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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### WILL GRILL'S VISIT

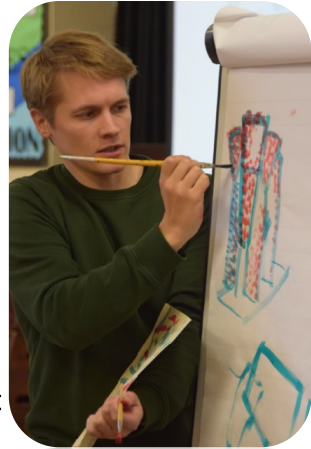
Each year group enjoyed a fantastic workshop with Will Grill on Wednesday 10th November.

He gave a wonderful talk about how he created Bandoola and

shared photos of his research trip to Myanmar. The

children then had the opportunity to paint using ink (sorry for any stained hands or clothing!) imitating his style of art. This ranged from exploring mark making to painting elephants and teak trees.

Will spent his lunchtime signing books, although we underestimated just how many children would bring in a book! Due to the high demand, Will then generously stayed on after school to ensure every book was signed. I'm sure the children and staff gained so much from the workshops and it really helped deepen our understanding of Bandoola. Please see photos on page 2.



## END OF DAY ROUTINE

We have been observing and listening to feedback regarding our pick up routine at the end of the day. I would like to make a couple of small changes to routine and guidance. We will now open the metal pavement gate from 3.20pm to allow families (especially with young children) to get off the pavement. You are then welcome to wait in the artificial grass area.



We will open the wooden gate at 3.30pm to enable Year 3 and 4 parents to go onto the playground to collect their child. Please could Year 5 and 6 parents wait outside the wooden gate for their child.

Please could younger children not go on the trim trail or play on the field. This includes the little huts over by the fence. Thank you for anticipated help.

## ROAD SAFETY

I am receiving an increasing number of communications from concerned neighbours and parents regarding road safety after school. A combination of poor parking, congestion and lack of road safety awareness is making it increasingly dangerous. How can you help?

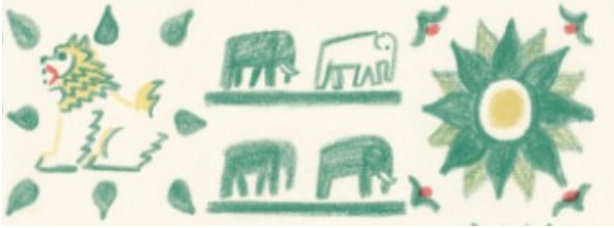
- Try if possible to walk to school, or park a little distance away to lessen the amount of cars in the immediate area.
- If parking, be considerate to neighbours by not blocking driveways and not parking illegally, which can create dangerous pinch points forcing cars to swerve out to pass by.
- Talk to your child about how to cross a road safely if they are walking on their own. Practise crossing the road with them.
- If walking with your child, model safe crossing of the road to help be safe when they cross on their own.



Have a good weekend!



# WILL GRILL VISIT





# NOTICES

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Face-to-face parent consultation will take place in the hall:

**Tuesday 16/11 (3.40—8.00pm)** and  
**Wednesday 17/11 (3.40—6.30pm).**

**PARENT**  
Consultation

## TABLE TENNIS & JU' JITZU CANCELLED

Please note that the following clubs are cancelled NEXT WEEK due to Parent Consultations.

There will be **NO** Table Tennis or Ju' Jitzu club .

**CANCELLED**

## FUTURE DATES

16 & 17 Nov—Parent Consultations  
19 Nov—Children in Need  
22 Nov—Sir Linkalot visit  
22-24 Nov—Bookfair  
25 Nov—Choir Trip  
26 Nov—Clubs End  
30 Nov—2 Dec—Year 3 Rocks Workshops  
3 Dec— Christmas Mini Bazaar  
4 Dec—Bazaar Raffle & Hamper Draw  
8 Dec—Flu Vaccinations



## SPORTS KIT

Please can all **sports kit** be returned to the reception desk (**washed and in a named bag**).



## SIR LINKALOT VISIT

Parents are welcome to join Sir Linkalot on a zoom call on **22 November** from **4.00—4.30pm**. He will be explaining how the app works best whilst demonstrating some of the features of the app.

More information to follow.



## TERM DATES

Please find the term dates for the next academic year on our school website or click below:

[Term Dates 2022—2023](#)



# STAR OF THE WEEK



3B	Maddie H
3MW	Lottie P
3W	Mia J
4C	Szofia B
4SF	Molly G
4S	Trent S

5A	Henri S
5J	Jeanne R
5S	Robin G
6B	Alex E
6H	Eddie G-T
6SB	Steffan d T

# MUSIC

**Congratulations** to **Caroline K** for passing her **Grade 1 Piano** exam with a **Distinction!** **Annie T** (ex year 6 pupil) was also rewarded a **Distinction** for her **Grade 7 Treble Recorder** exam. Really **FANTASTIC** results!

