

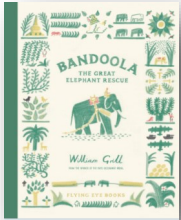
## MESSAGE FROM MR REID



Thank you for your donations yesterday. Loaves and Fishes foodbank at St. John's Church have now received a fantastic amount of food. **Thanks to the group of parents who helped** transport all the food.



It has been interesting to see how this craze has once again become so popular! At Amherst I am always keen to **let the children experience these crazes** as there is much enjoyment to be had. However, I do feel it is time to **ask the children to no longer bring cards into school**. I spoke to the children in assembly today, please reinforce this change by ensuring your child does **not bring cards to school on Monday**.



I am delighted to let you know that I **have been in contact with Will Grill** (the author and illustrator of Bandoola) and **he has agreed to visit Amherst** all day on Wednesday 10th November. The children will gain so much from his visit as it will really **deepen their connection with Bandoola** and add an **extra dimension** to our whole school book project.



As a parent of three children under 12, I know what a challenging area this can be. Vodafone produce a **fantastic magazine called Digital Parenting**. It is well worth reading as it is full of useful advice and tips for a wide range of ages.

We all worry about **keeping our children safe online**. They grow up fast and the digital world changes even more quickly than they do, so **getting the balance** between giving them necessary **online freedom** and **appropriate restrictions** changes depending on age.

Please click here to view the [Digital Parenting Magazine](#)

Finally, don't be surprised if your child is quite **tired and emotional** at the moment.

It has been a long half term and the children have had to negotiate many changes.

Only four more school days to half term!

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# NOTICES

## YEAR 6 KENT TEST REMINDERS

**21 October**—Results day

**1 November**—Closing date for secondary school applications.

## POOL FUND

Please be reminded of the voluntary **POOL FUND DONATION** . We made a huge investment in our school's pool in order for children to ENJOY and make the MOST of this term's swimming lessons. Please donate via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

## ART PROJECTS

**PTA** — Xmas4schools return by **19/10**

**Children in NEED** — art project **19/11**



## VACANCIES

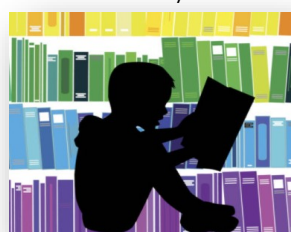
We have vacancies in school — please click on [Kent Teach](http://www.kentteach.co.uk) for more details.

**Current vacancies**

## VOLUNTEER PARENT READERS

If you are still interested to be become a parent reader, please indicate on [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com).

- **Training session** - Thursday 21st October from 2.45pm to 3.30pm.
- **Reading sessions** - Start Monday 1st November.



## FUTURE DATES

19 October—PTA Xmas4Art competition  
21 October—Last Day of term  
22 October—INSET Day  
1 November—Term Starts

2 November—Yr 5 Pottery workshop  
9 November— Choir Barnardo's RAH  
10 November—Will Grill visit  
16& 17 November—Parent Consultations  
19 November—Children in Need

# STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our STARS of this week!

3B	Sofia B	5A	Joe H
3MW	Johana H	5J	Tom C
3W	Ava K	5S	Jomi O
4C	Abi C	6B	Noah W
4SF	Charlie S	6H	Rina N
4S	Annebelle W	6SB	Tommy J

# MUSIC

Congratulations **Summer J** for achieving a **Distinction** in your **Music Theory Grade 5** exam.

# SPORT

## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On **Monday 11th October** eight children participated in a football **tournament at St. Michaels School**. Amherst played four matches in the group stage against St. Michaels, Sevenoaks Primary, West Kingsdown and Kemsing. After winning three of the matches and drawing one, **Amherst finished top of the group** and went through to the semi-finals of the cup. The children played superbly throughout, working really well as a team and playing some impressive attacking and free-flowing football. We played St. Michaels in the semi-finals and won 1-0 after scoring a fantastic team goal. In the final, we faced St. Pauls. Once again, we played and **battled brilliantly against a strong team**. Unfortunately, we conceded an early (and controversial!) goal, however the children's perseverance paid off when Dylan D fired in a free kick to equalise with the final kick of the game. Having battled for a further 5 minutes of extra time, Amherst unfortunately conceded a late goal and ultimately finished the tournament as **impressive runners up**. The children were a pleasure to take to a sporting event and represented Amherst superbly throughout. **Huge congratulations** to Fred M, Zac S, Dylan D, Max P, Josh M, Isaac H, Lucas D and Blake F. **Thank you** to all the parents for assisting with transport and for their brilliant support!



Mr Barratt

## KNOLE PARTNERSHIP'S TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL.

On **Thursday 14th October**, a team of **Year 6 children** participated in a **Tag Rugby festival** at **Sevenoaks Rugby Club**. After only three weeks of coaching, the team demonstrated some great skills in their matches. Within each game, the team performed excellent attacking skills and the progress in their defence improved significantly. Amherst won 2 out of 4 matches and worked incredibly well as a team. They came third overall in their group.

