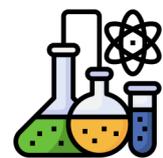


AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

31st EDITION - 19 May 2023

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

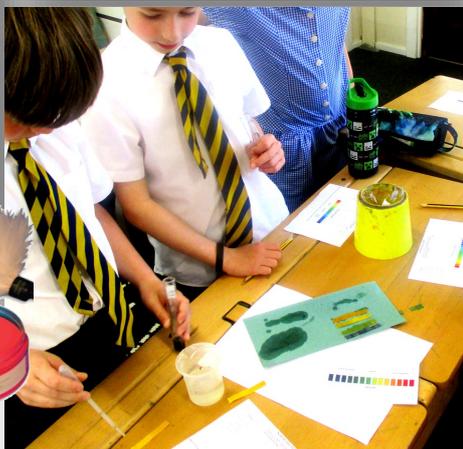
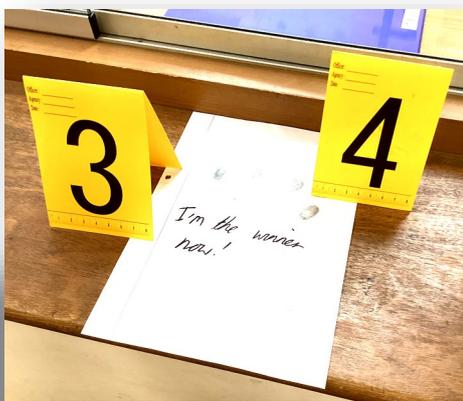


Science Day

The children enjoyed a fantastic two days of science events this week. On Monday the children enjoyed a science show in the hall that focussed on forensics.

On Tuesday the children found out a crime had been committed. The House Cup had been stolen and the crime scene by the office contained four clues. Five teachers had been identified as suspects as their cars were the only ones in the car park at the time of the crime. Each year group was then given an experiment to complete which would help work out who had stolen the cup. At the end of the day the whole school came back together in the hall to share the outcomes of their experiments. With all evidence submitted it was clear that Mr Brown had stolen the House Cup!

Thank you to Mrs Stafford for organising such a fun day which hopefully inspired further interest in science.



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Swimming

With the recent good weather the water is now up to temperature and swimming lessons can commence. Please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school on their swimming day.



RE Day

Next week we are looking forward to an RE Day on Thursday 25th May. This will be an opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of a range of religions in a fun and interactive way. Thank you to Mrs Lester and Mrs Fox in advance for all their hard work in preparation for the day.

I hope the good weather continues and you have a great weekend. Please remember the last day of term next week is Thursday as we have an Inset day on Friday.

NOTICES



REPORT ABSENCES

All absences should be reported **via our website (under Attendance) before 09.00am**. Please click on the link and complete the quick [Daily Absence Form](#) . Please complete the form for **every day** your child is off school.



BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION— HELP NEEDED

We are looking for **parent helpers** for our British Heart Foundation Sponsored Swim on **8th and 9th June 2023**. Please click on the following link to indicate when you are able to help : [BHF Parent Helpers](#)



VACANCIES

Please visit www.kent-teach.com to view our current vacancy for: Breakfast Club Assistant — Part-time



CLUBS

Club notices for (22-25th May):

- Monday — No Netball Club
- Tuesday — Last Table Tennis Squad training for the year
- Thursday — Water Polo Club Starts

Club notices for (5-9th June):

- Monday — All clubs start
- Tuesday — No Cricket Club



SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please click on [this link](#) to find all secondary school open days for 2023/2024.



TRIPS

Year 5 British Museum Trip (Monday, 22 May 2023) —The coaches will leave school at **8.00am**, which means your child needs to be in school at **7.45am** on this day. Children should please wear **school uniform** and **bring a rucksack** with a **packed lunch** (no nuts). Please give consent for your child via www.schoolgateway.com or contact the school office.



