

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

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CHILD OF ST KILDA

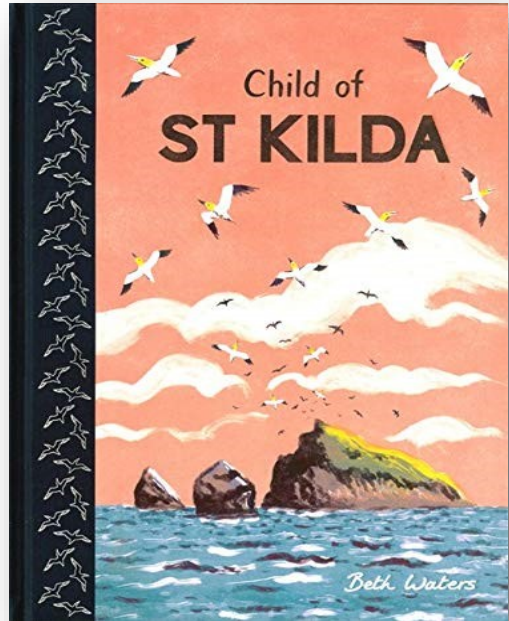
I am pleased to be able to inform you that our next **whole school text** will be 'Child of St Kilda' by Beth Waters. It is a **beautiful and fascinating book** that I'm sure will inspire children and staff to produce some amazing outcomes.

We complete two book projects each year, one after October half term and one after February half term. **The projects are designed to promote and facilitate high quality creative writing and art.** Over the years they have become a key **part of our curriculum** and the children's learning journey at Amherst. To view past projects completed please see the gallery on our [school website](#).

If you were not aware **St Kilda is a group of remote islands** off the west coast of Scotland. Up until the 1930s they were inhabited by a small population. Sadly life on the island became unsustainable and the difficult decision was made to evacuate the population and move to the mainland. '**Child of St Kilda**' describes life on the island prior to the evacuation and what happened afterwards.

The islands are now a **dual world heritage site maintained by National Trust Scotland**. There is a wealth of information about the islands on the [National Trust Website](#). You can even visit the island using [Google Maps Street View](#)!

I would encourage you to buy a copy of 'Child of St Kilda' over half term so your child can read it before studying it in school. It is currently £10.49 on Amazon for a hard back copy. **It was a wonderful book which will be enjoyed by children and adults.** For further information about Beth Waters the author and her research trips to St Kilda I would recommend visiting her [website](#).



I have a feeling this might be one of our best projects yet!

Finally, Jake Hill sadly did not win the BTCC last weekend at **Brands Hatch** but it was a beautiful day and I had a wonderful time out with my children! If you were not aware, children under 13 always have free entry to Brands Hatch.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mr Reid



NOTICES



YEAR 6 WWII DAY

Please remember to **come dressed as an evacuee child** and **bring the following items to school**: A kitchen grater, a peeler, trainers, a spare sock and any spare buttons and colouring pencils.



XMAS4SCHOOLS

This is a REMINDER for all artwork to be back at school by the **20th OCTOBER**.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ARE READY

School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your proof card and follow the instructions.



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)



FUTURE DATES

- 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
- 25 November — PTA Uniform and Christmas Jumper Sale
- 3 December — PTA Bazaar
- 12 December — Carol Service
- 14 December — Pantomime trip
- 15 December — Christmas Lunch

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Harvest Festival yesterday. Thank you also to the parent helpers for delivering all the food to the **Loaves and Fishes foodbank** who I know were **incredibly appreciative of our generosity**. The food will be much needed to support families over the coming months.

Please click on the **THANK YOU BAR** below to see the abundance of food that was delivered yesterday.



**THANK
YOU**
for your
generosity



SPORT & MORE

SPORT LEADERS

Over the last two weeks our Sports Leaders have been leading sports activities for small groups of children at lunch. They have been planning and delivering the sessions themselves, coming up with fun games for the younger year groups.

Everyone is welcome to join in at lunchtimes!

Well done **Amy, Caitlin, Sol and Josh!**



FOOTBALL

On Tuesday 11th October, the **Amherst football team** played their first two league matches of the season against Sevenoaks Primary and Anthony Roper. The first match was against Sevenoaks and after battling hard throughout the first half, Amherst managed to score a fantastic team goal to lead 1-0 at half time. In the second half, Amherst continued to play some impressive free-flowing and attacking football and as a result, were eventual 3-0 winners. In the second game, we played Anthony Roper and again Amherst showed **terrific teamwork skills, determination and perseverance** to break down a tricky defence and eventually win the game 2-0.

Mr Barratt



RUGBY

On Thursday 13th October, our **Amherst tag rugby team** competed in the Knole Sports Partnership Rugby Festival against over 20 other schools from the area.

