



# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd EDITION - 10 MARCH 2023



## MESSAGE FROM MR REID



### Learning Walk

This week I had a very enjoyable session in Year 5. The children were so keen and proud to share their learning. I was impressed with the quality of their work and attitudes. I spent time in **two maths lessons** and an **RE lesson**. The RE lesson focussed on the children **creating an Eco Church** inspired by Bessels Green Baptist Church recently receiving an Eco award. The children had some fantastic ideas. In maths, the children were **working hard to interpret line graphs** and showed good understanding. I was part of an interesting class discussion working out how to calculate the formula for speed = distance ÷ time. distance = speed × time. GCSE maths!

The children were keen to share their **compost project** and some **wonderful art creations** linked to the *Flotsam* project. I can't wait to see the finished displays which have started to appear this week around the hall.

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### Sevenoaks Partnership of Primary Schools

On Tuesday I welcomed visitors from the Sevenoaks Partnership of Primary Schools to attend training I was leading with Helen Jones—educational consultant / ex local headteacher. They were all so impressed by the school, which is always nice to hear!



### PRIME Water bottles

Please could children **not bring PRIME bottles** into school. This includes using an old PRIME bottle as their water bottle.



### Neighbours

Please could I remind you again about **being considerate to our neighbours when parking**. We are still getting incidents of neighbours' driveways being blocked which is unfair and very frustrating for them. Please could you also **avoid parking close to the school gates on the zig zag lines** as this makes it incredibly hard for staff to leave the car park safely as you can't see if any traffic is coming. **Thank you for your anticipated support.**



### Staff Absence

Mrs Talliss, who many of you will know works on our Reception desk, is currently absent due to ill health. We are advertising for temporary cover, and in the meantime the office team will answer any queries normally dealt with by Mrs Talliss. We all wish her a speedy recovery, and look forward to seeing her back at school when she is well.

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). Please complete the form for **every day** your child is off school.



## BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We have Breakfast Club spaces Monday, Thursday and Friday and After School Club spaces on Friday. **Please note, children attending breakfast and after school clubs this year automatically have places** for September onwards. Please contact the [school office](#).



## SCHOOL TRIPS

**Year 4—Science Museum—15 March**

Please give consent and make payment via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

**Year 6 —Parliament Trip—13 March**

Please give consent via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)



## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Bookings open on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm** and close on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm**. Please log into [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) and enter the event code which has been emailed to you to book your 10-minute slot.



## SPRING BALL TICKETS ARE ON SALE!

These tickets are the hottest thing in town. Don't miss this opportunity to get yours asap. [Click here](#) to book!



## CLUBS END

All clubs end on **Friday, 17th March 2023**. Please note there is no Table Tennis Squad training on Tuesday next week.



## VACANCIES

Please visit [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com) to view our current vacancies for:

- Teaching Assistant—Full Time
- Class Teacher—Maternity Cover
- Class Teacher—Full time
- Receptionist—Long Term Absence Cover—Temporary



## YOUNG VOICES— SINGLE WITH HEATHER SMALL

**'PROUD' by Heather Small featuring the Young Voices Choir.**

Every single voice from the YV23 concerts has been blended together along with the unmistakeable sound of Heather Small. Buy now for less than a £1—[click here](#)!

Lets top the charts and make it one more thing for your children to be PROUD of!

**All UK proceeds will be donated to children's mental health charity Place2Be.**



## LONDON MARATHON FUNDRAISER

Pavandeem Wakem (Thea's mum—4C) is **running the London marathon** in April and will be fundraising **for Amherst School PTA**. If you can spare a fiver to support Mrs Wakem, it **will be greatly appreciated**—please [click here](#) to donate.

All funds will go towards creating new outdoor spaces for playtime and lunchtime.

## FUTURE DATES

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|----------|--|
| 13 March | — Year 6 Trip to Parliament                          |
| 15 March | — Year 4 Trip to the Science Museum                  |
| 16 March | — Love to Dance Performances 4.00 & 6.30pm           |
| 17 March | — Open Afternoon & PTA Second Hand Uniform 2.45pm    |
| 17 March | — Clubs End  |
| 21 March | — Parent Consultations                               |
| 23 March | — Parent Consultations                               |
| 24 March | — PTA Cake Sale 3.30pm                               |
| 24 March | — PTA Dress Swap Event 7.00-9.00pm                   |
| 25 March | — Sevenoaks Clean-up                                 |
| 26 March | — Sevenoaks Clean-up                                 |
| 27 March | — Sevenoaks Clean-up                                 |
| 27 March | — Year 3 Easter Performance - Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm |
| 28 March | — Year 3 Easter Performance 2.00pm                   |
| 28 March | — Amherst Music Festival 6.00—8.00pm                 |
| 31 March | — Term 4 Ends  |





# LET'S CELEBRATE

## STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Ernie M
3H	Linus B
3W	William W-E
4C	Thomas W
4DB	Lauren S
4SF	Lucy I

5A	James J
5J	Caroline K
5S	Jack R
6A	Arnav S
6B	Aishi M
6SB	Edward H

## CHOIR— TUNBRIDGE WELLS ARTS FESTIVAL

Last Saturday, the Amherst Choir competed in the **Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival** at Kent College, singing two songs, *Follow Your Dream* and *Goliath*. The children not only **won the overall Children's Choir class** but were also awarded **a mark of 'Distinction'**. CONGRATULATIONS to the choir and Mr Clarke—we could not be more proud!

