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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

ENDURANCE FOUND!

Some of you may have been following the progress of the expedition to locate Ernest Shackleton's boat Endurance.

This week they discovered the wreck deep on the floor of The Weddell Sea in Antarctica.

This story will be particularly meaningful to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 as Shackleton's Journey by Will Grill was one of our whole school books last year. I will be doing an assembly on this fantastic story on Monday. For further information please [click here](#).



UKRAINE

Your child may have mentioned that our assembly on Tuesday was used to explain and discuss the current war in Ukraine. Understandably children are concerned about what is happening and have many questions. **Hopefully Tuesday's assembly helped answer some of those questions and encouraged children to talk about it if they are worried.**

Many children are highly motivated to want to do something to help. Thank **you to Ellie, Rachel and Ava** for their cake sale on Monday which raised an amazing **£823** which will be donated to The British Red Cross.

GRAND DESIGNS

The project is continuing to make **good progress** with an anticipated completion date towards the end of May.



OPEN AFTERNOON

Please remember we will be holding our second **Open Afternoon** of the year on **Friday 18th March at 2.45pm**. This is an opportunity for your child to share their work with you prior to parent consultations on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March.

I hope you have a good weekend.

NOTICES



LIBRARY COMPETITION

Inspired by **World Book Day**, we've launched a **competition** to promote the Amherst School Library. See the letter sent home last week for more information—the deadline is **Monday 28th March**. Happy designing, and good luck!



FUTURE DATES

- 18 Mar— Clubs End
- 18 Mar— Open Afternoon
- 22 Mar— Parent Consultations
- 23 Mar— Parent Consultations
- 28 Mar— Year 3 Production Dress Rehearsal
- 28 Mar— Library LETTER Competition closes
- 29 Mar— Year 3 Production 2.00pm
- 29 Mar— Amherst Music Concert
- 31 Mar— PTA Baking & Egg Decoration
- 01 Apr— End of Term



SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITS & ABSENCES

All absences should be reported **via our website before 09.00am**. Click on the link and please complete the quick form. [Daily Absence Form](#)



LUNCH BANDS AND MERIT BADGES

Please can parents encourage children to **RETURN** all **school meal bands** to their classrooms.

Merit badges awarded to our Stars of the Week should be returned to reception or the office on Friday mornings.



DIARY DATES

[Click here](#) to see our **school calendar**.

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VACANCIES

Please [click here](#) to see our **current vacancies**.



BREAKFAST CLUB SPACES

We have **5 spaces** in Breakfast Club on **Monday mornings** and quite a few more on **Friday mornings**. If you are interested in taking up these spaces for your child, please complete our [booking form](#) as soon as possible or contact the [school office](#).



HILLTOP CONSENT FORMS

Year 6 parents—please look out for the form sent this week asking for all the information required by the Hilltop team before your child attends in June. **Please be sure to complete every field, including the NHS number and date of their last tetanus injection**—we will be following up with you about this! Thanks in advance.

UKRAINE BAKE SALE

Thanks to the generosity of the parents and children at Amherst School, Ellie, Ava and Rachel raised a massive £823 for the Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal by hosting a very special cupcake sale.

Please [read more here](#) on how your donation is helping at the moment.



STAR OF THE WEEK



3B	Olivia O
3MW	William J
3W	Ruby Q
4C	Eleanor O
4SF	Alex P
4S	Charlotte T

5A	Georgia C
5J	Oscar A
5S	Florrie P
6B	Matthew P
6H	Luca R-H
6SB	Fred M



GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to our Amherst Gymnasts who won the **TEAM SILVER TROPHY** in a recent Floor & Vault competition.

Novice: Bronze: Jeanne R
Intermediate: Silver: Imri L-G
 Bronze: Annie H



TENNIS

Sevenoaks School Red Doubles years 3 & 4 took place on Saturday 5th March.

Girls: Annebelle W & Isabe N as well as Felicity B & Phoebe D

Boys: Nathan I-C & Todd R

Nathan and Todd put up a great showing in their first event finishing 3rd in their Round Robin box winning 3 of their matches and losing 2. A great effort from the new young pairing!

The same can be said for **Felicity & Phoebe** who were also attending their first event. I was really proud of the girls attitude and effort level which led to them finishing 3rd in their box, a big well done to both, it was great to see you both improve and become more comfortable on the match court as the event went on!

The girls pair **Annebelle and Isabe** showed their experience in competition and finished top of their box without losing a match before going on to beat a tough Granville pairing in the semi-finals. After battling past Granville, the girls earned a place in the Final against Sevenoaks Primary which the girls went on to win quite convincingly 10-4 to **taking the title and earning the honours of bringing the winners trophy back to the school!**

Well done all of you for your attitude and effort throughout the event which was outstanding. And a big well done for your efforts in team training at Chipstead Place LTC in preparation for the event.

Adam Reavely



HOCKEY

Alice M played in the **under 12 Kent Cup** at Canterbury. There was a strong Amherst presence as she played with Edie and Hattie who left Amherst last year. **The team won the cup** and didn't lose a match or concede a goal all day. The girls had a really fun day with their team.



CHOIR

Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival

Last Saturday the Amherst Choir competed in the Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival at Kent College, singing *Double Trouble* from John Williams' score to *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* before changing mood for a fun rendition of Irving Berlin's *Puttin' on the Ritz*, most famously sung by Fred Astaire. The children not only won the overall Children's Choir class but were also awarded a mark of 'Distinction'. You can hear these pieces at our annual Music Concert in the School Hall on Tuesday 29th March at 6.30pm, to which all families are most welcome.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

7OAKS MULTI SPORTS EST. 2010.

EASTER CAMP

4TH-8TH APRIL, 11TH-14TH APRIL
10AM - 2PM
£30 PER DAY, £125 FOR 5 DAYS

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Coding & Robots **Circuitry & Inventions** **Creative Technology** **STEM Engineering** **Tech Fun**

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

28TH MARCH - 1ST APRIL 2022 *5 DAYS . £205

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5-11 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

Project-Based Learning

This Easter, we are implementing project-based learning across the full week of camp, we will start our coding or tech-based project on Monday and they'll work on this for a few hours each day, ultimately completing the project by the end of the week!

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How to book

STEP 1
SCAN THE QR CODE

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