FUTURE DATES

26 May	—	Inset Day
5 June	—	Term 6 Starts
6 June	—	Year 5 Kent Test Meeting with Mr Reid
8 June	—	British Heart Foundation Swim —Year 3 & 4
9 June	—	British Heart Foundation Swim —Year 5 & 6
9 June	—	PTA School Disco
12-14 June	—	Year 3 Horton Kirby Trips
12-16 June	—	Year 6 Hilltop Trip
16 June	—	Year 4 Hampton Court Trip
17 June	—	Amherst Choir—Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival
20 June	—	Open Afternoon 2.45pm
21 June	—	Year 5 Parent Consultations
22 June	—	Year 5 Parent Consultations
27 June	—	Whole School Photo
30 June	—	Clubs End
30 June	—	PTA Quiz Night
3 July	—	New Year 3 Parent Induction Meeting 2.00pm
6 July	—	Kent Transition Day
7 July	—	Amherst Choir—Tonbridge Castle
8 July	—	PTA Amherst Summer BBQ
10 July	—	Summer Production Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm
11 July	—	Summer Production Matinee Performance 1.45pm
12 July	—	Summer Production Evening Performance 7.00pm
13 July	—	Summer Production Evening Performance 7.00pm
19 July	—	Sports Day 1.00pm
19 July	—	PTA Leavers' Disco
21 July	—	Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match 5.30pm
21 July	—	End of Term

LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Artie K
3H	Oliver L
3W	Evie M
4C	Olivia P
4DB	Mathilda P-S
4SF	Maya S

5A	Alex F
5J	Leo F
5S	Olivia R
6A	Lois L
6B	Jess F
6SB	Jomi O

SOMERHILL MATHS CHALLENGE

On Monday a team of **Year 4 children** and on Tuesday a team of **Year 5 children** took part in **The Somerhill Maths Challenge**. This involved travelling to Somerhill School to compete against other teams to solve **maths challenges focussing on problem-solving skills**. Each challenge was timed and points were given throughout. The challenges were unknown until the children arrived!

The following children took part:

Year 4 - Richard L, Jessica P, Freddie K, Jacob B

Year 5 - Ronav D, Finley SR, Seb G, Avani T

When the points were totalled up, **Year 4 came second out of 59 schools** and **Year 5 were placed 14th out of 52 schools**. Both teams showed fantastic problem solving, determination and most importantly team work to have two very successful afternoons representing Amherst.

Thank you to all the parents for transporting the children and thank you to Mr Taylor and our Maths Governor Mrs Jones for supervising the teams.



MUSIC

Congratulations to Effie D who obtained a merit in her ABRSM Grade 3 piano exam.

PE TIMETABLE—TERM 6

Indoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10	Pool Cleaning				
11 – 11.45		5J Swimming	6A Swimming	3CL Swimming	
1.35 – 2.30	5S Swimming		6SB Swimming	3H Swimming	4DB Swimming
2.30 – 3.25	5A Swimming	4C Swimming	6B Swimming	3W Swimming	4SF Swimming

Outdoor PE sessions

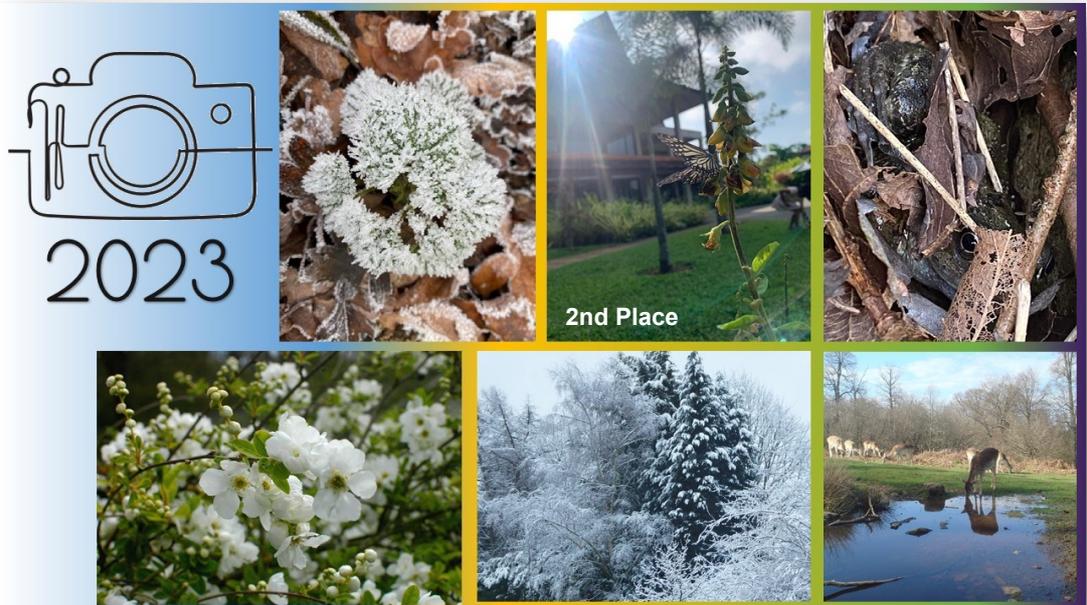
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12					
1.30 – 2.30	6B Cricket (Mike)	4DB Cricket	3W Rounders	4C Athletics (Lewis)	5A Cricket
2.30 – 3.30	6A Athletics (Lewis)	4SF Cricket	3CL Rounders		5J Cricket
2.00 – 3.00 (Extra class)	6SB Cricket (Mike)		3H Rounders		5S Rounders