You can hear these pieces at our annual **Music Concert** in the School Hall on **Tuesday 28th March at 6.00pm**. Everyone is most welcome.



## MUSIC

**Eleanor O (5A)** has been awarded a Distinction in Grade 3 Cello—congratulations Eleanor!!

## TENNIS

On Saturday 4th March 4 pairs from Amherst took part in the **Mini Red Sevenoaks School Doubles** event at the Sennocke Centre for school Years 3 & 4.

**Mina J and Edie S** represented the school in a field of 36 girls. They performed really well showing excellent focus, communication and teamwork. The girls qualified for the quarter-finals, which is a superb achievement and were then beaten by an experienced Granville pairing. Well done girls!



**Todd R & Nathan I, Oliver K & Tobias W, Oliver G & Raghava M** represented Amherst in the boys event which was extremely competitive this year with very strong pairings in attendance. The Amherst pairs all performed with a fantastic attitude, displaying exemplary levels of physical effort, concentration and teamwork. Oliver and Tobias came through a very close semi-final to face Hilden Grange in the Final which was an incredibly close affair with lots of very long and entertaining rallies. I couldn't have been prouder of the way they conducted themselves. A very deserving Runners-Up medal in a very strong and competitive field. A huge well done to all six boys for your hard work in your team training sessions at Chipstead Place LTC in the lead up to the event. Adam Reavely



## GYMNASTICS

**Thank you very much** to all the students who attended the **Lightning Gymnastics School Floor and Vault friendly competition** on Monday—you were all brilliant!! Amherst achieved some great results!

**Year 3 Girls Beginner Category**

1st place - Neve L / 2nd place - Harriet S / 3rd place - Yeva L

**Year 4 Girls Novice Category**

1st place - Macey B / 2nd place - Talia L

**Year 5 Girls Novice category**

2nd place - Amelie P

**Year 6 Girls Novice category**

1st place - Jeanne R



# DRESS SWAP!

The PTAs of Amherst and Riverhead are teaming up to put on a dress swap event!

Whether you're planning to head the ball or not....come along and have a drink and a browse!



When: 24th March 2023  
Where: Amherst School Hall  
Time: 7-9pm  
Cost: £10 for the night which includes fizz/wine/nibbles  
Tickets (via Classlist) - **EVENT TICKETS**





You've bought your ticket.....what happens next

1. Donations of dresses, shoes & bags welcome - occasion wear preferable, but anything goes! Just as long as its in good / great condition

Donations to either Riverhead or Amherst Offices by **THURSDAY 23RD MARCH**

2. On / In your donation bag please confirm your name, class & whether you'd like "unswapped" items returned or donated to a local charity shop

3. When you arrive on the evening you'll receive 1 "token" for every item you've donated which can be exchanged for 1 item to take home.

Not donated - not a problem, we just ask for a small cash/card donation for every item you take away

Further Contacts:  
Hayley Hansford (amherst-chair@outlook.com)  
Rebecca Skinner (pta@riverhead.kent.sch.uk).



A reminder of our wonderful dress swap event: a fun night to be had by all. Come and enjoy a glass or 3 while browsing for a new dress, shoes and/or bag. You don't have to go to the ball to join in the fun, it is just a nice ladies night out with some sustainable swapping and shopping!

What's not to love.

If you have a dress, shoes or bag in the wardrobe that you no longer wear please donate to this event.

All items must be in a good, clean condition—please give items to Hayley Hansford or Rebecca Skinner, or hand into reception at either Riverhead or Amherst schools.

Thank you all for your continued support!

## Thank you for supporting us!

### CORONATION BALL

#### CHILDRENS DRAWING COMPETITION

DESIGN YOUR DREAM CORONATION PARTY  
WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE....  
HOW WOULD YOU CELEBRATE BECOMING KING OR QUEEN?

MAX SIZE 1 PAGE OF A4 (EITHER LANDSCAPE OR PORTRAIT)

WRITE YOUR NAME €

HAND IN TO BOX IN EITHER AMHERST OR RIVERHEAD OFFICE

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 31ST MARCH



WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED BY OUR JUDGES  
**MR REID & MR KING**

**1ST PRIZE**  
DESIGN WILL FEATURE ON THE FRONT COVER OF THE CORONATION BALL PROGRAMME € £10 GIFT TOKEN

**RUNNER UP PRIZES -**  
6 X £5 GIFT TOKENS  
DESIGNS WILL BE FEATURED INSIDE THE PROGRAMME  
(1 RUNNER UP PER YEAR GROUP)



Amherst School PTA





## Cake Sale

Friday 24th March  
At the school gate



## School Uniform Sale!

Friday, 17th March  
2.30pm



There will be an honesty box for payments, or you can pay online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta/>



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.

