



AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

British Heart Foundation Swim

Congratulations to all children for taking part in the British Heart Foundation sponsored swim over the last two days. The children and staff have really enjoyed the sense of community the swim creates; all of us working together for a good cause. If you are not aware, Amherst has a long history (over 45 years) of supporting the British Heart Foundation raising a cumulative total over the years in excess of £185,000! Today we welcomed Rebecca Honey from the British Heart Foundation to help count lengths and support the children. I look forward to seeing how much we have managed to raise this year over the coming weeks. Thank you to

Mrs Warne who has yet again coordinated and led such a successful event. Thank you to all the volunteers who came in to help count lengths. We couldn't have done it without you.

Year 6 Residential Trip

Year 6 are away next week on their residential trip to Hilltop Outdoor Centre in Norfolk. The weather looks promising and I'm sure they will have a fantastic time. Please be aware that I too attend the trip so will be out of school all week. Miss Jones will lead the school in my absence. Years 3, 4 and 5 have Amherst's Got Talent to look forward to next week— good luck to everyone taking part!

I hope you all have a great weekend and enjoy the good weather.

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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

Your children have been fantastic challenging themselves to swim as many lengths/widths as they possibly can today and yesterday. Please remember to make your contributions via www.schoolgateway.com—THANK YOU!



VACANCIES

Please visit www.kent-teach.com to view our current vacancies for:
Breakfast Club Assistant — Part-time
Midday Meal Supervisor — Part-time
Catering Assistant — Part-time



AMHERST'S GOT TALENT— THURSDAY

Our annual Amherst Got Talent is upon us! Talent ideas are: musical instrument, singing, poetry or story telling, drama, band, comedy, dance, gymnastics, magic, sketch, rubik's cube whizz, diabolos etc.
The children will perform to their year group first and the year group will vote and put the best act through from each class plus a wild card. There will be 12 acts from Year 3-5 with the **final held in the school hall on Thursday afternoon!**



YEAR 5 KENT TEST MEETING & REGISTRATION

Please find Mr Reid's powerpoint presentation on [this link](#) if you could not attend the Year 5 Parent Meeting. Registration for the Kent Test for children due to **start secondary school in September 2024** opened on **Thursday 1 June 2023** and will close at midnight on **Monday 3 July 2023**.



CLUBS

As many teachers are at Hilltop next week, we **sadly have to cancel** the following clubs: (12-16th June):
Monday — NO Chess
Tuesday — NO Winds Together
Wednesday — NO Cricket Club
Thursday — NO Warhammer / NO Hockey / No Basketball
Friday — NO Flute Choir / NO Cricket Club



POOL FUND

Just a reminder of our Pool Fund letter at the end of last term. Your donation of £25.00 towards our pool fund will be much appreciated—www.schoolgateway.com.



LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK

- Year 5 Puberty letter
- Year 6 Sex and Relationship Education



SHOE PROJECT— SCHOOL COUNCIL

A reminder for all shoes that you want to donate to be sent into school by 19 July 2023. For more information, please [click here](#). We are looking for parents who are able to help sort donations after school on 20th July 2023—please contact the office.

FUTURE DATES

12-14 June	—	Year 3 Horton Kirby Trips
12-16 June	—	Year 6 Hilltop Trip
15 June	—	Amherst's Got Talent
16 June	—	Year 4 Hampton Court Trip
17 June	—	Amherst Choir—Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival
20 June	—	Open Afternoon 2.45pm
20 June	—	Year 5/6 Parent Information Session on Puberty & Relationship Ed 3.45pm
21 June	—	Year 5 Parent Consultations
22 June	—	Year 5 Parent Consultations
23 June	—	Laura Trott visiting Year 6
23 June	—	School Council Cake Sale
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

LET'S CELEBRATE

ATHLETICS

On Wednesday Amherst had a team of year 6 students compete in an **Athletics competition** against other schools around Kent. We had some superb individual performances including lots of top 3 placings as well as some wins.

With all these great individual performances **Amherst finished first overall**, just beating Anthony Roper School. **A huge well done to all the Year 6s that competed!**



CRICKET

Congratulations to the school cricket team who took part in a hardball six-a-side tournament at Sutton Valence School on Wednesday. Twelve teams took part, split into three groups. The team won their first two games convincingly against Kent College Canterbury and Hilden Grange. Strong batting from Max P & Robin G ensured a healthy run rate. Our final group stage game was against Sutton Valence which we narrowly lost on the last ball. Strong bowling from Ansh G and Ryan G kept the game tight right to the end. Amherst qualified for the semi-final as the highest second placed team (thanks to the positive run rate). We faced Sutton Valence again and despite some great cricket lost the game.



WATERPOLO

Dylan K (5S) and Mark G (4C) both represented Sevenoaks at the **Water Polo Kent Festival** in Folkestone last weekend. The team did really well (despite being a couple of team-mates short and having to borrow some from another team!), losing to Hythe but beating Beckenham to place **Silver**. Congratulations to both boys on a fantastic achievement!