PTA PHOTO COMPETITION

From Judge Nadia

Lovely effort from everybody. There were some really creative angles and new perspectives taken and some lovely use of light. Great work all round. For the calendar cover - it was a REALLY tricky call between No1 (Alex & Gabriel) and No20 (Leela P), but for me No1 (New found life in Emmetts) has beautiful simplicity to it and a wonderful use of colour contrast. The blurred background too enhances the viewer's focus on the subject matter ... just great!



- Alex F & Gabriel K —Year 5—New found life in Emmetts Gardens—**WINNING PHOTO!**
- Alex F & Gabriel K —Year 5—Spring in Emmetts Gardens
- Annie R —Year 5—Frost Sculpture
- James R —Year 5—Eye see you
- Molly K —Year 5—An early morning frost
- Ben F —Year 4—Blossom
- Edward S —Year 4—Fish Pond
- Katie W —Year 4
- Leela P —Year 3—Taken in Kerala, India—**2nd PLACE PHOTO!**
- Lydia K —Year 3
- William C —Year 3—Drinks Break
- William C —Year 3—Raindrops
- Eloise C —Year 3—Cloudy Lady

UPCOMING DATES:

- 9 June 2023—School Disco
- 30 June 2023—Quiz Night
- 8 July 2023—Amherst Summer BBQ
- 19 July 2023—Year 6 Leavers' Disco

AMHERST'S
School Disco!
 DATE: 9 JUNE 2023
 BOOKING VIA PTA EVENTS
 CLOSING MIDNIGHT 7 JUNE 2023
 £5 PER CHILD
 SNACK INCLUDED BUT
 PLEASE BRING OWN WATER BOTTLE
 YEARS 3 & 4: 5PM TO 6:30PM
 YEARS 5 & 6: 6:30PM TO 8PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.



YEAR 4 TRIAL

OTFORD NETBALL CLUB (SEVENOAKS)

IF YOU ARE IN YEAR 4, LOVE NETBALL AND WANT TO PLAY MORE, COME FOR A TRIAL!

To register, simply email Hannah at ONC: membership@otfordnetballclub.com

Trial date is Tuesday 23rd May 5-6pm at Trinity School outdoor courts



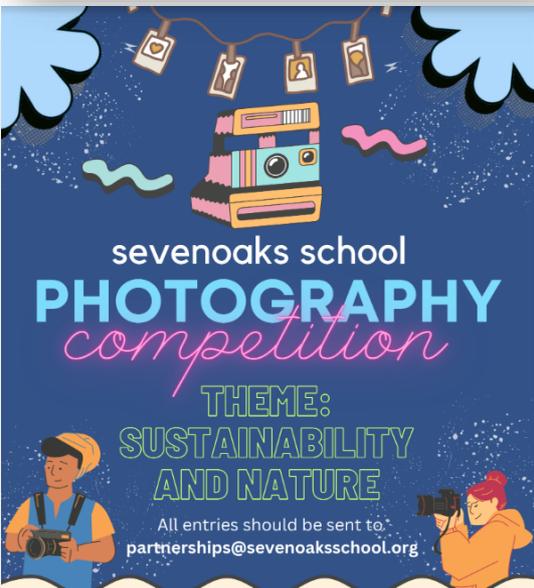
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sevenoaks school PHOTOGRAPHY competition

THEME: SUSTAINABILITY AND NATURE

All entries should be sent to: partnerships@sevenoaksschool.org

ENTRY CATEGORIES: • 7-11 • 11+ • STAFF AND PARENTS	PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS OF EACH CATEGORY	CLOSING DEADLINE: 11th June, 2023
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- TUES 30TH MAY** FIRELIGHTING, S'MORES & SHELTER BUILDING
- WEDS 31ST MAY** CIRCUS SKILLS, GIANT BUBBLE WANDS & PAINT MURAL
- THURS 1ST JUNE** MANDALORIAN NERF PLAY DOUGH PLANETS & STORMTROOPERS
- FRI 2ND JUNE** VIKING POTTERY, KUBB & SHIELD WALLS

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