# CHILDREN IN NEED

Week 15–19 November

Please make all donations on [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

## Sponsored Run – £1 to run

Join cross country on **Tuesday 16th November** and run dressed as Pudsey, wearing something yellow, something linked to Children in Need.



## Penalty Shoot Out – 50p/go or £1 for 3 goes

Beat the goalie at football or handball **Thursday lunchtime**. Try and see if you can put one in the back of the net against **Miss Steptowe, Mr Barratt, Mr Brown and Mr Taylor**.

## COMPETITIONS

Please can all entries be handed into the school office / class teacher by **Wednesday**. Please see details below.

# COMPETITIONS

## Art Competition– £1 to enter

All artwork must be hand-drawn/ original and started from scratch. Please do not print images off the internet and colour them in.

### Year 3

A winter theme with Pudsey somewhere in the picture.

### Year 4

Comic strip with Pudsey in the artwork

### Year 5

Either an Autumn or a Winter collage with Pudsey in the picture

### Year 6

Pudsey made by using 100% recycled material. (i.e. not paper maché)

## Children in Need Poetry – £1 to enter

Create your own poem about Children in Need and the work that they do. Try to include Pudsey too. Each year group will be judged separately. Ideas to consider: acrostic, haiku, cinquain, limerick, free verse, rhyme.

## Guess the name of Pudsey – £1 to enter

Try and **guess the name** sealed in the envelope of the Pudsey Bear. The name will be chosen by Mrs Bourke. We will give you a hint to help you.

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# PTA

## CHRISTMAS AT AMHERST

### MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

For children only, at school on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.

### ONLINE CHRISTMAS SHOP

Open from the 20<sup>th</sup> November until the 28<sup>th</sup> November. You will be able to collect your shopping on the 4<sup>th</sup> December when we will also host the virtual raffle draws. Please click here to find out more about how you can sell your items via this shop.

### ADVENT CALENDAR RAFFLE

Lots of yummy chocolate calendars to be won including a main prize calendar, 3 runners up calendars and a calendar per class.

Tickets are £1 each or 6 tickets for £5 available on <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta>. The advent calendar draw will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November in assembly.

Closing date is midnight 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021



**Advent Calendar Draw**

Tickets on sale from 12<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November via PTA Events

A main prize, 3 runners up calendar prizes & a winner in every class. £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

Raffle draw on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in assembly

The poster features a blue background with white snowflakes and stylized Christmas trees in red, green, and yellow at the bottom. A small PTA logo is visible in the bottom left corner.



Amherst's

**CHRISTMAS SHOP**

The logo features a white reindeer head silhouette on a dark blue background with a subtle snowflake pattern.

Help us make this years online shop a success by donating any homemade gifts, unwanted gifts, new & nearly new toys.

**LISTING FORM**  
<https://forms.gle/RUEw7vn1ppi1cZ4y6>

**EMAIL ADDRESS**  
[amherstxmasshop@gmail.com](mailto:amherstxmasshop@gmail.com)

#### HOW TO LIST YOUR ITEMS

To donate an item/s please copy this link into your web browser, complete the form and upload a photograph.

<https://forms.gle/RUEw7vn1ppi1cZ4y6>

The deadline for information about donations is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

The shop will go live on 20<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any questions please email:

email: [amherstxmasshop@gmail.com](mailto:amherstxmasshop@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support



# SPORT

## GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT— 9 NOVEMBER

The girls did a fantastic job, we finished 2nd in our league and given that we've only had 3 training sessions they should be super proud of their achievement. When we lost a game the team was gracious and quick to applaud the winning team, when we won a few games again the girls were quick to go over to encourage the other team. Well done to all!



# BARNARDO'S

Last Tuesday the Amherst Choir took part in a concert at the Royal Albert Hall alongside the world-famous Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. The event was a fundraiser for Barnardo's and was hosted by broadcaster Natasha Kaplinsky OBE.

The children joined with other schools and youth choirs from around the country to sing works from movies including *Harry Potter*, *Despicable Me* and *Home Alone*, and were treated to orchestral solos from *E.T.*, *Star Wars* and many more!

The children were a real credit to the school, performing brilliantly and showing true professionalism through a long day of rehearsals!

Thank you to all the children and teachers involved.

Believe in  
children  
Barnardo's

