

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

WEAR SOMETHING RED DAY

Thank you to everyone who has taken part by wearing something red today and making a donation. ECHO is a wonderful charity helping children with heart conditions from birth to adulthood. George and his family have benefitted from such support and we are pleased to be able to help raise funds. **So far we have raised nearly £500. It's not too late to [make a donation](#).**



GRAND DESIGNS UPDATE

Excellent progress continues to be made and this week walls have started to appear!



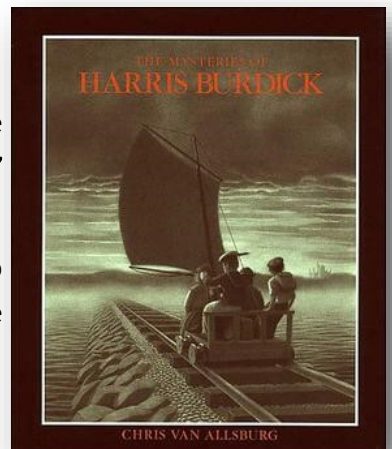
SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 8th February was Safer Internet Day. We held an assembly with the children which focussed on **being respectful online**. As a whole school we worked through a range of scenarios deciding what was the right response. If you would like to go through the assembly slides again with your child please [click here](#).

NEW WHOLE SCHOOL TEXT

After half term we will be studying our second whole school text of the year **'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick'** by Chris Van Allsburg.

It is a fantastic book which I'm sure will produce superb written and artistic outcomes by the children. The project will last for 2-3 weeks.



We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 21st February.

I hope you all have a **fantastic half term** whether at home or away.

NOTICES

MUSIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Alex E in 6B who passed her Grade 2 piano exam. Well done Alex!



STATIONERY

Please supply your child with a **NEW GLUE STICK** and **WHITE BOARD PEN** over half term. Children are unable to participate in class without the correct stationery.



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 or call any more:**

[Daily Absence Form](#)

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

21 Feb—Term 4 starts

23/24/25 Feb—Year 3 Roman days

24 Feb—PTA meeting



AMHERST PTA MEETING

24 February 2022 at 8pm.
Bullfinch Pub, Sevenoaks.

The agenda will be sent out beforehand. Please do come along and get involved!



AMHERST CHOIR DATES

Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival - Saturday 5th March

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



3B	Polly S
3MW	Lauren S
3W	Macey B
4C	Ethan W
4SF	Nelly T
4S	William G

5A	Jess F
5J	Teja V
5S	Lilian K
6B	Poppy-Grace D-L
6H	Peter W
6SB	Isla C



ATHLETICS

Now that competitions are back on, we thought we would share with you a couple of **Harper W's athletics achievements** over the past couple of months. Harper is a member of two athletics clubs and trains and competes for both **Sevenoaks AC** and **West Kent AC**.

On a very cold and foggy Sunday morning on 19th December, Harper competed in the **Invicta East Kent Cross Country Championships** in Canterbury representing Sevenoaks AC. The course was extremely muddy and slippery and most children did well staying on their feet. 41 children competed in the U11's and **Harper placed 9th (4th girl)**.



Yesterday, she competed in her first ever **Sportshall Decathlon in the Kent County Trials**, representing West Kent AC. The results haven't been fully collated but it was an enjoyable afternoon, showcasing some serious talent and was a wonderful experience for the young athletes.

Harper has a real passion for athletics and is yet to find her niche event but particularly enjoys doing Pole Vault. She is lucky enough to try all events at West Kent AC where her coaches are both (Gold & Silver) English champion decathletes.

PE NEXT TERM

YEAR 3	PE	INDOOR	All classes	Yoga	Wednesday	PE kit, trainers
	GAMES	FIELD	All classes	Cricket	Friday	PE kit, trainers
YEAR 4	PE	INDOOR	4S	Dance	Tuesday	PE kit, trainers
	PE	INDOOR	4C& 4SF	Dance	Thursday	PE kit, trainers
	GAMES	FIELD / PLAYGROUND	All classes	Football/Rugby/Netball	Monday	PE kit, trainers, Football boots, shin pads
YEAR 5	PE	INDOOR	All classes	Curling	Monday	PE kit, trainers
	GAMES	PLAYGROUND	All classes	Handball	Wednesday	PE kit, trainers
YEAR 6	PE	INDOOR	All classes	Gymnastics	Friday	PE kit, trainers
	GAMES	FIELD / PLAYGROUND	All classes	Hockey & Lacrosse	Thursday	PE kit, trainers, shin pads and gum shields

WELLBEING INITIATIVE

Mr Reid would like to share some recent feedback from an Amherst/Riverhead parent that ties in well with **wellbeing themes** we've been talking about in both schools.

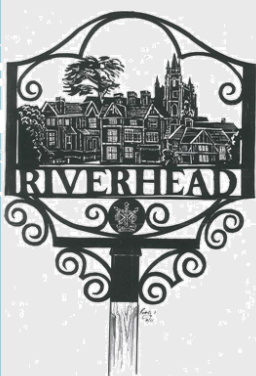


Inspired by the **“Walk to School Wednesday”** initiative promoted by Riverhead Infants', this family decided to start to walk to school every day even though it takes over 40 minutes. They said *“its a great occasion for quality time and exercise.”*

Furthermore, Amherst's **Wellbeing initiative** inspired them to start to add additional scope to their walks... *“one day we spotted the flowers, another the birds...and we transformed our mornings walks into ‘school runs with purpose’.*

However, they sadly noticed the **quantity of litter on the roads**, but decided to do something about it, and start to take better care of our environment. *“My girls decided to set their alarm clock earlier so they could do litter-picking on their walk to school. They have been **very motivated to make our area look better** and on that first walk in only one hour they collected a big bag of rubbish! They are keen to do it again regularly and I think it's something that deserves to be shared with you who inspired us. Thank you.”*

COMMUNITY EVENTS



LOCAL JOB VACANCY

Riverhead Parish Council, a local government body, is seeking to appoint a committed and enthusiastic person to fill the post of part-time **Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer**.

Hours of work: 21 hours per week, including the evening monthly Parish Council meeting. Flexible working will be considered.

Salary: The hourly rate is £15.16—£17.04 (set using the NJC salary scale) and is dependent on experience and qualifications; benefits include a workplace pension.

To apply, applicants must demonstrate the following:

- That they have experience in administration, financial accounting and budgeting.
- A keen desire to build relationships at all levels.
- Demonstrate strong organisational time management, administrative and IT skills.
- An interest in the community and in upholding the council's positive reputation.

No local government experience is needed as training is available.

Caroline, the current clerk, is available on 01732 461278 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30am – 3.00pm if you wish to discuss the role.

If you would like to apply please send a covering letter and your CV to Irene Collins, Chairman of Riverhead Parish Council irene.collins25@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: Friday 18th February 2022

Riverhead Village Hall, Amherst Hill, Riverhead, TN13 2EL

Tel: 01732 461278 Email: clerk@riverheadparishcouncil.org.uk

www.riverheadparishcouncil.org.uk

KENT

FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT CENTRE TRIAL

Venue:
Hayesbrook Aacademy, Brook Street, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 2PH

Day:
Thursday 17th February 2022

Time:
11:30pm - 13:00pm

Age Range:
Year 5 - Year 7

To book and for further details please visit
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