

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8TH EDITION 4 NOVEMBER 2022

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

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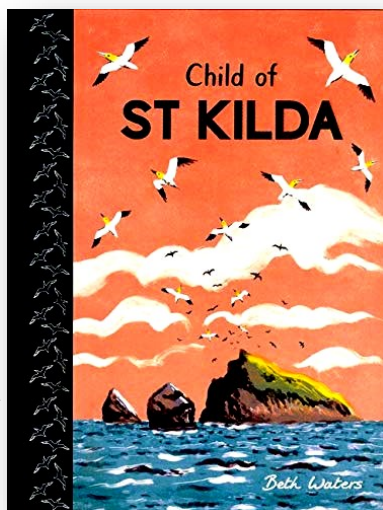
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Child of St Kilda

The children and staff have had an excellent first week back. We have enjoyed the first week of our whole school book project 'Child of St Kilda' by Beth Waters.

I have had the pleasure of many children coming to my office this week with examples of excellent work. Work has ranged from an amazing sketch of an orca to a powerful written description of the weather and landscape on St Kilda.

I hope your child has been enthused by the project so far and is keen to talk about it at home. It is proving to be an excellent text choice which will lead to high quality written and artistic outcomes.



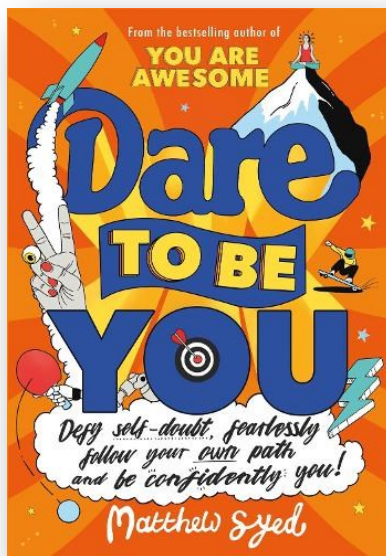
Kindness

This term's value is **Kindness**. Whenever I ask children which value they think is the most important they often choose kindness. Our PSHE curriculum is bespoke to our school values with a weekly lesson on that value. I feel strongly that kindness can and should be taught.

In assembly this week I shared the chapter on kindness from Matthew Syed's excellent book 'Dare to be You'. We had a long discussion about the benefits of kindness for ourselves, both giving and receiving. We also talked about how damaging unkindness can be and how long the effects can last.

Next week we will talk about being kind to ourselves. Matthew Syed's top tips for children are:

- Find a routine with **sleep**
- Find time to get **exercise**
- Find things that make you **feel calm**
- Take **time away from screens**
- **Don't bottle things up**



I hope you all have a good weekend and if attending firework parties stay safe.



NOTICES



YEAR 6 TRIP— YOUNG VOICES 2023

You should have received a letter about our trip to the O2 on **FRIDAY, 20 January 2023**. Please note that **orders** for t-shirts and spectator tickets (which are both optional) should be placed by **Friday 11 November** please.



BAZAAR Collection — FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER

Your child should come home with **2 mystery bags** next week. **Please could you fill it and send it back** to school by **Friday**. Fun items: pencils, rubbers, stickers, tattoos, notepads and a small toy. Children can wear **FESTIVE HEADGEAR** on **Friday**.



CHILD OF ST KILDA — SEVENOAKS BOOKSHOP

If you would like to order a copy of the new 'whole school' book, Sevenoaks Bookshop have it available or can order it in for you.

ASK

Amherst School Kitchen

LUNCH MENU — NEXT TERM

Please ensure you top up your child's lunch money account— www.schoolgateway.com . Costs are:
Daily - £ 2.45 / Weekly - £ 12.25 / Term 2 - £ 85.75 (35 days)



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations will take place in the school hall on **Tuesday 15th November 2022** from 3.50-8.00pm and **Wednesday 16th November 2022** from 3.50 to 6.30pm.

