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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### SWIMMING

It has been great this week to **commence swimming lessons** and see the enjoyment gained by the children. We **train our teachers and TAs** to be **lifeguards**, renewing their training every two years. **Teachers** have completed their

**Level 1 and 2 NCTP training programme** which enables them to plan and deliver high quality swimming lessons. **Congratulations** to Miss Harvey and Mr Brown who successfully completed their qualification this week.

Once the children's swimming ability has been assessed we will now **commence our non-swimmers club** which is held at lunchtime. **Our aim is that all children will leave Amherst School being able to swim 25m (approx. 1 1/2 lengths of our pool) unaided.** For more confident swimmers, our swimming curriculum ensures that they too progress and develop their skills and stamina further. Swimming is an **enjoyable activity** in itself but also a **vital life skill**. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful resource onsite.



### CRICKET

Last Friday for the first time in Amherst's history we completed a hard ball cricket match **against another local school**. We have an excellent relationship with Holmesdale Cricket Club and we were able to use their ground to host a **fixture against Radnor House Under 12s**. The match was played in an excellent spirit with **Amherst emerging winners with three overs to spare**. This a notable achievement for an Amherst side comprised of Year 5 and 6 children against a Year 7 Radnor House team. We have further fixtures planned for this season. **Congratulations to all players involved.**



### SCIENCE DAY

Thank you to Miss Steptowe for organising an excellent **Science Day on Tuesday**. The focus was on **renewable energies**, enabling the children to learn and gain so much from the experience. Please see later in the newsletter for pictures and further information.

### END OF DAY PICK UP

Please could we request that **adults and non-Amherst children do not enter the school at home time to use the toilet**. Thank you for your anticipated support in this matter.

I hope you all have a good weekend.



# NOTICES



## SAVE THE DATE – SPONSORED SWIM

We are looking for **4 MORE** parents to help us over these two days—please indicate on [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) if you are able to help.  
(Two sessions each day: 9.00 –12.00 and 13.30—15.30)  
Year 3 & 4 - 09 June 2022  
Year 5 & 6 - 10 June 2022

## VACANCY

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Please [click here](#) to see our current vacancies.  
Breakfast club - 7.5 hours per week  
Kitchen - 16.25 hours per week



## FUTURE DATES

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 2.45pm  
26 May—End of Term  
27 May—Inset Day

## JUBILEE CELEBRATION



### 25 May 2022 Jubilee Celebrations



- 👑 Children can wear own clothes in the colours red, white and/or blue.
- 👑 Look forward to an afternoon of games & FUN!
- 👑 Special Jubilee lunch:
  - Fish & chips (GF available)
  - Nuggets (Vegan)
  - Pasta (Toppings: cheese, tomato & basil sauce, tuna)
  - Victorian Sponge Cupcake (GF available)
  - Fruit Pots / Fruit & Jelly

# PTA

## SCHOOL DISCO

The PTA are looking forward to hosting the school disco on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. **BOOKING DEADLINE** is 23rd May 2022 via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta>.

## ICE LOLLY SALE

### LAST DAY OF TERM

Please pre-order your Ice Lolly by midnight 25th May 2022. Again, please use our PTA website mentioned above to make payment.





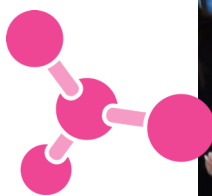
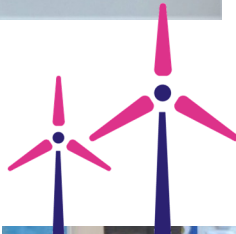
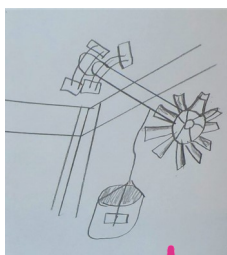
# STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Lucy T
3MW	Lucas D
3W	Cami S
4C	Fathima C
4SF	Florence D
4S	Ansh G

5A	Axley L-G
5J	Dane R
5S	Joe S
6B	Emily B
6H	Martin J
6SB	Megan R

## SCIENCE WEEK

On Monday this week, we were treated to a **fantastic science show** from **Sensational Science** about how to 'Save the Planet'. The children learnt about the destructive nature of fossil fuels as well as learning about renewable energy. This theme was continued into our **whole school science day** on Tuesday where the **children were challenged to create wind turbines**. They also found out about the charity Practical Action who help isolated communities access power in a sustainable way. **Well done to all the children who took part** and a special well done to those who managed to lift 10 marbles with their turbine!





# LIBRARY SIGN

The final product of our Library 'Design a Letter Competition' looks like this!  
Congratulations to the creators of the winning letters!



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Have fun**  
**Learn awesome skills**  
**Make new friends**

**Do Jujitsu!!**

## Sevenoaks Jitsu

### Holiday course now booking!

- 30th May to 3rd June, at Knole Academy
- 9.30am - 12.30pm
- £30 per day
- Book as many or as few days as you want
- No experience necessary (it's a great way to try it out!)

Contact **Chris** to book: 07914 805 339 ; [chris@sevenoaksjitsu@icloud.com](mailto:chris@sevenoaksjitsu@icloud.com)

## SEVENOAKS DRUM SCHOOL

...practise to perform

**Sevenoaks Samba**  
May/June 2022

I am very excited to announce that I am looking to launch a new exciting project **Sevenoaks Samba**.

**What is Samba?**  
I'm sure most of you will be familiar with this sound but in case this is new to you samba is an incredible vibrant, infectious percussion group originating in Brazil and features in the Carnival, the annual Brazilian festival celebrating culture, food, music and fun!

**Do you need to be a drummer already?**  
You don't need to already play the drums, having musical and drumming experience is an advantage but anyone with a desire to have fun enjoy percussion can get involved.

**When will this be?**  
I am looking initially to start summer classes 1 hour in length (dates and venue tbc but am planning around second and third week of August). In order to plan and promote the summer classes I will be holding some classes this half term so if you would like to get a taste of samba, please book one or as many of the following sessions.

**Half term samba**  
Venue: Riverhead Village Hall Fee: £9 per session (1 hour)  
Times: Monday 30th May - 2pm-3pm / 3pm-4pm  
Wednesday 1st June - 10am-11am / 11am-12pm

**Confirm your place today!**

**Click on the flyer to complete the registration form.**

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Thursday 6:15 - 8:15



### BRAND NEW SWIMMING LESSONS IN YOUR AREA!

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## TECH & CRAFTS CAMP

Queen's Jubilee Special

**MAY HALF TERM 2022**  
30th May - 1st June

**ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!**

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ROBOTICS

DRONE RACING

3D SCULPTURE

3D PRINTING

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Headphones

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for anyone supporting refugees from the war in Ukraine.

**Dates in May, June & July online or in person**



**Venues in Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Tunbridge Wells**



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