

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

TRUST FAILURE SUCCESS

We have continued exploring this week in assemblies the theme of trust. I shared with the children archive footage of the Apollo 13 failed moon mission. They were inspired by the teamwork and the ability of the ground crew to problem solve.


This led on to a long discussion about learning from mistakes & failure.

During my time in classrooms over the last few weeks I was pleased to observe so many teachers celebrating mistakes as learning opportunities. This positive culture enables children to take risks when learning, which is vital for them to develop further.

One of the biggest factors to hold children back is their fear of making a mistake.

As parents we too have to manage children's mistakes, of which they will make many. This week I was asked the question 'How often do you let your children fail?'. As parents our instinct is to protect our children and try wherever possible to enable them to be successful. This unwittingly can involve predicting potential failure and saving them from it. What if our overprotection was having the opposite affect? **Children only build resilience by making mistakes and learning from them.**

As children progress to secondary school more than ever they are going to need the skills to make independent decisions and be responsible for their behaviours and learning. We often feel it is our fault if they have forgotten their homework or missed the bus because they were late. Continually shielding your child from the consequences of those two scenarios is not helping them take responsibility for their own actions. Letting them fail can be hard to watch but can lead to positive outcomes.

If we want those behaviours to be present at secondary school we need to start whilst they are at Amherst. We can let them make mistakes and have the opportunity to learn from them in a supportive environment. It is such a hard balance to get right as a parent! Maybe this weekend, as parents, we can reflect on that original question 'How often do I let my child fail?'.


SCHOOL PHOTOS

I would just like to pass on the positive feedback from the photographer yesterday. He was amazed by how polite, friendly and well behaved our children were. He said they were a Delight to work with. Well done to them all for being such a positive advert for Amherst School.

I am looking forward to going to Brands Hatch on Sunday to watch the final round of the British Touring Car Championship (live on ITV4). Local driver Jake Hill has an excellent chance of winning his first title. Good luck to Jake and his team!

I hope you all have a good weekend.

NOTICES



ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We are **seeking a new parent governor** to join the Amherst governing board. Please see the letter sent about this last week. If you'd like to find out more about being a school governor, please do get in touch with one of the other governors via the school office and we'd be happy to share our experiences.



REPORT ABSENCES

All absences should be reported **via our website before 09.00am 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)



EARRING TAPE / JEWELLERY

If children are unable to take out their earrings for sport / PE, please can they bring in their **own earring tape**.



DIARY DATES

[Click here](#) to see our school calendar. Please click on subscribe if you would like to add these dates to your personal calendar.



MERIT BADGES

Please can you return all merit badges to the school office—we do not have any Knole badges at the moment. Many thanks



PARKING

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



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please remember our **Harvest Festival on Thursday, 13th October**. We are looking for more parent helpers who are **able to help take the food to the food bank** on Thursday 13th October at **11.30am** please would you let the school office know by email.

Just a reminder of what to donate:

tuna	coffee	meat – stewed steak	beef casserole	hot dogs
potatoes	rice	chicken in white sauce	hot chocolate	spaghetti
tomatoes	fruit	beef or chicken curry	carrots	sauces

sturdy carrier bags



FUTURE DATES

13 October	— Harvest Festival
14 October	— Year 5 - Kent Life Visit
17 October	— Flu Vaccinations—Whole School
17 October	— Year 6 dress up World War II day
20 October	— Term 1 Ends
21 October	— Inset Day
31 October	— Term 2 Starts
11 November	— PTA Quiz night
15 November	— Parent Consultations
16 November	— Parent Consultations
17 November	— Book Fair
25 November	— Clubs End
3 December	— PTA Bazaar
12 December	— Carol Service
14 December	— Pantomime trip
15 December	— Christmas Lunch
16 December	— Term 2 Ends

PTA



SPORT



On Friday 30th September, a team of 24 children from Year 4 and Year 6 participated in the annual Thomas Trophy Cross Country at Sevenoaks Prep. After only one cross-country session, the team demonstrated excellent determination to complete the challenging course.

With every race, the team portrayed incredible team spirit by cheering on those racing from Amherst and even other schools. Amherst came away with one medal from Beatrix D who came in an outstanding second place in the Under 9 girls' race. Jacob B was the highest placed boy who was 13th in the Under 9 boys race. A huge congratulations to all that competed!

Many thanks to the parents for supporting the children.