After winning every game in the group stages, the team were top seeds heading into the final few play off matches. There were some outstanding team tries scored with every player supporting each other and helping out in every aspect of the game. After the final play-off matches, Amherst won the final 4 - 3 against Lady Boswells and finished overall tournament winners!



A huge well done to Charlotte B (6B), Harry H (6B), Harper (6A), Evie (6A), Josh M (6A), Rufus D (6A), Ewan S (6SB), Joe S (6SB) and Ruari (6SB). Thank you also to parents for your support and helping with transport.

Mr Brown

OFF BY POETRY

Congratulations to our winners:

Y3 - Neve L (3H)

Y4 - Freddy K (4DB)

Y5 - Grace W (5A)

Y6 - Thomas C (6A)



STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Max P	5A	Fathima C
3H	Brooke M	5J	Hector B
3W	Oliver G	5S	Sydney W
4C	Isla S	6A	Sofia B-W
4DB	Ollie P	6B	Ralph M
4SF	Katie W	6SB	Sia D

TEAM AMHERST PTA

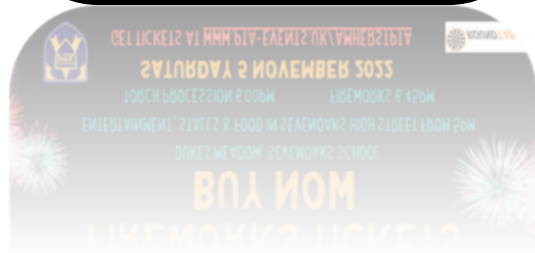


Parents,

Please click on the links below to buy your tickets, book your tables and order your artwork for the upcoming events.

We appreciate your support very much!

Your Amherst PTA

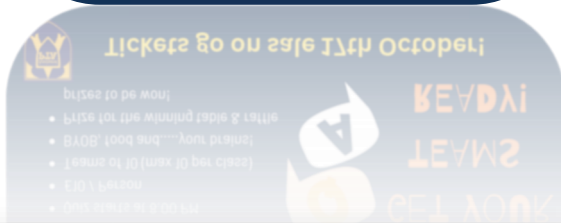
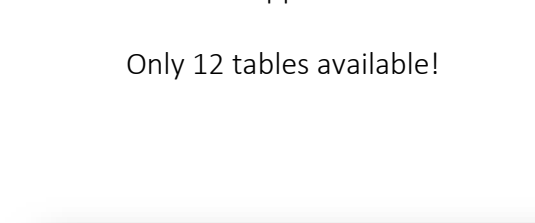


The QUIZ night challenge is ON!!!

Make sure to book your class table to avoid disappointment!

Only 12 tables available!

Tickets go on sale 17th October!



Xmas for Schools
Create beautiful, personalised gifts and cards

Submission deadline 17th October

12 pack A6 Christmas cards - £5.50/12 pack A6 blank cards - £5.50

A3 poster calendars - £4.50/12 pack gift labels - £4.00/Mugs - £7.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.



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PLACES AVAILABLE

KIDSPLAY & LEARN PRE-SCHOOL

OFSTED REGISTRATION: 269 3589

TEL: 07799 023898

WWW.KIDSPLAYPRESCHOOL.CO.UK
INFO@KIDSPLAYPRESCHOOL.CO.UK

If you have been looking for a pre-school place for your little one, LOOK NO FURTHER! This is the place!

It is the **right** place for your child because:

-We have started NEW with ALL brand new materials, resources and equipment for children to use.

-SMALL number of children which offers your child a lot more room (more than anywhere else) to explore, play, learn and develop rapidly (very large hall and lovely space outside)

-MORE teacher - child time (one-on-one or in a small group, teacher qualified at masters level)

-CALM, peaceful environment to learn at own pace (with no distractions or being rushed from many other children being in the same room).

GORGEOUS outside set up (sand/water tray, animals, slide, large building blocks etc)!

- SHORT walk from the park and much more! **Do not take our word for it! Come and visit us and see for yourself!**
Call OR text on 0779 9023 898 We would be very happy to arrange a time for you and your little one to have a look around and talk to us. We opened first time full days on 3rd October 22 (after Ofsted registration). **Below/next page you can have a glimpse of what we've been doing since we opened.**



LoveReading

4 KIDS BUY BOOKS CHANGE LIVES

Buy from our bookstore, get 10% off RRP and 25% of the cover price will be given to a school of your choice to buy more books.

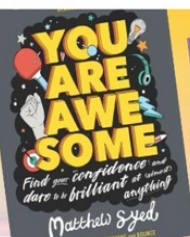


Building Resilience

30 Children's Books to Help Build
Resilience

Browse Now

10% off
RRP



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PUPPETRY
festival

FREE
EVENTS

Sat 15 October 2022 12-5pm
Calverley Grounds and Royal Victoria Place

