

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

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WHOLE SCHOOL PROJECT

Our whole school book project based on 'The Lost Spells' by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris came to an end today and has been a **huge success**.

All year groups have been highly engaged and inspired by the theme of nature. I have had Year 5 pupils this week **debating** with me how misunderstood plain coloured moths are! These projects continue to provide high quality written and artistic outcomes. They produce a love of creative learning and generate a wonderful sense of whole school pride and achievement. [Click here](#) to see more pictures.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Amherst Choir and Mr Clarke for their wonderful performance of the Russell Hepplewhite and Michael Rosen premier this afternoon *Invention* from EVERYTHING. The song was also **broadcast on Radio 3** this week. It was an **immense privilege and achievement** for the choir to be selected as one of twelve choirs nationally to record the premier of this song.

We are very proud of you all!

AMHERST CHOIR

We are really excited to be a part of the **new Friday Afternoons songs** that premiered today!

EVERYTHING is a **cycle of 12 songs about...well, pretty much everything!** The elements, human discovery, invention, movement, language, atoms and cells all feature. These songs are designed to fire up the imaginations of infant and primary school children with a healthy dose of fun, humour, playfulness, and heart.

Each of the ten songs that have not yet been heard will be performed by ten choirs who were selected after entering an open call in December last year and hail from across the UK.

One long film featuring all 12 digital performances plus **interviews** with Russell and Michael were released on the Britten Pears Arts YouTube Channel at 1pm this afternoon. **Please listen to the premiere [here](#).**

We are so excited to share this everyone!

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Friday Afternoons | Premiere of EVERYTHING by Russell Hepplewhite and Michael Rosen

60 watching now • Premiere in progress. Started 32 minutes ago

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**Friday
Afternoons**

NOTICES

BREAkTIME snACK

A gentle reminder to please send your child in with a healthy snack, i.e. fruit, vegetable or a cereal bar.



COVID SYMPTOMS

If anyone in your household develops one of the following coronavirus symptoms, the **whole household should isolate**, and the symptomatic person should arrange for a COVID test.

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- loss or change of their sense of taste or smell,

Please find more information on COVID testing [here](#)



VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies in school at the moment. Please [click here](#) to see more information via KENT TEACH website.

- Midday Supervisor—Part-time
- Class Teacher—Full time
- Inclusion Manager—Part-time



PARKING

Please be **considerate** to our **neighbours** and the environment (running engines) when dropping children off in the morning and collecting them in the afternoon.



ABSENCE REPORTING

Please remember to complete our [Absence from school form](#) on the school website if your child is unwell.



ARRIVAL @ SCHOOL

Please make sure your child arrives on time for school:

YEAR 3 & 4

08.30am—8.45am
(class starts at 8.45am)

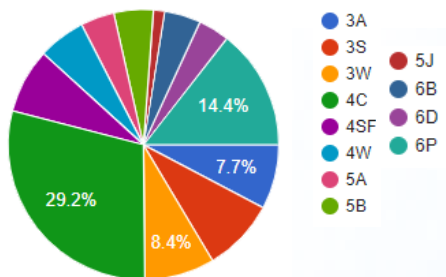
YEAR 5 & 6

08.45am—9.00am
(class starts at 9.00am)



TOKYO

We have travelled **490 miles** this week which brings our total to **3302 miles** —great achievement everyone!!



OUR GOAL IS ...

