

# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

I am looking forward to the Christmas Bazaar tomorrow. As I am writing this the PTA are busy in the school hall getting ready. I would like to say thank you in advance to our superb PTA team and all other volunteers who have helped enable the Bazaar to take place.

It is a wonderful event and feels like the beginning of Christmas!

*The cake stall is looking forward to lots of donations coming in tomorrow. Thank you in advance!*



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, 3 December 2022  
12 - 3pm



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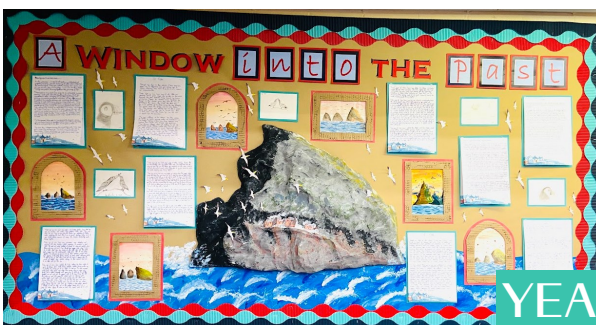
The finished displays are up and look amazing!

Each year group has worked so hard to produce such fantastic writing and artwork. I have been impressed by the quality and range of work produced. Well done to everybody for completing such a successful project. To view more photos of the project please [click on the following link](#).

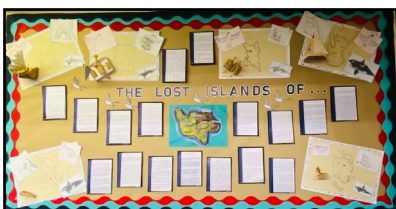
### YEAR 3



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# NOTICES



## PTA MINI BAZAAR

The mini bazaar will take place during school time on **Monday morning 9 —11.00am**. Please send children in with **small change** as they will get the chance to browse through the last bits of the bazaar.



## YEAR 4 CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW

We look forward to **welcome the parents of our year 4 children** to this year's performances. The events are not ticketed.

- \* **Matinee show:** Monday, 5 December 2.00pm
- \* **Evening performance:** Wednesday, 7 December 6.00pm



## ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We are **seeking a new parent governor** to join the Amherst governing board. Please see the letter sent about it earlier in the week. **Closing date for nominations** is **7th December 2022**.



## FUTURE DATES

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|-------------|---|--|
| 3 December  | — | PTA Bazaar 12.00—3.00pm                          |
| 5 December  | — | PTA Mini Bazaar 9.00—11.00am                     |
| 5 December  | — | Year 4 Christmas Show (Matinee Performance 2pm)  |
| 7 December  | — | Year 4 Christmas Show (Evening Performance 6pm)  |
| 12 December | — | PTA Secrets Room                                 |
| 12 December | — | Carol Service (St Mary's Riverhead / 6 - 7.00pm) |
| 14 December | — | Pantomime trip                                   |
| 15 December | — | Christmas Lunch                                  |
| 16 December | — | Term 2 Ends                                      |

# CHOIR

## MAIDSTONE MUSIC FESTIVAL



Last Saturday, the Amherst Choir won the 'Under 12' choir class of the Maidstone Music Festival for the fourth time. The choir sang two songs, *Welcome to Rustin Creek* and *This Old Man*, which were highly praised and given 'Honours' by the adjudicator. Thank you to Miss Payne for accompanying us on the piano.

## CHRISTMAS SONG - WINNER

Congratulations to Molly Gawn in Year 5 for winning this year's 'Christmas Song Competition'. We had so many wonderful entries from across the school, making the selection process a real challenge for all the teachers. Molly has been working with Mr Clarke over the past few days to set her words to music and her completed carol, *Christmas in Trafalgar Square*, will be performed at the school Carol Service on Monday 12th December.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON



Last Friday evening the Amherst Choir performed at the Sevenoaks Lights Switch-On, performing a range of Christmas songs that included *When Christmas Comes to Town*, *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree*, *You're a Mean One, Mr Grinch* and some carols. The children were absolutely brilliant, singing with enthusiasm and acting as a real credit to the school. We are looking forward to performing carols in Trafalgar Square from 4.00-5.00pm

on Thursday 15th December, which anyone is welcome to come and support.



# STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Douglas B
3H	Benjamin C
3W	Imogen H
4C	Ben G
4DB	Thomas K
4SF	Mia J

5A	Avani T
5J	Charlotte T
5S	Amelie P
6A	Tom C
6B	Sven M
6SB	Nathaniel C

## FOOTBALL– BOYS

On Friday 25th November, **eight children took part in the Sevenoaks School indoor football tournament**, competing against 9 other local schools. Amherst impressively won all 4 of their group matches and managed to finish top of group A! Each team went through to a new round depending on the group placings – Amherst qualified for the final of the main competition and faced a tricky Sevenoaks Primary team. The whole team played fantastically well showing great determination, teamwork and passing ability.

As a result, **Amherst managed to win the final 2-0 thanks** to two really impressive team goals – Amherst were the overall tournament winners! **Huge congratulations** to Joe H, Joe S, Dylan K, Ethan W, Josh M, Charlie H, Albert R-C and Jack G. Thank you to all the parents for assisting with transport and for their support throughout the tournament.  
Mr Barratt



## FOOTBALL– GIRLS

On the 28th November the **Amherst Girls football team** took part in a town wide tournament at **Knole Academy** with 16 other schools taking part!

The team did so well in our mini league, we won our first 2 games and lost our last 2 to **finish 3rd in our table**. The girls played so well in each match, playing fairly, with passion and most importantly with a smile on their faces. **Every player in the squad played their part really well** and worked fantastically as a team, encouraging each other in every moment, one very proud coach!"  
Mr Amott



## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to **both children and parents** for your very generous support of our Children in Need Fundraising efforts. **We are happy to report that a fantastic amount of £1,347.51** has been raised and sent off to the BBC Children in Need Appeal this week! Thank you to the school council and Miss Jones who organised all the fantastic activities that raised such a brilliant amount of money.





# SCHOOL LIFE

Some pictures of recent events in school



YEAR 4 BATTLE ABBEY TRIP



FLUTE ASSEMBLY

YEAR 3 Rocks Workshop

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.

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We'd love to  
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**SO** Christmas Hockey Camps

Come and join our Christmas Hockey Camps on Monday 19, Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 December from 10am to 3pm at Holly Bush L.

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Eventbrite - SO Hockey presents SO Hockey Christmas Camp with Richard Young & Joel Thomas (19-21 December) - Monday, 19 December 2022 | Wednesday, 21 December 2022 at Holly Bush, Sevenoaks, Kent. Find event and ticket information.

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