Mr Brown



STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Yevanhelina L
3H	Matthias L-G
3W	Kitty G
4C	William B
4DB	Lucas D & Eden G
4SF	Ruby Q

5A	Lucas I-C
5J	Annie R
5S	Molly G
6A	Rufus D
6B	Dylan K
6SB	Amy C

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.



HILLVIEW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Performing and Visual Arts Places 2023

Hillview has a long-standing reputation and specialism in the Performing and Visual Arts. 10% of places are offered to students who have taken part in the Hillview aptitude testing.

Applications for the Performing and Visual Arts aptitude testing closes on 6 October, with the aptitude testing taking place on 14 October.

If your child has an aptitude in the Performing & Visual Arts and wants to attend Hillview as her secondary school, we recommend that you consider submitting a form to support her application through KCC.

Further information and the application can be found on the admissions section of our website or by scanning the QR code.

We ask that you please do not apply for these places if you live less than 6 miles distance to the school. Students living further than this can apply for the aptitude testing to support their successful entry to Hillview School for Girls.



October 1/2 Term Holiday Clubs Sevenoaks

DUNTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, TN13 2UR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OCTOBER 24 CREEPY CRAFTS & CAMPFIRE COOKOUT	OCTOBER 25 MINECRAFT MEETS WILDCRAFT	OCTOBER 26 NERF WINTER WASTELAND	OCTOBER 27 BACK TO BASICS BUSHCRAFT - FIRE & CAMP CRAFT	OCTOBER 28 SNOT, BLOOD & ZOMBIES

To book and for more info on activities and how the holiday clubs run www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022

"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"

Fresh air. Fresh activities. Fresh attitude.

CREEPY CRAFTS & CAMPFIRE COOKOUT

Taking inspiration from Latin American culture, join us for a day of toasting churros on the campfire, making spooky Day of the Dead sugar skulls & playing loads of ghoulish games.

SNOT, BLOOD & ZOMBIES

Not as scary as it sounds! We'll be embarking on a zombie fun-filled day of snotty slime making, edible blood & scab making, a hilarious body part scavenger hunt & lots of light-hearted Halloween fun & games.

MINECRAFT MEETS WILDCRAFT

Minecraft Survivor challenge. Collect your elements, build and maintain your village, earn reward pixels and protect your land and villagers. Watch out for the Creeper!

NERF - WINTER WASTELAND

Join us for an energetic day of Nerf dart dodging, playing tactical, team-based Nerf games in our apocalyptic winter wasteland. Defend The Vault, Swamp Rescue & Zombie Apocalypse. Lock & load, kids!

(Due to more competitive nature of this day, age 6+ is recommended)

BACK TO BASICS BUSHCRAFT - FIRE & CAMP CRAFT

Join our instructors for a day of fire lighting skills, camp building and woodland fun & games. Inspired by ancient methods and modern skills to perfect your Bushcraft skills.

For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK



OCTOBER HALF TERM TENNIS CAMP

Venue:
Chipstead Place Lawn Tennis Club, The Old Garden Road,
TN13 2RJ

Dates:
Tuesday 25th - Thursday 27th of October

Times:
9am-11am (5-9 Years)
11.15am-1.15pm (10-16 Years)

Cost (For All 3 Days):
£50 Club Members/ £60 Non-Members

TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
ADAM REAVELY TENNIS (ART) Ltd

Email: adam@artennis.co.uk
Phone: 07966130242

For details of other regular classes please visit the website:
www.artennis.co.uk

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

The Art of tennis

Sevenoaks School of Dance
Dance Workshop
Monday 24th & Friday 28th October
10am till 3pm

Come and join us for some spooky fun!
Dance - Drama - Crafts - Games

@ Riverhead Infants School,
Sevenoaks TN13 2AS

Children ages 4 - 11 years

Contact: amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk

Sevenoaks Symphony Orchestra's Ruth Cable FAMILY CONCERT

Animal Magic with Peter and the Wolf

Sunday, 16th October at 4pm
Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks



This 75-minute programme will delight children of all ages. Internationally acclaimed actor David Leonard will join us to narrate the story of Peter and the Wolf and other classic favourites include extracts from Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens, Cavalry Horse Gallop by Suppe and The Ostrich, Crocodile and Hippo by Ponchielli.

Tickets £8.50; £7.75 for 4 or more.

Book early at the Stag Box Office 01732 450175 or www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk

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OCTOBER HALF TERM
24TH - 28TH OCTOBER 2022

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