AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30TH EDITION

6 MAY 2022

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

GRAND DESIGNS UPDATE

The work continues to make good progress with much of the roof completed this week. The completion date is currently estimated to be 1st July which is approximately 6 weeks behind schedule.

When inside the building you can really now get a sense of what it will be like. A lovely feature is the exposed 5. Community Events curved wooden beams of the roof structure. I'm sure it is

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going to be a wonderful space for additional teaching during the day, Breakfast Club and After School Club. We are all very keen to begin using the finished building.









SCHOOL CAPS

If your child wishes to have a summer hat at school please could you ensure they wear either an Amherst cap or a plain navy blue cap. Please avoid heavily logoed baseball caps. Thank you for your anticipated support. The Amherst School caps look really smart and can be ordered from www.schoolgateway.com .

Uniform Update

After consultation with Riverhead, a joint decision has been made that from September children at Riverhead and Amherst can wear grey trousers. Children are still welcome to wear shorts if they wish to. We will be updating our uniform lists appropriately for September.

YEAR 6 SATS TESTS

Good luck to all our Year 6 pupils who will be sitting their SATs tests next week. These are government tests that all pupils take across the country. Due to the pandemic this is the first time the tests will be administered since May 2019. The children have worked incredibly hard and it is an excellent opportunity for them to demonstrate their knowledge of the English and Maths Key Stage 2 curriculum.



I hope you have a super weekend and get a chance to enjoy the sunshine. My prediction about the cricket season triggering poor weather has so far been unfounded!

TODAY IN



Celery experiment in Year 3



YEAR 6 OUTDOOR LEARNING





English lesson in Year 5

A SPOT OF PEADING

A SPOT OF READING
IN YEAR 4



NOTICES



POOL FUND

We kindly refer you to our Pool Fund Donation request sent by email earlier this week. Children will shortly start to swim again and we would appreciate a donation to our pool fund via www.schoolgateway.com



SAVE THE DATE - SPONSORED SWIM

Please save the date for our annual sponsored swim fundraiser:

Year 3 & 4 - 09 June 2022

Year 5 & 6 - 10 June 2022

We are looking for 10 parents to help us over these two days—please indicate on www.schoolgateway.com if you are able to help. (Two sessions each day: 9.00 -12.00 and 13.30-15.30)



CHESS CLUB – HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE!

We are looking for parent helpers to join Miss Harvey and her team supervising our chess club on Monday afternoons from 15.30—16.15. Please email the office if you are able to help.



VACANCIES

Please click here to see our current vacancies.



FUTURE DATES

17 May—Science Day

24 May—Year 6 Young Voices Trip

25 May—Amherst School Jubilee Celebrations

25 May—PTA School Disco

26 May—PTA Ice Cream Sale

26 May-Open Afternoon

26 May—End of Term

27 May—Inset Day



SCHOOL DISCO

The PTA are looking forward to hosting the school disco on 25th May 2022. It will run between 17.30 -18:30 for years 3 & 4 and 18:30-20.00 for years 5 & 6. We have a fun DJ and disco master planned as well as glow sticks and a snack. Please sign up via https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ amherstpta by 23rd May 2022.





SCHOOL JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the Jubilee celebrations at school during the afternoon of 25th May from 13:30.

COMMUNITY JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

We are supporting our local community with an Amherst stall at the Riverhead Jubilee festival during the afternoon of 4th June. **If you are able to help** with either of these two events, please get in touch with your class rep or amherst-chair@outlook.com.

FUTURE PTA DATES

25 May -School Disco 26 May -Ice Cream Sale





AR OF THE WEEK, 3B Naomie C-W 3MW Todd R **3W** Ella B 4C Seth M 4SF Lola-Rose H **4**S Grace G

5A	Ralph M
5J	Otto W-S
5S	Edward H
6B	Morgan P
6H	Sebastian W-S
6SB	Ayaan G

In February, Aishi M, Emma H, Issy L and Lauren D in Year 5 raised funds in school for RSPCA. They did this out of their own initiative and effort, and did really well raising £40. This was then match 🎊 funded by the parents bringing the total to £100. Well done girls!



Congratulations to Jessica P - U8 Girls - who was awarded the Player of the season award at the Sevenoaks Hockey Club's End of Year ceremony.

Congratulations also goes to all the other Amherst pupils who were also awarded end of season awards.

You should all be very proud!



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING 2022



Heart Month Fundraising—Charity ECHO £711.60







Children in Need £715.46

Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal £373.00





Coming SOON!

Thank you for your support!

COMMUNITY EVENTS





Kivernead i arish Council

Picnic in the Parkland

Saturday 4th June, 12-4pm

Join us in the Parkland to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with free activities for all the family including a live jazz band, magician, face painting, dog show and more.

Refreshments will also be available to purchase

Keep up to date with the latest information from Riverhead Parish Council on Twitter and Facebook @riverheadparish e-mail: clerk@riverheadparishcouncil.org.uk





MUSIC



Sevenoaks Symphony Orchestra present

Reflections for Italy

Sunday 8 May

Pamoja Hall 7.30pm

Tickets £15 Full & £2 U19s (All tickets include either a soft drink or a glass of Prosecco) 🔗 Book Tickets

Featuring pianist Christos Fountos and conducted by Darrell Davison

Programme to include:

- Rossini : The Italian Girl in Algiers
- Beethoven : Piano Concerto No. 3
- Elgar : Serenade for Strings
- Mendelssohn : Italian Symphony (No. 4)