AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

WEAR SOMETHING RED DAY FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

On Friday 11th February we are going to support the charity **ECHO** by **wearing something red to school**. Our connection with this charity is linked to George Warner-Bryce (3W).



George was born with six heart defects and has been treated at The Evelina Children's Hospital in London since birth. He has undergone three open heart surgeries, the first being when he was only 6 days old.

ECHO have supported George's family since

he was born. They showed them around the hospital and gave an insight on what to expect, equipment that could be used and what it was. It was originally set up by a group of parents who needed support.

ECHO has grown to be a wonderful charity that individuals and whole families, supporting families across the whole of the UK. Funds they raise also help to buy essential equipment for the cardiac ward at The Evelina's Children's Hospital. More information is available on their website.

Connecting the Children's Heart Community

Please don't worry about wearing something red (no new clothes need to be bought!), red socks would be enough. Please donate via www.schoolgateway.com (HEART MONTH FUNDRAISING 2022) on 11th February to help support ECHO.

COVID UPDATE

We have seen a sharp increase this week in the number of cases amongst children and staff. Currently we have 28 children absent and 9 staff. 25 of our pupil cases are linked to three classes. The amount of staff absent is becoming challenging but we will do all we can to minimise any disruption.

UNIFORM REMINDER

A quick reminder regarding certain areas of uniform: Please ensure your child:

- wears **black school shoes** rather than boots
- doesn't wear their **PE sweatshirt** in place of their school jumper or cardigan
- removes any nail varnish after the weekend
- wears plain stud earrings if their ears are pierced

Thank you for your anticipated support. The vast majority of Amherst children look incredibly smart everyday!

I hope you all have a good weekend.

NOTICES



STATIONERY

Please can you check with your child if they need to **replenish** any of their personal stationery in class.

REPORT ABSENCES

All absences should be reported **via our website before 09.00am**.

Click on the link and complete the quick form. **NO need to email/call any more**:

Daily Absence Form

Deadline extended! Hand in your art by Wednesday 23rd February! Calling all artists...

Do you have a creative side? What's your chosen medium?

Would you like to see your art framed and displayed in

School Council is looking for fresh and exciting pieces of art for the Gallery Wall in the Year 4 corridor.

Requirements:

Size:

A4 up to A2 sized pieces of art

Theme:

Freestyle - drawing, acrylic, water colour, charcoal, sketching, pastels, flat collage, sewing, cross stitch, photography...

Medium

Your choice but needs to be flat as winning pieces of art will be framed Now Weds 23rd Feb

Deadline: Monday 7th February – art to be handed into school office

LOST PROPERTY

We still have lots of **lost uniform, coats, gloves** etc in school—if you are missing anything, please come and have a look.







FUTURE DATES

11 Feb— PTA Valentine's raffle

11 Feb—Wear something red (fundraising for Evelina's Children's Heart Organisation)

11 Feb —Term 3 ends

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21 Feb—Term 4 starts

23/24/25 Feb—Year 3 Roman days

24 Feb—PTA meeting

VACANCIES

Please find a **list of our current vacancies** on the **KENT TEACH** website.



AMHERST CHOIR DATES

Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival - Saturday 5th March, 2.00pm

Tonbridge Castle (Hillview Primary Festival of the Arts) - Friday 8th July

Amherst Music Concert

29th March, School Hall, 6.30pm—8.15pm Amherst, Training, Boys and Flute choirs, the orchestra and individual instrumentalists (invited by music teachers) will be attending.

STAR OF THE WEEK



5A	Elsie P	
5J	Josh M	7
5S	Bluebell S	
6B	Dejan B	
6H	Daniel A	
6SB	Sebastian H	
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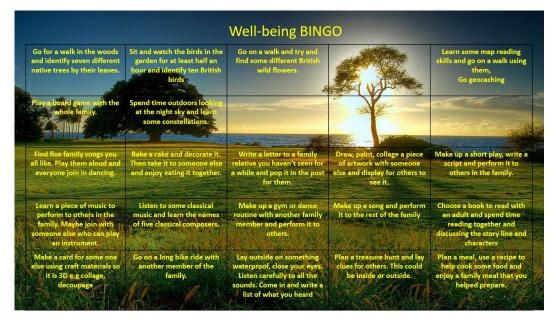
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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 7-13 February 2022. This year's theme is Growing Together. We would like to encourage everyone to take part with their families by spending time with each other completing some activities that you enjoy doing with one another.

Instead of completing written homework this week, the children's homework is to spend some time enjoying how it feels to share activities with family members. We hope this will encourage both children and parents to reflect upon the importance of finding happiness in activities that slow down our pace of life.

We have suggested some activities to do together below, some of which are taken from the list in children's planners about things to do before leaving Amherst. All we would ask is that each child either brings in a photograph of themselves and another person taking part in the activity or evidence of the activity itself. These will be used to create a well-being display in school.



SPORT UPDATE - TENNIS

Three pairs represented Amherst in the Mini Orange Sevenoaks School Doubles for years 4 & 5 on Saturday 29th January: Ronav D & Ryan G, Ben S & Ansh G, Tom L & Charlie H.

The boys **performed very well** in a strong field of 18 doubles pairs, particularly considering they were among the youngest competitors.

Ryan & Ronav narrowly missed qualification to the knock-out stages, as did Ben & Ansh whose Round Robin box required a count-back to determine qualification. The boys just missed out, finishing 3rd, with the top two going through.

Tom & Charlie qualified to the quarter-finals after winning all



of their matches before losing in a close battle with New Beacon who were the eventual winners.

The boys have worked hard in their team training sessions at Chipstead Place LTC to prepare and I'm very proud of their efforts. No doubt they will continue to improve significantly ahead of the Summer events at Bromley!

Adam Reavely



PTA NOTICES





COMMUNITY EVENTS



