



AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Whole School Book Project

What a **success** this latest book project has been. The children and staff have really engaged with *Flotsam* and **produced some outstanding creative writing and artwork**. I am always **amazed** at the quality of work that the children have completed. It has been wonderful to see the children excitedly looking at the displays of their work. I hope you get a chance at **Open Afternoon or Parents' Evening** to have a look yourself. Thank you to all staff for their hard work to ensure the project was a success.

Please [click here](#) to see more photos .

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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.



HOUSE EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Why not enter our **inter-house Easter Egg competition**? Use either a real **egg, blown, hard-boiled** or **polystyrene egg** and decorate, paint it or make it into a model. Egg themes are: nature, animals, religious, Easter, Harry Potter or just patterned. **Bring your entries into school on Tuesday 28th March** with your **name, class** and which **theme** you are entering. There are prizes for winners of each house.



CLUBS END TODAY

All except for the Amherst Choir, the Training Choir and the Orchestra who will still rehearse next week in preparation for the Amherst Music Festival.



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](#)**.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We look forward to seeing everyone at our parent consultations on **Tuesday 21st March** and **Thursday 23rd March** at your **booked time slot**.



VACANCIES

Please visit **www.kent-teach.com** to view our current vacancies for:

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



HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Please **[click here](#)** to read Mr Reid's spring term Headteachers Letter.



YOUNG VOICES— SINGLE WITH HEATHER SMALL

'PROUD' by Heather Small featuring the **Young Voices Choir is no. 6 on the UK charts!** Every single voice from the YV23 concerts has been blended together along with the unmistakable sound of Heather Small. Buy now for less than a £1—**[click here](#)**! **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

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	Emily A
3H	Felix S
3W	Jake R
4C	Chloe B
4DB	Imrie L-G
4SF	Leni M

5A	Lyla M
5J	Annebelle W
5S	George E-P
6A	Daniel S
6B	Elsie P
6SB	Eric B

HOCKEY

Well done to the **Under 11 Boys Hockey team** that represented Amherst at a hockey tournament last week. It was the day of the snow and we were unsure if it would go ahead. Despite the cold weather and tough opposition the boys played better and better each game. We weren't quite able to get a win but I was so impressed with their determination and teamwork.

Congratulations to **Oliver K (4SF)**, **Jacob B (4SF)**, **Joey S (4SF)**, **Lucas T (5A)**, **Ansh G (5J)**, **Tom L (5J)**, **Ewan S (6SB)**, **Charlie S (6SB)**, **Robin G (6SB)**



MUSIC

The following children have passed their music exams— congratulations to all!

Joey S (4C) – piano grade 1 with merit

Ruby Q (4SF) – violin grade 1 with distinction

Caroline K (5J) – violin grade 2 with merit

DODGEBALL— INTERHOUSE COMPETITION

Teams of 6 children from each year group represented their house in a dodgeball competition this week. The matches were umpired by the house captains and **great sportsmanship** was demonstrated across all. **Knole** and **Bradbourne** drew for first place, **Wolfe** came second and **Amherst** were third. There will be more competitions to look forward to in the summer months.



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)
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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.

To BOOK TICKETS, please click [here](#).

Thank you all for your continued support!

Cake Sale



Friday 24th March
At the school gate



LOVE TO DANCE

Our Year 6 dance group performed in LOVE 2 DANCE at the STAG Theatre last night and what a fantastic show they were involved in! They danced alongside other primary schools to showcase their dance skills. We could not be more proud of their performance!

Thank you to Miss Cable, Mr Taylor and Miss Parish who coached and accompanied the children on the night. They were able to relive the fun when they performed their routines in front of the whole school this morning.



YEAR 4—SCIENCE MUSEUM

Year 4 visited the Science Museum this week. The children loved their time in the museum and were brilliant on what proved to be a difficult journey home. Please [click here](#) to see more photos of this trip.

