

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

MATILDA

Congratulations to the whole school for such a wonderful summer production. I have felt so proud this week to be the headteacher of such a talented group of children and staff. A great team effort.

I am pleased that children and parents have been able to experience a full Amherst production (the first for two years) as it is a defining moment of their time here. The Productions are events that children will remember for the rest of their lives. It is important too that children experience performing to such a high standard. The model that hard work and practice enables you to perform well is important to learn and utilise in all areas of life. You can only be confident and enjoy a performance when you are well prepared.

Thank you to all staff for working so hard to enable the performances to be such a success. They have given the children something memorable.

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VACANCIES

We are currently looking to recruit a Finance Assistant and a Breakfast Club Assistant. School jobs both at Amherst and in the Sevenoaks area are advertised on the Kent Teach website. Please mention to anyone you know seeking term time employment in the local area. Please find the Kent Teach link [here](#).

REPORTS

Your child will be bringing home their end of year school report today. For Year 6 children it will also contain their SATs outcomes.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day is on **Wednesday 20th July**. Please could children **come to school that day in their PE kit**. Please ensure your child has a **cap and water bottle**. Parents are **invited to attend** Sports Day beginning at 1.30pm. Our format begins with a rotation of activities for each class competing in houses. We finish with running races on the track and then Year 6 prize giving. Hopefully the temperature will have dropped by Wednesday!

I hope you all have a good weekend.

CHOIR TONBRIDGE CASTLE



The **Amherst Choir** performed in the beautiful surroundings of **Tonbridge Castle** last Friday as part of a festival organised by Hillview School. Our Year 3/4 choir performed ***True Colours*** and ***You're Welcome***, and the Year 5/6 choir ***The Rose*** and ***Puttin' on the Ritz***.

We were delighted to win both Upper and Lower Key Stage 2 prizes for '**Best Choir**' and the certificates were awarded to the children by local MP Tom Tugendhat. The organisers and many other teachers commented on the **high quality of the children's singing**. Well done!



NOTICES

RETURNS

PLEASE RETURN BEFORE END OF TERM

Please can children return the following to school before the end of term:

- * **Lunch Bands**
- * **Merit Badges**
- * **Library Books**
- * **Amherst Sports kit** (to Reception)
- * **Official Matilda Script Books**

NUT FREE SNACKS & CEREAL BARS

Please can you ensure your children bring in **healthy snacks** to school.

SPORTS DAY

1.30pm—3.30pm

Parents are welcome to spectate. Please remember to bring your sunscreen and hats as it promises to be a very warm day.

YEAR 4— DT NEXT WEEK

Children will design, make and evaluate their own muffins, while learning a range of cooking skills. Please see the letter sent today for the list of equipment/ingredients needed.

LAST DAY OF TERM – CHIPSTEAD COMMON

After school on the last day of term, many families gather on the common to celebrate the start of the holidays. Neighbours have **kindly requested** that **parents take their litter home** as there is only one tiny little bin.

Breakfast & After School Clubs

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](#)

We're HIRING

VACANCIES

We are looking for a **FINANCE ASSISTANT** (4 days a week/term time only) from September 2022. If you know of anybody who might be interested, please refer them to the Kent Teach website on the following link - [click here](#). All our other vacancies are also available on the link.

REPORT ABSENCES

All absences should be reported **via our website before 09.00 please**. Click on the link and complete the quick form — **NO need to email/call anymore:** [Daily Absence Form](#)

(The form can also be found on our website under ATTENDANCE)

NEW VIOLIN TEACHER

From September we are delighted to be **welcoming Emma s'Jacob** as an **additional violin teacher**. Mrs s'Jacob is an accomplished instrumentalist and has much experience teaching music in schools in London, Kent and Australia. We are so excited to welcome her to peripatetic teaching at Amherst and any children interested in learning with her can contact her on emma.sjacob@googlemail.com. As a reminder, the contact details for all our **music teachers** can be found at [Amherst Music Teachers](#).



SAVE the DATE!

FUTURE DATES

- 18 July — Whole School French Day (NON dress up day)
- 18 July — 4C DT day
- 19 July — Year 5 Greek Day (Dress up day)
- 19 July — 4S & 4SF DT day
- 20 July — Sports Day - 1.30—3.30pm
- 21 July — End of Term - 3.30pm collection

STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Chloe B
3MW	William J
3W	Lucy I
4C	Katie L
4SF	Isla K
4S	Theo H

5A	Henri S
5J	Lois L & James R
5S	Summer J
6B	The Whole Class
6H	The Whole Class
6SB	The Whole Class

MUSIC

Congratulations to the following children:

- **Georgia C** passed her Grade 4 Clarinet exam with Merit.
- **Caroline K** passed her piano grade 2 exam with Distinction.
- **Effie D** passed her piano grade 2 exam with Merit.

PTA



Remember to place your orders via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/>



Amherst School's

END OF TERM ICE LOLLY SALE

Thursday 21st July at 3:30 pm

£1 Order online:
www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta



Advanced orders only
Orders close at midnight on 19th July



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Hoodies & Personalised water bottles

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Hoodies £22
Special edition water bottles £15
Orders close 25th July 2022






COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.

Website – www.westkentathleticsclub.co.uk
Email – westkentac@gmail.com
Phone – 07368 234 921

THE PRO LEAGUE 2022



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athletics

Date – 18/08/2022
Location – The Judd School, Brook Street, TN9 2PN
Duration – 12pm – 3pm
Age range – 6 - 14
Events – Javelin, Long jump & Relay
Entry fee - £15

T-SHIRT INCLUDED!

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Top quality coaching and fun for all aspiring athletes.
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Summer


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Guide

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SHOWTIME
Performing Arts for Children and Teenagers

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You Are Not Alone reconnects young people with the things they have missed out on during the pandemic, helping develop emotional wellbeing and resilience to make a difference now, and for the future.



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● Virtual Workshops ● 1:1 and Peer Support ● Coaching
● Information and Guidance ● Support for Parents

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Improving the uptake of Annual health checks for young people aged 14+

Free webinar!

Bemix and Tricia Nicoll Consulting have been commissioned to lead this project by Kent & Medway Clinical Commissioning Group, for NHS England and Improvement Learning Disability and Autism programme. Click here for further information about the pilots across seven regions across the UK: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/learning-disabilities/improving-health/annual-health-checks/>



We are running **three free webinars** for family carers to share information about Annual Health Checks and how to make sure the young person you support is on their GP learning disability register.

The webinars are on:
Tuesday 19th July at 10.00am
Tuesday 19th July at 2.00pm
Friday 22nd July at 7.00pm

Webinars will last for no more than one hour. **You only need to come to one.**

We will also record the webinar so you can watch it at a time that works for you if you are not able to make any of the scheduled times.



The webinars will be run by Tricia Nicoll who is mum to two young autistic people.

Please get in touch if you would like to book a place or ask for a recording – tricia@tricianicoll.com

MAKE UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES THIS Summer!



A SUMMER HOLIDAY LIKE NO OTHER!



Running at 100+ locations, our inspiring teams of passionate play leaders will ensure opportunities for children to explore their interests, make friends and try something new!

BOOK NOW!