



# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16th EDITION - 13 JANUARY 2023



## MESSAGE FROM MR REID



### TA Recruitment

We currently have vacancies for part time and full time Teaching Assistant positions. Being a teaching assistant is a highly rewarding and enjoyable role. Our TAs are a highly valued and key part of our teaching team and make a huge difference to a wide range of children. Please don't be put off if you have not worked in a school before, as many skills from other workplaces and parenting are transferable. If you are interested in applying and would like to discuss the role please don't hesitate to contact me. [Click here for further information.](#)

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### New Athletics and Hockey Coaches

I am pleased to be able tell that we have recently recruited a new hockey coach, Jules Halls from Sevenoaks Hockey Club. We have always tried to provide a strong hockey programme at Amherst with a clear pathway into club hockey. Up until Easter, Jules will be helping coach our lunchtime club at Hollybush and then curriculum whole class coaching on the playground on Thursday afternoons. We are lucky to secure the services of Jules who has represented Great Britain at two Olympic games (1996 and 2000).

Lewis Church (West Kent Athletics Club) is coaching indoor athletics and fitness curriculum sessions in Terms 3 and 4. After Easter he will help coach curriculum athletics lessons and hopefully provide an after-school athletics club with Mr Brown. Lewis is a high level Decathlete competing for Great Britain.

I'm sure your children will enjoy working with both coaches over the coming terms and benefit from the opportunity of working with professionals.



### Dare to be You

Lastly I would like to share an extract from Matthew Syed's excellent book *Dare to be You*. He identifies seven key areas for children (and adults!) to focus on to be happy and successful.

1. **Make friends with people who like you for you.** (Make friends with people who will build you up, not knock you down.)
2. **Make choices based on what you feel is right for you.** (There are so many choices and decisions to be made all the time. Make these based on what you would like for yourself, based on the values that you feel, and know in your heart, are important.)
3. **Don't blindly copy other people. Be you.** (Pick out the traits in others that you really admire and copy those.)
4. **Don't be afraid to do things at your own pace.** (Be brave. Ask to slow down if you need to. Everyone learns in different ways.)
5. **You should be prepared to be flexible.** (You might not find your own path straight away, and that is fine. You might need to change it up a few times before you find what really works for you.)
6. **Be kind.** (There are major benefits to being kind and for people who are kind.)
7. **Make it happen. Don't wait. Get out there. It is down to you.** (This is your own path. Take control. Make it the best one you could have.)

I hope you all have a good weekend.

# NOTICES



## YEAR 6— YOUNG VOICES— SPECTATOR TICKETS

Tickets are now ready for collection from the school office. Final information will be send out early next week.



## YEAR 5— RAINFOREST ROADSHOW

Please see the letter sent out earlier today about the workshop at school on the 31st January 2023.



## 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)



## KENT SCHOOL HEALTH TEAM

The Kent School Health Team would like to share with you the details of their **new phone number** which is now live. You can use this number to contact **Kent School Health** through their Central Admin Team. The number is: **0300 123 5205**, choose option 2.



## 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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola).



## VACANCIES

Please visit [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com) to view our current vacancies for a Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor.



## PTA MEETING

Everyone is welcome at our PTA Meeting on **Tuesday 17 January 2023, 8.00pm** at the Bullfinch Pub.



## FUTURE DATES

- |             |   |   |
|-------------|---|---|
| 20 January  | — | Year 6 Young Voices Trip                    |
| 31 January  | — | Year 5 Rainforest Roadshow                  |
| 10 February | — | Term 3 Ends                                 |
| 20 February | — | Term 4 Begins                               |
| 21 February | — | Year 3 Roman Day (3CL)                      |
| 22 February | — | Year 3 Roman Day (3H)                       |
| 23 February | — | Year 3 Roman Day (3W)                       |
| 02 March    | — | World Book Day                              |
| 13 March    | — | Year 6 Trip to Parliament                   |
| 15 March    | — | Year 4 Trip to the Science                  |
| 16 March    | — | Love to Dance Performance 4.00 & 6.30pm     |
| 17 March    | — | Open Afternoon 2.45pm                       |
| 17 March    | — | Clubs End                                   |
| 21 March    | — | Parent Consultations                        |
| 23 March    | — | Parent Consultations                        |
| 25 March    | — | Sevenoaks Clean-up                          |
| 26 March    | — | Sevenoaks Clean-up                          |
| 27 March    | — | Sevenoaks Clean-up                          |
| 27 March    | — | Year 3 Easter Performance - Dress Rehearsal |
| 28 March    | — | Year 3 Easter Performance                   |
| 28 March    | — | Amherst Music Festival 6.00pm               |
| 31 March    | — | Term 4 Ends                                 |