Bookings open on **Friday 4th November 2022** at 7:00pm and close on **Wednesday 9th November** at 4.00pm.

Please log into www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and enter the event code which was emailed out recently.



POPPY APPEAL

We will be selling poppies in school from Monday. Children are allowed to bring in small change.



ADMISSION TO PRIMARY / JUNIOR SCHOOLS

2023 applications are open between **Friday 4 November 2022 - Monday 16 January 2023** and can be made online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola.



FUTURE DATES

8 November	—	PTA meeting - 8pm
7-11 November	—	Poppy Appeal
11 November	—	PTA Quiz night
11 November	—	Open afternoon (Whole school)
15 November	—	Parent Consultations
16 November	—	Parent Consultations
18 November	—	Children in Need
21– 23 November	—	Book Fair
25 November	—	Clubs End
25 November	—	PTA Uniform & Christmas Jumper Sale
28—29 November	—	Year 3 Rocks Day workshops
2 December	—	Year 4 Christmas Production (Dress Rehearsal)
3 December	—	PTA Bazaar
5 December	—	PTA Mini Bazaar
5 December	—	Year 4 Christmas Production (Matinee Performance 2pm)
7 December	—	Year 4 Christmas Performance (Evening Performance 6pm)
12 December	—	PTA Secrets Room
12 December	—	Carol Service
14 December	—	Pantomime trip
15 December	—	Christmas Lunch
16 December	—	Term 2 Ends

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL

Lakshmi P

3H

Dexter S

3W

Emily T

4C

On school trip

4DB

On school trip

4SF

On school trip

5A

Sammie C

5J

Matilda B

5S

Lily S

6A

Aerin P

6B

Axley L-G

6SB

Johnny V

SPORT

CROSS COUNTRY

On 20th October, Amherst competed in the District Cross Country Championships at Radnor House. Amherst came away with 3 individual medals: Beatrix D 1st in the U9 girls, Jacob B 2nd in U9 boys, and Annabelle W 2nd in U11 girls. As well as this we had all our teams place in the top 3 in all the events. Everyone who competed did an amazing job representing Amherst at the event: cheering on all competitors; waiting until the end to support all team members; and showing real determination to finish the tough course.



YEAR 5 – KENT LIFE TRIP



CHRISTMAS CAROL

Can't wait for Christmas to start?

Think you have what it takes to write your own Christmas song?

Why not enter our Christmas Carol Competition by writing the lyrics to your very own carol. You could make it about anything Christmassy: Winter, the Nativity Story, Snowmen, Santa ... the choice is yours! The winning child's carol will be sung in our school's Carol Service on Monday 12th December.

The Rules are:

- Just focus on words as we will work with the winner to come up with a tune.
- Try to write at least two verses, although some of you will also want to write a repeating song chorus.
- Hand your completed lyrics in to Mr Clarke or at the school Reception Desk.
- The deadline is **Wednesday 16th November**.





TEAM AMHERST PTA



Christmas Bazaar

MYSTERY BAG COLLECTION

Our next collection is coming up for this **Friday, 11th November**. Your child will be sent home with 2 Christmas bags today. The bag(s) can be decorated by your child, and we are asking that your child please bring back filled bag(s) with fun, festive items such as: pencils/pens, rubbers, stickers, fake tattoos, notepads, small toys, small game, etc... This should be valued at no more than a few pounds and try to be made unisex for either a boy or girl.

 **This will be in exchange for wearing festive headgear to school!** 

Thank you again for all of your efforts in making this a fun event for the children again this year! -- Your PTA Team



Friday 18th November - Stocking collection **in exchange for silly socks/tights** - class 5A

Friday 25th November - Bottle Tombola collection **in exchange for Christmas Jumpers** - Class 6B

Fri 11th - 25th November— Good quality toys and books—class 3H



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, 3 December 2022
12 - 3pm

