

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

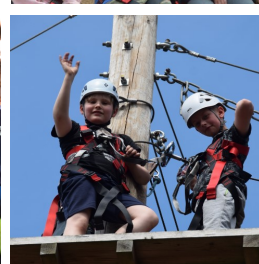
HILLTOP – YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 6 on their **residential trip to Hilltop Outdoor Centre** in Norfolk (near Sheringham and Cromer). The children had the opportunity to experience a wide range of **activities** and push themselves **out of their comfort zone**. They also studied coastal erosion and the local area. All **good preparation for their transition** to secondary school.

The **children were wonderful to be with** and many times during the week instructors commented on their **fantastic positive attitude and behaviour**. I **was immensely proud to be their headteacher**. Thank you to all the **eleven staff** that attended the trip who gave the children such excellent support and encouragement. It was a fun week for all.

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MATILDA

We are very busy rehearsing for our summer production Matilda. Please be aware **all children are in the production not just Year 6**. Years 3—5 sing in the chorus. There are two evening performances your child will need to attend on **Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July**. Further details will follow shortly in a separate letter.

OFSTED REPORT

You should have received **an email this afternoon** containing the report from our recent inspection.

I hope you have a good weekend.

NOTICES



ROSE CLIFTON CRICKET MATCH — 21 JULY 2022

There are a few more spaces to fill in the **Year 6 Parents Team** (led by **Stephen Shaw**), so if you would like to put your name forward to play, please contact the office: office@amherst.kent.sch.uk



National book tokens have launched an initiative where you could win £1,000 of National Book Tokens for schools. For more information, please click here: <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



YEAR 6 — T-SHIRTS FOR DT

Every year 6 child needs to please bring in a (preferably) plain t-shirt that they can change into a cushion cover for their DT project. Please note that they will be cutting them up. Please can they bring the t-shirts in by Wednesday next week (29th).



SPACES FOR SEPTEMBER

We have spaces in our new Breakfast Club from September 2022 on both Monday and Friday mornings. If you are interested please [complete our booking form](#).



YEAR 5 — KENT TEST REGISTRATION

If you would like your child to sit the Kent test on **8th September 2022**, please make sure YOU register them here: [KENT TEST REGISTRATION](#)
Registration closes at midnight on 1 July 2022.



HORNCASTLES — NEW UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Our new uniform supplier is **Horncastles**. If you have a current order in place, please note that this will be fulfilled by Your School Uniform.



MATILDA

Mr Clarke would like all children to access our **MUSIC Google Classroom** to view the words, learn and sing along to the songs.

1. Go to <https://classroom.google.com>
2. Sign in with your Google Classroom username and password
3. Click the **+ sign** in the right corner
4. or type in Class Code: **ldh7i2y**



VACANCIES

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



BHF ♥ SPONSORED SWIM

The children have raised £9120.00 up to now — thank you for all your very generous donations so far. Donations will close online next Thursday 30th at 3.00pm: www.schoolgateway.com



LUNCH BANDS — PLEASE RETURN

Please can children return all lunch bands to school.



FUTURE DATES

- 27 June — Year 4 Recorder concert 2.20 — 3.00pm
- 30 June — Year 5/6 Parent Meeting (Puberty & Sex Education) 3.40pm
- 01 July — Year 4 Hampton Court
- 04 July — 3MW Horton Kirby
- 04 July — Year 6 Kent Police
- 05 July — 3W Horton Kirby
- 06 July — 3B Horton Kirby
- 07 July — Transition day for all children
- 09 July — Amherst PTA Summer BBQ
- 11 July — Matilda — Dress Rehearsal
- 12 July — Matilda — Matinee Performance
- 13 July — Matilda — Evening Performance
- 14 July — Matilda — Evening Performance
- 20 July — Sports Day
- 21 July — End of Term

PTA

Dear Parents,

AMHERST SUMMER BBQ 9TH JULY

We look forward to celebrating the end of the school year with you at our Summer BBQ.

Tickets and tokens can now be purchased on the PTA -events website. Make sure to bring the whole family, it's going to be a fantastic event!

This year you can buy **10 tokens for £10**, to be spent on the Waffles, Ice Cream, Slushies & Candy Floss, and Sweeties stalls.