TENNIS

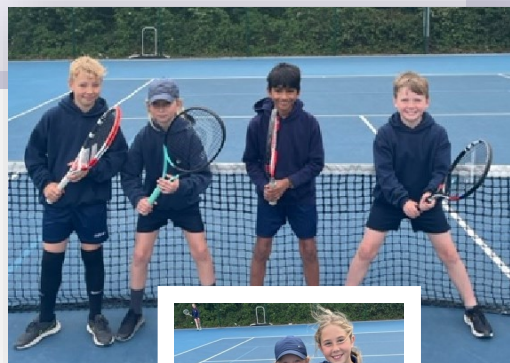
Well done to all 16 children who represented Amherst in the Kent School Doubles Qualifying event held at Bromley Tennis Centre on Tuesday 6th June.

The players all **performed brilliantly** with some **excellent team work** and **high quality tennis** on display. I'm incredibly proud of all of your performances which are testament to your hard work in your training sessions. Well done all of you.

Congratulations to Todd R & Nathan I, Oliver K & Tobias W, Charlie H & Tom L and Annebelle W & Isabe N who all qualified for the Finals on Friday 16th June where they will all have the opportunity to compete for the Kent School Doubles title for their respective age groups!

Thank you also to Ms Mladenova for accompanying the children on the day.

Adam Reavely (Coach)



OLIVER—GOOGLE CLASSROOM

GOOGLE CLASSROOM For OLIVER

Please be reminded to log out from all Google accounts before signing your child into their Google Classroom account:

Google Classroom Address: www.classroom.google.com

Google Classroom Username: namesurname@amherst.kent.sch.uk
(i.e. johnsmith@amherst.kent.sch.uk)

Google Classroom Password:

Year 6 – amherst2020

Year 5 – amherst2020

Year 4 – amherst2021

Year 3 – amherst2022

Or the year your child started in Amherst (amherst2022)

Please contact the school office if the passwords above do not work.



PTA

UPCOMING DATES:

30 June 2023

Quiz Night

8 July 2023

Amherst Summer BBQ

19 July 2023

Year 6 Leavers' Disco

QUIZ NIGHT!

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE

This is always a popular event which will sell out!

- Doors open at 7.30 PM
- Quiz starts at 8.00 PM
- £10 / Person
- Teams of 10 (max 10 per class)
- BYOB, food and.....your brains!
- Prize for the winning table & raffle prizes to be won!

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE!

 www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta/

Save the Date!!

**SATURDAY
8TH JULY
4 TO 8PM**

**AMHERST
SCHOOL'S
SUMMER BBQ**

ICE-CREAM games

BBQ PIMMS / BEER

Food / Drink **DJ**

**6 BOUNCY
CASTLES**

WAFFLES



**candy
floss**

LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Lakshmi P
3H	Juliet H
3W	Gregorio A & Jonathan G
4C	Sebastian K
4DB	George B
4SF	George W-B

5A	Ethan S
5J	Tom M-M
5S	Finley S-R
6A	Harper W
6B	Freddie F
6SB	Summer J

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.



NEW VENUE ALERT!!!!

WE ARE OFFERING SWIMMING LESSONS MONDAY - FRIDAY 3:45-5:45PM AT CHEVENING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CHIPSTEAD, SEVENOAKS DURING THE SUMMER TERM CALL OR EMAIL COLLETTE TODAY TO GET BOOKED IN!

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Friday
18:30pm - 19:30pm

Book your free introductory session



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NEDERLANDSE TAAL- EN CULTUURSCHOOL

We provide Dutch lessons to children aged 4 till 12. The lessons take place on Monday evenings from 4.30pm until 6.45pm at Russel House School. We are trying to reach out to as many Dutch families as possible.

We also have a website: www.7eiken.co.uk or you can contact us directly: informatie@7eiken.co.uk

Bromley Youth Music Trust

SUMMER SOUNDS

Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th July 2023 9.30am-12.30pm
For Children at the start of their musical journey, in School years 3-7 £80 per course (bursaries available)

BAND ON THE RUN
BEGINNERS COURSE – LEARN TO PLAY THE CLARINET, SAXOPHONE, TRUMPET OR TROMBONE IN A BAND

STRINGS ON THE RUN
BEGINNERS COURSE – LEARN TO PLAY THE VIOLIN OR CELLO IN AN ORCHESTRA

PERCUSSION ON THE RUN
BEGINNERS COURSE – LEARN TO PLAY DIEMBE DRUMS & ORCHESTRAL PERCUSSION

KEYBOARD & UKULELE ON THE RUN
BEGINNERS COURSE – LEARN TO PLAY THE KEYBOARD AND UKULELE

Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th July 1.30pm- 4.30pm
For Children continuing their musical journey, up to grade 3 standard in school years 3-7. £80 per course (bursaries available)

BYMT WIND BAND
FOR ALL WOODWIND, BRASS & PERCUSSION PLAYERS FROM BEGINNER TO GRADE 3 STANDARD

BYMT STRING ORCHESTRA
FOR ALL STRING PLAYERS FROM BEGINNER TO GRADE 3 STANDARD

LITTLE PIANO VIRTUOSI
INTERMEDIATE COURSE (GRADE 2-5) – PLAY AS PART OF A KEYBOARD ENSEMBLE

For more information & to register visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/332bu3bs>



To apply for Young Musicians' Fund Bursaries
<https://uk.britney.com/youngmusiciansfund/bursaries>

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