



AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Determination

Assemblies this week have continued to be themed around Determination. On Monday I read to the children **the story of Jessica McClure, which describes the amazing rescue that took place when she fell down a well.** The children were fascinated by the determination and ingenuity that the emergency services and workers from the mining industry demonstrated to successfully rescue Jessica.

On Tuesday I shared the story of **Eric LeMarque a snowboarder who got lost on Mammoth Mountain in California.** He spent over a week lost in the snow and ice before he was rescued. Again, the story was an excellent example of determination (even if a little extreme) to stay alive and be resourceful. At one point Eric had to rest every ten steps and resist the urge to lie down and fall asleep.

Both stories were written by David Long who specialises in retelling true events of survival and rescue. I would highly recommend both books, ‘Survivors’ and ‘Rescue’.

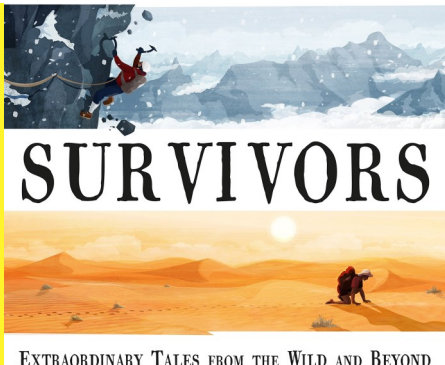
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Curriculum Update

I wanted to share with you work that has been **completed to review our History and Geography** curriculum since September. Our four Year Group Leaders (Miss Wonnacott, Mr Clarke, Mrs Archer and Mr Barratt) alongside our History Subject Leader (Mrs Carver) and Geography Leader (Mrs Davies) have spent two days per subject reviewing our content and skills progression ensuring we develop a love of learning and depth of knowledge for each subject.

It has been an excellent process and produced an improved and precise curriculum for both subjects. We have carefully considered what we are teaching and the order that it is taught in. We have introduced four key questions that we hope children will be able to answer at the end of a unit of study. For example, in the Year 3 study of Roman Britain the questions are:

1. How did the Roman era begin in Britain?
2. What were the main differences between the Celts and Romans?
3. Who were important people in the Roman era?
4. How did the Romans impact life in Britain today?

We plan to review Art and DT during Terms 4 and 5.

Young Voices

Year 6 are visiting the O2 today/tonight to take part in Young Voices. They will rehearse during the afternoon alongside approx. 8000 other children, then perform to a capacity crowd tonight. I’m sure they will have a wonderful time and represent Amherst with pride.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

NOTICES



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)



VACANCIES

Please visit www.kent-teach.com to view our current vacancies for a Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor.



VAN COLS— CLASS PHOTOS

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that your child's class photograph is ready to view using the **class code sent via email** earlier in the week. The website to use is— www.getphotos.co.uk

Please **place your order before 3rd February 2023** for free delivery back to school. Class photo example:



YEAR 6 HILLTOP – NEXT INSTALMENT DUE

This is a reminder of the **next Hilltop instalment** which is **due 27 January 2023**.



FUTURE DATES

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| 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	Harvey C	5A	Henry F
3H	Leela P	5J	Imogen H
3W	Arthur W	5S	Jessica M
4C	Maddie H	6A	Ben I
4DB	James K	6B	Issy L
4SF	Daisy V	6SB	Molly H

MUSIC

Annie H (6SB) has passed her Grade 1 tenor horn with Merit.
Lilian K (6SB) has passed her Grade 4 Flute Practical with Merit.

DARE TO BELIEVE

On Wednesday 5 children went to Sevenoaks school to take part in a sporting event which consisted of 5 different sports. These were GoalBall, Boccia, Seated Volleyball, Curling and Table Cricket. These were mostly new sports to the children.

All the children enjoyed the activities and did extremely well. Well done to James R, Elsie A, Daniel H, Zack R and Annabelle W.



ATHLETICS

Harper W (6A) took part in the Kent Sportshall Decathlon last Sunday and was placed in the top 3 winners.

Subsequently Harper has been offered a place in the U11 Kent team and will represent the county in a competition in February. What a fantastic achievement Harper—congratulations!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.



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