The **Bar and BBQ** will take cash or card payments, and children can use their tokens for soft drinks.

If you are able to help with **Matchfunding**, please contact amherst-chair@outlook.com



A vibrant poster for the Amherst Year 6 Leavers Festival. It features a large, colorful disco ball in the center. Surrounding the ball are various activities: 'GLOW STICKS', 'GAMES', 'DJ', and 'UV Glow disc hosted by Captain Fantastic'. The event is scheduled for 'FRIDAY 15TH JULY 6PM TO 8PM' at the 'BAT & BALL CENTRE' with 'FREE ADMISSION!'. A guitar icon is at the bottom left, and a camera icon is at the bottom right. The title 'Amherst Year 6 Leavers Festival' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. At the bottom, it says 'PLEASE BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACE AT WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/AMHERSTPTA'.

TEAM AMHERST hoodies and water bottles

The last day for ordering Team Amherst water bottles and hoodies is **midnight on 25th July 2022**.

Remember that Team Amherst Hoodies can be worn as part of our school uniform for PE and sports competitions.



A poster for the Amherst School's End of Term Ice Lolly Sale. It features a large yellow lolly on the left and right sides. The title 'Amherst School's END OF TERM ICE LOLLY SALE' is prominently displayed in the center. The event is on 'Thursday 21st July at 3:30 pm'. The price is '£1'. The text 'Order online: www.pta-events.co.uk /amherstpta' is in the middle. At the bottom, it says 'Advanced orders only' and 'Orders close at midnight on 19th July'.



A poster for Amherst School's Summer BBQ. It features a large burger on the right. The text 'Get your tickets & tokens now!' is in a red starburst on the left. The title 'AMHERST SCHOOL'S SUMMER BBQ' is in a large, bold, red font. Below it, the date 'SATURDAY 9TH JULY' and time '4PM TO 8PM' are listed. The ticket price 'Advance Family Tickets £20 (£25 on the day)' and the website 'www.ptaevents.co.uk/amherstpta' are also included. At the bottom, it says 'Buy a bag of 10 tokens for £10' and 'Tokens can be used for Candy Floss, Waffles, Sweeties, Ice creams, & Slushies.' A small illustration of a waffle is at the bottom right.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS DISCO – Festival theme

All year 6 children are invited to our **Leavers Disco** hosted by Captain Fantastic — the theme is “Festival”, come dressed to impress under the UV GLOW lights! The event is free, but each child **MUST** book on PTA-Events. We also need **parental consent for photography**, which can be done at the checkout.



An advertisement for Team Amherst hoodies and water bottles. It features a central text box with the title 'TEAM AMHERST' and 'Join the squad...'. Below it, it lists 'Hoodies & Personalised water bottles' and 'Order via www.ptaevents.co.uk /amherstpta'. The price 'Hoodies £22' and 'Special edition water bottles £15' are also shown, along with the deadline 'Orders close 25th July 2022'. To the right, there are three photos of children wearing Team Amherst hoodies. At the bottom, there are three silver water bottles with 'Team Amherst' printed on them.

Please book your tickets and place your orders via our PTA EVENTS website:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta>

We look forward to seeing you at these events which are organised and run by your PTA to raise funds for our fabulous school. Please support as many events as you can!

STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Beatrix D
3MW	Nell C
3W	Talia L
4C	Sebastian G
4SF	Lola-Rose H
4S	Tommy B

5A	Sofia C
5J	Milana T
5S	Max P
6B	Jacob J
6H	Taylor H
6SB	Fred M

TENNIS

On Friday 17th June the following pairs represented Amherst in the Kent School Doubles Tennis Finals at Bromley Tennis Centre after earning their places at the qualifier on 7th June:

Red Girls: **Annebelle W & Isabe N**
Orange Girls: **Georgia C & Isla P**

Red Boys: **Tom L & Charlie H**
Orange Boys: **Ronav D & Ryan T**

Both the Red pairs won all their round robin matches before the girls were split into a knock-out Semi-Final leading to the Final, and the boys were seeded in a 16 pair compass draw. In the Semis the girls fought back from a 9—3 deficit against Wally Hall to win 10—9 and earn a place in the Final, a superb effort which showed real character. Meanwhile the boys moved through their knock-out rounds fairly comfortably to reach the boys Final. Both Finals were played simultaneously with the girls facing Sevenoaks Primary and the boys New Beacon. The boys unfortunately couldn't repeat the earlier victory they'd against the New Beacon pair and lost in the Final, but both Tom & Charlie gave a great account of themselves and should be very proud of their runners-up medal. The girls meanwhile showed a very calm and confident performance against Sevenoaks taking the win 10—6 and winning the Red girls title!

