MESSAGE FROM MR REID

25TH EDITION

Whole School Book Project

For the first 3 weeks after half term the children have been studying The Mysteries of Harris Burdick by Chris Van Allsburg for our latest whole school book project. The project enables high quality written and artistic outcomes. It also creates a sense of whole school cohesion as we all work together simultaneously on the

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same text. Yesterday we finished the **year group displays** which are **wonderful celebrations of the children's hard work.**

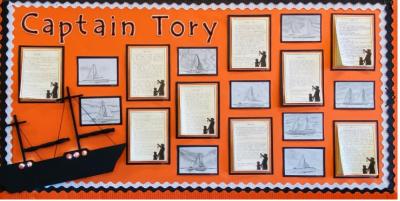
AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A key focus of this project was to **increase the children's writing stamina** by enabling them to write creatively at length. The children have risen to the challenge and produced a wide range of stories. **Their sense of pride and enjoyment is clear to see by the end results.**

Year 6 particularly enjoyed experimenting with photography by using software on the iPads manipulating images to create certain effects. The finished pictures are very mysterious!

YEAR 3





Click here for more photos!





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NOTICES

YEAR 6 CONSENT AND INFORMATION FORM

Please ensure you complete the form by Friday 1st April. Please click here to access the form.

LIBRARY COMPETITION

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



FUTURE DATES

- 22 Mar Parent Consultations
- 23 Mar- Parent Consultations
- 26 Mar-Sevenoaks Clean Up
- 27 Mar-Sevenoaks Clean Up
- 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 Decorating
- 01 Apr— End of Term



SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITS & ABSENCES

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



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 send an email to office@amherst.kent.sch.uk



PARKING

Parents, please consider our neighbours and children walking to school when parking at drop off or when collecting your children from school.



DIARY DATES

Click here to see our school calendar.



CLUBS END TODAY

Please note that today is the last day for clubs this term.

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Please <u>click here</u> to see our current vacancies.



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CHESS CLUB There is one more session on Monday 21st March 2022.





CHOIRS AND ORCHESTRA These groups will rehearse at normal time next week in preparation for the Amherst Music Festival.



MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS EASTER BAKING COMPETITION DECORATE AN EASTER EGG COMPETITION Please find more information on the PTA's plans on the next page.

MHERST SCHOOL PTA





Your Final Chance

Mother's Day is on Sunday, 27th March and we want to help you to get ready to spoil the mothers and grandmothers among us!

Treat your Mum & Granny to a cup of tea in a special mug, with individually wrapped tea bag, coffee sachet and biscuits.

Choose from:

"WORLDS BEST MUM"

"WORLDS BEST GRANNY"

Please click on PTA EVENTS to order your gifts before midnight on Sunday 20th March - £10.00 per mug.

Decorate an Easter Egg

Looking for a reason to be creative? Enter our 'Decorate an Easter Egg Competition' by designing and making your own craft Easter egg!

More information on PTA EVENTS.

Entry for the competition is **£1**.

Prizes:

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1st Prize – Large Chocolate Easter Egg 2nd Prize – Medium Chocolate Easter Egg 3rd Prize – Small Chocolate Easter Egg

HAPPY CRAFTING everyone!



Decorate an Easter Egg Competition

- Please bring entries to school reception before school on the 31st March 2022
- £1 Entry via PTA Events or cash donation box available on the <u>31st</u>
- Prizes:

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1st Prize - Team Amherst Apron & £15 Amazon Voucher 2nd Prize - £10 Amazon Voucher 3rd Prize - £5 Amazon Voucher

Easter Baking Competition

Attention all Bakers - It is your time to shine! Bake a cake or cup cakes with any Easter theme for our Easter Baking Competition !!!

Entry for the competition is £1 and this can be paid via PTA events or cash donation box that will be available when delivering the cakes to school on the **31st March 2022**. More information on **PTA EVENTS**.

Prizes:

- 1st Prize Team Amherst Apron & £15 Amazon voucher
- 2nd Prize £10 Amazon voucher
- 3rd Prize £5 Amazon voucher

We forward your look to seeing WONDERFUL creations! Happy Baking!

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| 5 | 3B | Richard L | | 5A | Harry D | |
| | 3MW | Melody G | | 5J | Fred K | |
| | 3W | Isabe N | | 5S | Annabelle W | |
| | 4C | Sophie F | へ | 6B | Olivia W | |
| | 4SF | Millie P | 1 | 6H | Edward O | |
| 2 | 15 | Zain W | | 6SB | Dimitri M | |

KITCHEN

Congratulations to our **Kitchen Team** who on Wednesday scored the top Food Hygiene Rating of 5!

Congratulations to the whole team: Mrs Roy, Miss Smith, Mrs Smithers, Mrs Foreman, Miss Sayers, Mrs Baker and Mr Collins.

MUSIC

Congratulations to Oscar A who passed his Grade 1 piano exam with merit.

HOCKEY

Congratulations to the Boys U11 hockey team that took part in the UKSA Schools hockey tournament on Wednesday 9th March. This was the first tournament we had attended in two years due to the pandemic. The standard was high and the boys managed to draw



two of their games which was a great achievement. The team represented Amherst with pride and were a pleasure to coach. Well done to **Thomas C, Shalom O, James R, Toby W, Ewan S., Lucas D and Blake F**.

TENNIS

On Saturday 12th of March the Mini Orange Girls Doubles took place at The Sennocke Centre with the following pairs representing Amherst; **Georgia C & Isla P**, Lauren D & Lilian K.

Both pairings battled their way to a 2nd place finish in their respective Round Robin boxes which earned all four girls a place in the **quarter-finals**. Lauren & Lilian gave a

good account of themselves but lost out in the quarters to a strong Walthamstow pair. Georgia & Isla took the win in their quarter-final match before being knocked out in the semi-finals to an experienced Granville pair. Georgia & Isla went on to play St. Michael's in the bronze medal match. After our girls took a strong lead and looked likely to take the bronze, St. Michael's battled back from a four point deficit to edge the girls out 10-8 meaning a fourth place finish overall for Georgia & Isla.

I'm really proud of the girls efforts and improved performances against some very strong competition and look forward to the next events in the Summer. Well done team Amherst!





COMMUNITY EVENTS

CleanUp *'Spring Clean' Weekend*

26TH / 27TH MARCH 2022

Do you love where you live? Sevenoaks District residents are being invited to roll up their sleeves this spring and help tackle litter.

#CleanupSevenoaks

Anyone who shares a picture of the litter they collect on the 26th/27th March on FB or Instagram (use the hashtag!) will be entered into a draw to win a prize from one of the local businesses who donate prizes (lots of free coffee & cake!) **CleanUp** was launched in 2021 and is run by volunteers who want our part of the world to be the best it can be. Many of us have noticed an increase in litter and fly tipping, and we are asking people to join us in addressing the problem. We encourage as many of you as possible to get out and about with litter pickers and bin liners at the ready! To join the fun, and for more details on where to collect litter packs and to check how to stay safe while litter-picking, please visit: www cleanup uk com