Shoreham Village Players present...



**SHOREHAM VILLAGE HALL**  
**16<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 7.30PM**  
**MATINEE 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 2.30PM**

TICKETS £12 FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES  
 OR [WWW.SHOREHAMVILLAGEPLAYERS.CO.UK](http://WWW.SHOREHAMVILLAGEPLAYERS.CO.UK)



## THE NEST

# EASTER Paint Party!

### DISCOVER YOUR CREATIVE GENIUS

Let your child explore their imagination  
 Visualise their happy place

Friendship Breathing  
 Bunny Breathing

Be creative  
 Express themselves freely

### HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS

Ages: 5-9  
 Date: Tuesday 4th & 11th April  
 Time: 2-3 pm  
 Price per party: £25  
 Limited spaces available

To find out more email: [hello@thenest.health](mailto:hello@thenest.health)  
 THE NEST, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, Kent. Tel: 01732 447000

## EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

Venue:  
 Chipstead Place Lawn Tennis Club, The Old Garden Road,  
 TN13 2RJ  
 Dates:  
 Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th of April  
 Times:  
 9am-11am Mini Red & Orange (Age 9 & Under)  
 11.15am-1.15pm Mini Green (Age 10) & Yellow  
 (Ages 11-16)  
 Players will always be grouped separately based on  
 age and experience!

Cost (For All 4 Days):  
 £60 Club Members/ £65 Non-Members

TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
 ADAM REAVELY TENNIS (ART) Ltd

Email: [adam@artennis.co.uk](mailto:adam@artennis.co.uk)  
 Phone: 07966130242

For details of other regular classes please visit the  
 website:  
[www.artennis.co.uk](http://www.artennis.co.uk)

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!**

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## MEGA CAMPS

KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

WE ACCEPT  
 CHILDCARE  
 VOUCHERS

CHILDCARE FROM  
 8am - 6pm

AGES  
 4 - 14

### EASTER CAMP 2023

EARLY BIRD OFFERS END 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
 EASTER DATES: 3<sup>RD</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

NERF WARS  
 KIDS FAVOURITE  
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 WALL CLIMBING  
 MEGA ACTIVITY

DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES EACH DAY AS WELL AS FOOTBALL, ARCHERY, DODGEBALL, ROUNDERS, KIWICK  
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# Families

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[perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try)

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## SPONSORED DOG WALK

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL 10am to 2pm

Bring your four legged friends and join us for a walk  
 to raise money for the care of our dogs

4 walks to choose from to suit all abilities  
 BBQ and refreshments available  
 Raffle and tombola  
 Certificate and rosette for all dogs  
 Registration fee £5 per dog

Please book in advance via our website  
 or call 01959 572386 option 5  
[www.foalfarm.org.uk/events](http://www.foalfarm.org.uk/events)

Foal Farm, Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX  
 Registered Charity Number 201654





# Love the Game UK

Football Coaching

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Love the Game UK Football Camps coming to Sevenoaks

## Easter Football Camp

**Week 1: Tues 4th – Thur 6th Apr**  
**Week 2: Tues 11th – Thur 13th Apr**  
**3-day camps // 10am – 3pm**

**Early drop off option at 9.15am**

Fun, games, goals, saves, technical sessions, penalty shootouts, tournaments and more.

**Ages 5-15** | **Boys and girls of all abilities**

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**Location:** TWGSB Sevenoaks Campus, Seal Hollow Rd, Sevenoaks, TN13 3SN.

Coaches are first aid and safeguarding trained, DBS checked, and some even have Premier League coaching experience.



£25 per day or £60 for 3 days.

See website for more details or email: [enquiries@lovethegameuk.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@lovethegameuk.co.uk)

Scan the QR code to book, or visit: <https://lovethegameuk.co.uk/holiday-soccer-schools/>



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# Soccer Schools



FOUNDATION

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**APRIL 2023**

**£30**

Our Soccer Schools are a great opportunity for players of all abilities to develop their skills, keep fit and make new friends in a safe environment.

Players will get the opportunity to experience technical sessions lead by our CFC Foundation coaches along with many fun and exciting challenges set throughout the week.



**WEBSITE:**  
[www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

If you have any further queries about our Soccer School please do not hesitate to contact our Community Enquiries team on the below email.  
[community.enquiries@chelseafc.com](mailto:community.enquiries@chelseafc.com)



# Large Animal Tours



**Come and meet our resident animals during the Easter Holidays**

Our educational tours are suitable for adults and children aged 5+

Tickets are £10 per person and can be booked online or via reception (pre-booking is essential)

All tours start at 1.30pm and last for approx. 75 minutes

**[www.foalfarm.org.uk/events](http://www.foalfarm.org.uk/events)      01959 572386 (option 5)**

**Join in our Egg Hunt to win a chocolate treat - £3 per person payable on the day**

Wednesday 5th April  
Thursday 6th April  
Friday 7th April

Wednesday 12th April  
Thursday 13th April  
Friday 14th April

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