Outside in the Orange events both pairs qualified for the top 4 of their respective events after some fantastic doubles play demonstrating excellent team work and communication against some equally strong pairs. Georgia and Isla then came incredibly close to a place in the Final after earning two match points against St Michael's in the Semis, unfortunately the girls couldn't quite close the game out and lost 10—9 in a real nail biter. Ronav and Ryan also missed out on a place in the Final but went on to win their bronze medal match taking 3rd overall. Georgia and Isla had another very close match but just lost out to take 4th overall, a superb effort from both pairs.

A big well done to all of you, you were a credit to the school and yourselves.



FLUTE ASSEMBLY

We had a lovely assembly listening to the flute choir on Monday morning. The music was enjoyed by everyone in school. Congratulations to all the children taking part.



CRICKET

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 cricket team that attended the Sevenoaks Area Kwik Cricket festival on Monday.

The team performed brilliantly and progressed to the final. This was a very close match against Ide Hill which we narrowly lost by 3 runs on the last ball!

Congratulations to Taylor H, Shabd L, Peter W, Robin G, Max P, Joe S, Jonathan B, Lucas D, Ava T and Amber H!



HEPTATHLON

On Tuesday, Riverhead Infants school held their yearly heptathlon event, which sadly had not been held over the last few years due to Covid. This year we took 16 Year 6 children to help with the running of the event. They were all extremely helpful by setting up the different events, working with the different children from the 9 different schools that attended and scoring the different events while encouraging and offering lots of support to the children competing. Mr Costigan couldn't thank all the children enough for all their hard work. Well done to Imogen F, Olivia W, Conor L, Henry O, Lucas D, Dom W, Rachel B, Carla F, Seb M-S, Daniel A, Eleanor H, Ava T, Aimee H, Lexie G, Sam S and Dylan R.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.

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Come and experience the joy of incredible vibrant, infectious percussion from the land of Carnival, Brazil!

- Groups from beginners to advanced level from age 7+
- No previous drumming experience needed
- 1 hour long sessions (including set-up)
- £9 per session per student
- All instruments provided

Book as many sessions as you wish

August Summer Samba

Offord Village Hall
August 8, 9 & 10
9:30am to 10:30am
10:30am to 11:30am
11:30am to 12:30pm

August 15, 16 & 17
9:30am to 10:30am
10:30am to 11:30am
11:30am to 12:30pm



Confirm your place today:

Email: billy@sevenoaksdrumschool.com

Summer 2022

Holiday Activities and Food Programme
at
Sevenoaks Primary School

PLAY 4 AGES

We are pleased to be able to offer the Holiday Activities and Food funded places in our Summer Holiday Playscheme this year between

Monday 25th July – Friday 12th August 2022

9.30pm – 5.30pm

Eligible families will be offered 8 full day sessions

A healthy snack, cooked lunch and dessert and a cold tea will be included

We have both inside and outside play environments which are set up by our team of qualified and experienced Playworkers to meet the interests of the children attending each day.

Examples of activities and resources on offer include...

Art & Craft Construction Small World Role Play
Board / Card Games Sports / Group Games
Cookery Sewing Hama Beads Loom Bands

To book places please follow the instruction included with your voucher.

Bookings can only be made via the online booking system.

You will be able to pick the dates that you would like, dependant on availability. We will confirm these places once we have all the registration information required.