5,945 mi

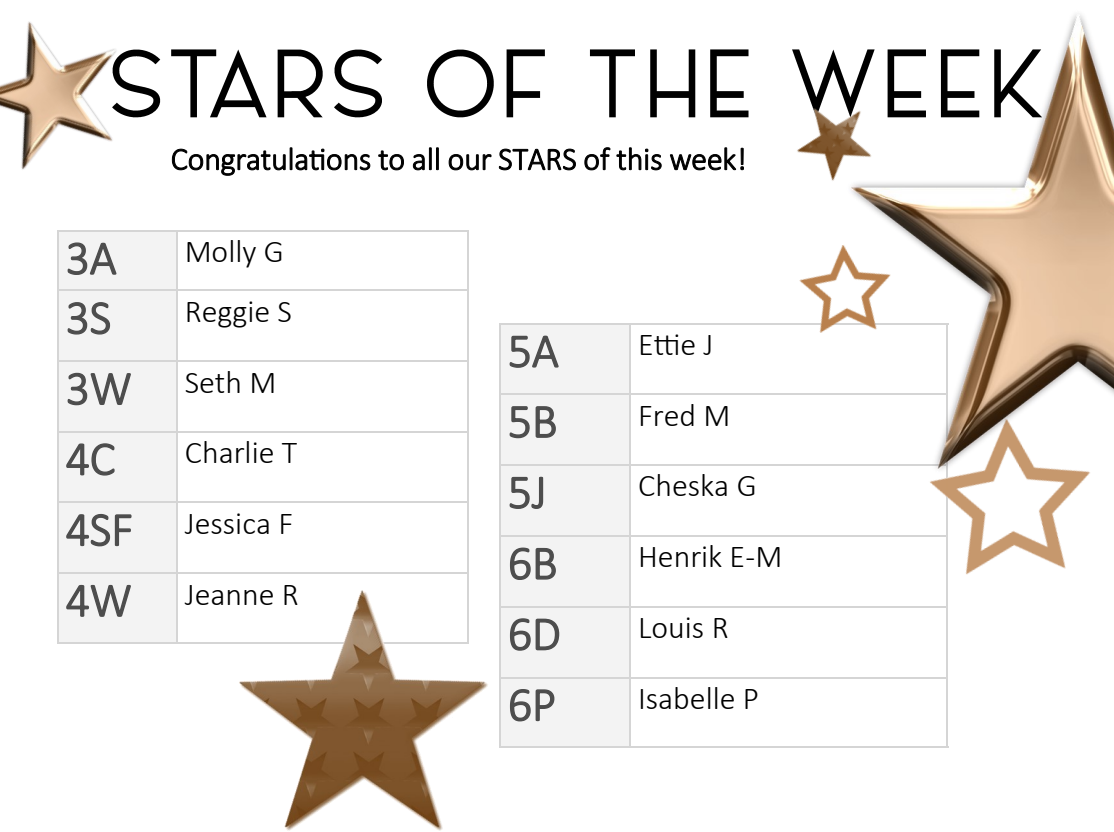
Distance from Sevenoaks to Tokyo



REMEMBER

To please submit your miles!

[Click here](#)



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our STARS of this week!

3A	Molly G
3S	Reggie S
3W	Seth M
4C	Charlie T
4SF	Jessica F
4W	Jeanne R

5A	Ettie J
5B	Fred M
5J	Cheska G
6B	Henrik E-M
6D	Louis R
6P	Isabelle P

Chess

Congratulations to Ben H who represented Kent in the National Association U11 Team Championship Finals last weekend.

The Kent team came 3rd, a fantastic achievement! Our Amherst friendly tournament this week was won by Ben H, followed by Lucas T, Dylan D, Owen P, Poppy Grace DL and Harrison P.

Well done to everyone who entered.



MUSIC

Congratulations to Josh M who was given a distinction for his Initial Drum exam!

Well done Josh!

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We will be offering spaces for September 2021 from the week of 24 May 2021. Please complete the [online booking forms](#) if you are interested to put your child on the waiting list.



PTA



Not only do we love **curries** and **cupcakes** at Amherst, we also **LOVE** pizza!

We sold an amazing **105 (!)** pizza making kits which 4SF has very kindly prepared. The kits will come home with your children today – we are looking forward to see so many of you tomorrow at 5pm for the pizza making.

Grazie mille e buon appetite!!

Upcoming events for this term –

- 26th May Sweet treat sale organised by 3S
- Sale of special edition Team Amherst drinking bottles
- Amherst School Cookery book
- Amherst Young Photographer of the Year 2021 winner announcement

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the images to find more information:



One in ten young people experience a mental health issue at any one time.

It's clear that young people are not getting the support they need. Key figures in a young person's life – parents, family members, teachers, tutors, carers, youth workers – can often spot when a young person is struggling but may not know how best to help.

Youth Mental Health First Aid courses are for everyone who works with, lives with or supports young people aged 8-18. They will teach you the skills and confidence to spot the signs of mental health issues in a young person, offer first aid and guide them towards the support they need. In doing so, you can speed up a young person's recovery and stop a mental health issue from escalating.

The courses also aim to give you the information and skills to look after your own mental health so that you can set an example for young people. By giving you the tools to have these conversations, we hope to empower you to create a mentally healthy, supportive environment in your family, school, peer group or community.

DUKES NETBALL SUMMER CAMP

26TH-30TH JULY
@ KNOLE ACADEMY

SCHOOL YEARS 4-8

9:30AM-3:30PM

£25 PER DAY
£13 1/2 DAY

TO BOOK SCAN ME

EMAIL: DUKESCAMP2@GMAIL.COM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

HALF TERM HOCKEY CAMPS

Morning Camps
Years 3 to 6 Girls
Years 3 to 5 Boys
1st/ 2nd June
9.30-12.30

clubmark

ENGLAND HOCKEY



SEVENOAKS
HOCKEY CLUB

OPEN EVENTS 2021

Our Open Day will take place on Saturday 18 September 10:00-14:30, 2021. This event will require pre-booking and bookings will open on 1st July 2021.

Please complete the 'Year 5/6 2021 Open Day Expression of Interest' form featured at the bottom of this page if you haven't already communicated an interest in our Open Events for this year.

Please click [here](#) to view our Virtual Visit.



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