# LET'S CELEBRATE

## STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Teddy H	5A	Ethan W
3H	Chloe J	5J	Jessica N
3W	Edie S	5S	Florence D
4C	Polly S	6A	Fred K
4DB	Amelia T	6B	Cece B
4SF	Ava K	6SB	Robin G

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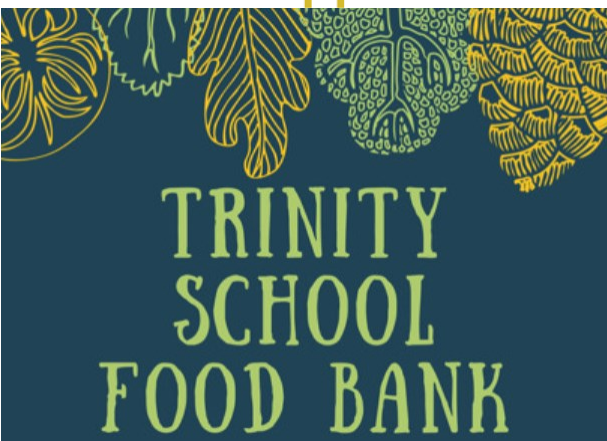


*£236.62  
raised*



## YEAR 4 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

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raised*





# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.



## Events & Competitions 2023

### Get cooking!

Not just another cooking competition; it's a way to get children and young people to learn an essential life skill. There are three age categories and it's really simple to enter.

We're not looking for the next Master Chef we just want children and Young People across Kent and Medway to get cooking! This can be a class activity or quality fun time at home! Share with your schools and let's get Kent and Medway Cooking!

For more details and to enter [click here](#)

Watch a video of last year's final [here](#)

Read about last year's showcase [here](#)



### Get inspired!

We all know how important it is for children and young people to get involved in STEM but it's often just too hard to get them motivated. The Big and Little STEM challenge is the perfect way to inspire them. This doesn't need to be a huge project, it can be a class, individual or group project - yes even something you are doing as part of the curriculum.

Finalists are invited to participate in a Science Fair at the magnificent Discovery Park - home to some of the biggest names in science and technology in Kent.

For more details and to enter [click here](#)

Watch a video of last year's final [here](#)

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### Get active!

We have TWO Big Bike Rides planned for 2023 and it's the perfect way to have a great day out and raise money for a charity or good cause of your choice - yes even your PT!

This isn't a race it's a challenge so even if you are new to cycling or just want to give it a go this is the event for you. There's no time limit so you can take as much time as you want - we want it to be fun!

For more details and to enter [click here](#)

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Read about last year's BIG Bike Ride [here](#)



[kmcharityteam.co.uk](http://kmcharityteam.co.uk)



## OPEN AUDITIONS

### Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID



TUESDAY JANUARY 17th

THE STAG

SEVENOAKS, TN13 1ZZ

8.00pm-6.00pm 8-12yrs old

6.00pm-7.00pm 13-21yrs old

All auditionees must be 8 years old by the time of the show

SUNDAY JANUARY 29th

THE STAG

SEVENOAKS, TN13 1ZZ

2.00pm-3.30pm 8-12yrs old

3.30pm-5.00pm 13-21yrs old

TO BE PERFORMED AT THE STAG - SEVENOAKS. 11TH - 13TH MAY 2023

NOTHING TO PREPARE

JUST ARRIVE, BOOK IN AND AUDITION

*You only need attend one audition / A show fee is payable by all successful applicants*

## Homes for Ukraine

Can you offer a spare room for six months?

Find out more about welcoming a Ukrainian family at our host events:

**Wednesday 18 January 6.30pm to 8.30pm**

at Swanley Link, BR8 7AE

**Thursday 19 January 6.30pm to 8.30pm**

at The Vine Evangelical Church, Sevenoaks, TN13 3AT



To find out more email [homesforukraine@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

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January/February 2023

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