If you have any questions please email us childcare@play4ages.co.uk

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SUMMER HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP

25TH JULY - 29TH JULY
1ST AUGUST - 5TH AUGUST
8TH AUGUST - 12TH AUGUST

10AM-2PM
CHEVENING PRIMARY SCHOOL

£30 PER DAY
£125 PER WEEK

FULLY DBS CHECKED
FA LEVEL 1 FOOTBALL COACH
LTA LEVEL 3 TENNIS COACH

Amanda - 07584419283
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Sevenoaks School of Dance **SUMMER WORKSHOP**

DANCE STYLES:
STREET DANCE, SINGING,
MUSICAL THEATRE,
CRAFTS & GAMES

Boys & Girls
4 years - 11years
25th - 29th July
Times: 10am - 3pm

At Riverhead Infants School, Worships Hill, Sevenoaks, TN13 2AS

£125 - 5 days
£30 per day

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For more info or to book a place contact: Amy Walker
amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk

SPORT

Fond farewell

CHAIRMAN WAKEFIELD STANDS DOWN AT 'UNIQUE' AMHERST JUNIORS

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PROVIDING an opportunity for children of all abilities to enjoy football has been the role of Sevenoaks-based Amherst Juniors FC and outgoing chairman Phil Wakefield admitted: "I'm sad to leave".

Such has been the success of the club's model they are celebrating 50 years of existence and it is testament to the parent-run outfit they continue to thrive.

"Essentially, it's a completely volunteer-led club and it's linked to Amherst School so it has that affiliation but critically it's not run by the school," explained Wakefield.

"Essentially it's the parents of the children who pass through who take responsibility and look after the club and of course as your children leave, as mine are, you hand it on to the next person.

"It's been doing that for 50 years which is quite an achievement and of course, it's evolved over time.

"One of the key differences really is it welcomes players of all abilities. They are young kids from Year 2 to Year 6, so boys and girls aged six to 11. It's not just about the winning

it's about giving all children of all abilities the opportunity to play football.

"And it's teaching them the skills as well as having proper games. They have to learn to win and lose but also in an environment that's not too harsh on them. Because it's about enjoyment and making sure their enjoyment is front and centre."

Wakefield started off nine years ago like any parent, watching from the sidelines before he got involved in coaching, then, three years ago, assuming the role as chairman.

Leading the club through the Covid-19 pandemic was problematic to say the least.

"It was very difficult as it was difficult for everybody," he said. "But fortunately the FA were particularly good with respect to grassroots football in the guidelines they were issuing."

"We were able to draft protocols and we worked with Knole Academy where they have a 3G pitch. We play on the local common (Chipshead Common) next to Amherst School. But when it's particularly wet we play on the 3G pitch."

"We changed a lot of what we were doing in terms of handling of the ball, keeping parents distant etc."

"We ensured we stayed on the right side of that while also ensuring that as soon as we were allowed by the government to provide an outlet for children to get together outside we did. To try to provide a little bit of normality for them."

Wakefield has loved his role as chairman and added: "It's been very enjoyable. It's very satisfying seeing the children develop. They start off chasing the ball around and then slowly start putting passes together, then over the course of a season operating as a team."

"Uniquely, Amherst don't play against other clubs and Wakefield added: "It's all internal. We have more than 100 children so we have two leagues, a young league for Years 2 to 4 and a senior league for Years 5 and 6. They have six teams in each league that play each other in a league format. They have an indoor cup which we play at Sevenoaks School and an outdoor cup on the common so there is a lot of variety in the type of football being played."

"It probably is unique. It allows us to have more enjoyable games which takes out that stress and competitiveness which is out of your control. Because we have so many children they are not just playing the same team week, in week out, we have a nice rotation."

After Covid, and Wakefield giving trophies to coaches to leave on players' doorsteps rather than people congregating en masse, it has been nice for him and club members to celebrate with a presentation afternoon following last season.

"It has been extremely fulfilling having children back out on the common again as the regulations have been relaxed and more football has been enjoyed, with parents cheering and watching too, it's a real sense of achievement," he said. "And we were able to have a presentation meeting for the first time in three years. It's quite nice we could get together and recognise how the children have progressed over the course of the season."

"Now I'm sad to leave as it's been a long time."

"But the club is in very good hands, continues to evolve. There's always something new happening, new ways of doing things to ensure it's fulfilling what's its core aim is and that's to provide enjoyable football with all abilities."

We have partnered with Sevenoaks Leisure Centre to provide Children's Activity and Swimming Holiday Camps this Summer and we would like to assess the demand for places. We have arranged a great programme and the children will get to swim each day.

We would like to offer a special rate for the families and children in your school and offer them a discount voucher for taking part.

The link is:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SevenoaksLeisureCentre>

