time for the **Olympics**



OUR GOAL IS ...

5,945 mi

Distance from Sevenoaks to Tokyo



REMEMBER to please submit your miles!

[Click here](#)

PTA

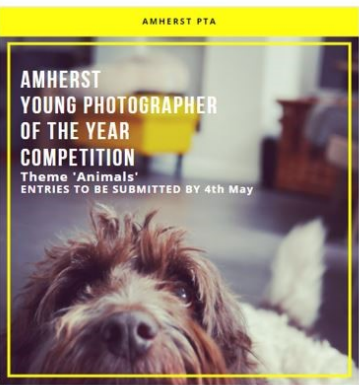
Please don't forget that our **photography competition** closes on 4th May and if there are any last minute entries for the **cookbook**, we would love to receive them as we are currently working on this.

Also ... we have decided that we did not quite reach **"DOWN UNDER"** with our first attempt. This time, over the bank holiday weekend, ALL miles covered by the WHOLE FAMILY will count towards reaching our goal. Please log and complete sponsorship via the PTA Website.

PS. Don't forget to log the children's miles for the TOKYO challenge as well!

Have a wonderful weekend!

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION – DEADLINE 4TH MAY



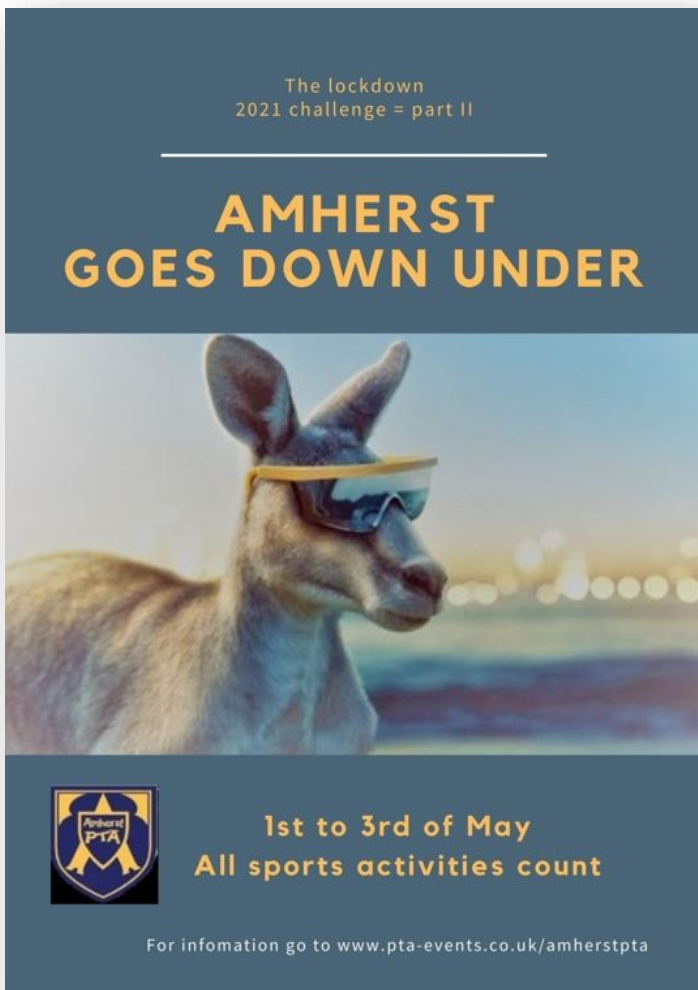
1 overall winner of the title and trophy
1 winner in each category
11 Categories
Photos of all types of animals are welcome!

Competition opens 31st March and closes 3rd May.
£4 per photo entry (to be paid via pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta)
Winners will be judged by person's independent to the school
Unlimited entries per child
Entries to be emailed to amherst.competitions@gmail.com

- Dazzling Duos** - Any Photos of two or more animal
- Amazing Action** - Action shots, any photo that captures movement of the animal.
- Funniest Photo** - Any photos of an animal doing something funny or being silly!
- Dreamiest Eyes** - All animals have beautiful eyes - we are looking for ones that melt our hearts.
- Best Friends** - Has your pet got a best pet friend or are you their best friend? Send in a picture of them sharing a lovely moment with their best friend.
- Best dressed cool dude** - Has your animal got it to be the 'best dressed cool dude'?
- Most Hilarious Facial Expression** - We would love to see all the different facial expressions of any animal please.
- Waggiest Tail (dogs only)** - From puppies to oldies, from sausage dogs to Great Danes, any dog photos are welcome.
- Grumpiest Cat** - This one is for all cats, not just the grumpy ones ☹
- Going Wild** - Any wild outdoor animals – a walk in the park is a good place to spot those
- All Sorts** - Any animal great and small which might not fit any of the other category, furry or not, wild or tame – we want to see them all!!



AMHERST GOES DOWN UNDER– TAKE II



For one weekend only.
All sport activities count.
LET'S DO THIS!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our STARS of this week!

3A	Isla K
3S	Grace G
3W	Szofia B
4C	Robin G
4SF	Cece B
4W	Harry K

5A	Jaydon-James H
5B	Ayaan G
5J	Sebastian M-S
6B	Jack B
6D	Joshie G
6P	Chloe I-C

EVENTS / COMMUNITY

Please click on the pictures below to access the links / booking forms or to find more information:



Oxford Netball Club is a small local club with weekly training and matches throughout the year. They are holding a free taster session at Knole Academy on 17 May for year 4 netballers. Enthusiasm and a willingness to learn is more important than previous experience.

To express an interest please email membership@oxfordnetballclub.com.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.
Many thanks
Katie David (ONC Chair)



West Kent SFA Football Trials 'Current Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6 Boys & Girls'

WEST KENT SCHOOLS FA - DISTRICT FOOTBALL U11 2021/2022 CURRENT YEAR 4's, 5's & 6's BOYS AND GIRLS

Dear Player,

Congratulations on being nominated by your school to attend District football trials. To reach this far is a huge achievement and should be celebrated by your school. The trials are for the best current Yr4s, Yr5s & Yr6's pupils in the District!

June 2021 TRIAL DATES: Monday 7th June 2021 5pm-6pm (Current Yr4, Yr5s)

June 2021 TRIAL DATES: Monday 7th June 2021 6pm-7pm (Current Yr6s)

Venue: St Gregory's 3G, Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells TN4 9XL COST: FREE

What to bring on the trials?

Kit Bag: Football kit, Shin Pads, Molded boots or Astro's and water

Please confirm your place to Carl Roberts and fill out the below Jot form:

<https://form.jotform.com/211101568233040>

Email: info@wksfa.co.uk

Tel: 07920780983

After trial 1 the strongest players will be invited back for 5 weeks.