'It's not about scoring the tries, it's about playing the game as a team.' Connor L.

Huge congratulations to **Bronagh M, Alice M, Olivia W, Rina N, Lucas D, Zac S, Isaac H, Diego Q and Connor L**.

Many thanks to the parents for supporting the children.

Mrs Wheeler, Mr Barratt and Mr Taylor.



## CHANGE 4 LIFE FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 13th October, a team of children from Year 4 took part in a sports festival called 'Change 4 life' at Knole Academy.

The event enabled the children to participate in various fun sporting activities which focused on developing key skills and understanding the benefits of regular exercise. All of the events had an emphasis on enjoyment of physical activity! They all had great fun and were such a credit to the school in relation to their listening, determination and behaviour.

A huge well done to **Olivia R, Florence H, Lola Rose H Caroline K, Leo F, Charlie K and Lyla**.

Thank you to all the parents for supporting and transporting the children.

Mr Barratt





# HARVEST FESTIVAL

THANK YOU to everyone bringing in Harvest Festival Donations yesterday. We had 4 cars fully loaded taking all the food up to the Sevenoaks Loaves and Fishes Foodbank. A big thank you also to the parents who so kindly offered their time and hands to help us make this difference in our immediate community. Thank you also to Nadia Lavelle for sharing some pictures of this morning.



## OFF BY POETRY

### WELL DONE TO THE FOLLOWING PERFORMERS

Y3 - Maddie H (3B); Alejandro (3W); Matilda P-S (3MW)

Y4 - Grace Grant (4S); Ethan S (4C); Alex P (4SF)

Y5 - Caitlin J (5S); Issy L (5A); Lizzie O-G (5J)

Y6 - Connor L (6B); Tommy J (6SB); Seb M-S (6H)

#### The overall winners were:

Y3 - Alejandro (3W)

Y4 - Ethan S (4C)

Y5 - Caitlin J (5S)

Y6 - Tommy J (6SB)



*Of peace. Into the fullness of being.  
The past is done; let it go  
let God's goodness, His Truth  
From now on be all that you*

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card your child brought home last week. The website for these codes is [www.getphotos.co.uk](http://www.getphotos.co.uk)

Please note that the online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **27th October 2021**

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can email the school office and they will be able to provide you the order code.

Vancols Photographers



**PLEASE NOTE ... CLASS PHOTOS TO FOLLOW!**

# PTA



## Please be reminded of the **Xmas4Schools**

are project which offers children a wonderful opportunity to design their own Christmas cards and gifts. Here are the details:

### What is this?

This is an opportunity for our children to create beautiful Christmas Cards, Poster Calendars, Mugs and Gift Labels using their own artwork.

### How does it work?

Essentially, your child will draw/create images which will then be printed onto cards, etc., to create personalised festive gifts.

### What do you need to do?

Your child will prepare their artwork on the back of the order form.

There has to be a 2cm WHITE BORDER around your child's artwork please.

Do Not draw a border unless you want it to be printed on your products

Please do read the instructions with regards to glitter, staples, sellotape, etc.

### Late orders cannot be accepted.

Your child's artwork needs to be returned to the school office with a completed order form by  
19th October

Payment needs to be made through [www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta) by 19th October

Questions are very welcome – [Amherst-events@outlook.com](mailto:Amherst-events@outlook.com)

PLEASE FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE BELOW  
FOR THE BEST RESULTS

DO ✓



• You can colour right up to the edges, but any important drawings or wording needs to be kept at least 1cm away from the sides of the paper.

DON'T ✗



• Please also **DO NOT** draw a border unless you want it to appear on the final product.

DO ✓

• Bright, colourful Christmas designs that fill the A4 paper produce the best results.



• Use paint, felt tip, crayon, inks and coloured pencils.

• Use collage.

• Use **glitter glue**.

• Make sure any text is bold, legible and kept **AWAY** from the edges of the A4 paper.

DON'T ✗

• Please **DO NOT** use sprinkle glitter (glitter glue is fine) - it has a tendency to fall off and end up on other children's artwork and our scanners!

• If you are doing collage, please **MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE FIRMLY STUCK DOWN TO STOP THEM FALLING OFF**



• Avoid metallic finishes over large areas.

• Pale coloured pencils on a white background do not reproduce well.



# EVENTS / COMMUNITY

Please click on the images to find more information.



We are once again approaching the Christmas season.

#### Donation to local Schools

As in previous years, we would once again like to offer a £2.00 donation to your School for every Christmas tree bought by families and staff. If you would like to participate, please include a suitable article in your next school newsletter explaining this and pointing them to [www.stonepitts.com](http://www.stonepitts.com) for details and directions.

The parent or staff member should produce proof of your newsletter article when buying a tree and this will count towards the final donation to the school, a cheque for which will be sent to you after Christmas or preferably a bank transfer if you would kindly supply the account details.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES CLUB

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