



# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

35th EDITION - 23 June 2023

## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Hilltop

The Year 6 children and staff enjoyed an **amazing week** at **Hilltop Outdoor Centre** on the north Norfolk coast last week. We were incredibly fortunate to have such fantastic weather each day; blue skies and a gentle breeze. The children enjoyed a **wide range of activities during the week**. It was wonderful to see **the children grow and develop** in which ever area got them out of their comfort zone. For some this was **sharing a room all week** and for others it was jumping off an 8 metre tower onto an airbag! All good preparation for developing resilience when transferring to secondary school in September.

I hope the **increase in self-belief** observed for many children is maintained. **You can do it!**

Throughout the week a **common theme talked about** by Amherst and Hilltop staff was how **fantastic the children were to work with and how well behaved they were**. They combined a sense of fun and adventure with politeness and kindness. I was **very proud** to be their headteacher.

**Thank you to all staff** who attended for enabling the week to be so successful.

[Click here for more photos](#)

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## Whole School Photo Tuesday 27th June

Next week on Tuesday we will be having the first whole school photo since 2016. This event normally takes place **once every four years** but due to the pandemic it was delayed. I spoke to the children today in assembly to remind them that all **girls and boys must be wearing white shirts and ties for the photo** (winter uniform). Please ensure your child comes to school on Tuesday in the correct uniform.



Have a good weekend!

Dear Parents,

We have noticed people are still parking on the ZigZag lines outside our school and ignoring our banners. This is a problem that concerns all of us because we are worried that a child is going to get knocked over and seriously hurt. We urge everyone in our school community to obey The Highway Code to help keep us all safe.

Yours sincerely,  
Amherst School Council



# 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

**We have raised a fantastic £5787.60 so far!**

Please remember to make your contributions before the 30th June via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)—THANK YOU!



## WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO 27 JUNE

Children should all please wear **winter uniform** ie. **white shirts, tie** and trousers/short or a navy skirt (socks are allowed instead of tights).



## CLUBS

The following clubs are cancelled next week (26th-30th June):

**Wednesday** — NO Cricket Club / NO Ju Jitsu for the rest of term

**Friday** — NO Cricket Club

**Friday** — **CLUBS END** (with the exception of a few)



## CYCLING HELMET

If your child cycles to school, please can you provide them with a cycling helmet.



## VACANCIES

Please visit [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com) to view our current vacancies for:  
Breakfast Club Assistant — Part-time



## PTA TICKETS

Please visit [PTA EVENTS](#) for tickets now on sale:

- Quiz Night
- Amherst Summer BBQ
- Leavers' Disco



## FUTURE DATES

27 June	—	Whole School Photo
30 June (date change)	—	Laura Trott visiting Year 6
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	Jasper F
3H	Joshua E
3W	Jess C
4C	Lucy T
4DB	Fred M
4SF	Cami S

5A	Ava H
5J	Louis B-T
5S	Lola-Rose H
6A	Josh M
6B	Sol H
6SB	Max S

TENNIS

On Friday 16th June, the following pairs represented Amherst in the **Kent Schools Doubles Finals at Bromley Tennis Centre** after qualifying earlier in the month: Nathan I & Todd R, Oliver K & Tobias W, Charlie H & Tom L, Annebelle W & Isabe N.

All players performed brilliantly with the Red boys pairs both reaching the final for an all Amherst battle for the title! Congratulations to **Nathan & Todd** who came out on top in an exciting match with **Oliver & Tobias** finishing Runners-Up. It was a bronze medal for **Charlie & Tom** in the Orange boys and a 4th place finish for **Annebelle & Isabe**. Thank you to **Ms. Mladenova** for coming to support the children on the day.

On Sunday 18th June the pairings of **Georgia C & Isla P**, **Lilian K & Lauren D** represented Amherst in the Green Girls Doubles at The Sennocke Centre. After getting knocked out in the semi-finals the Amherst girls faced each other in the bronze medal match with Georgia & Isla taking the win and the bronze medal in an entertaining match.

A big well done to all players for their hard this term preparing for the competitions. I look forward to helping you get ready for the next ones!  
Adam Reavely



FLUTE CHOIR

The **Amherst Flute Choir** and lots of Mrs Henderson's Amherst flute pupils took part in the **Sevenoaks Arts Festival** last weekend.

They entered a whole range of **solo and duet classes** as well as the Flute Choir performing too, with the adjudicator commenting on how much she enjoyed listening to each and every piece they played and how musical and in tune they all were.

**Billie Jean** won her woodwind beginners class with **Maya** coming joint 2nd with **Molly** (on the clarinet) and **Lilian** came 2nd in the 11 and under class with the adjudicator commenting on her mature tone.

Mrs Henderson was extremely proud of how well her pupils performed, particularly given the 30 degree heat they had to contend with!



CRICKET

On Monday our school cricket team entered the **Sevenoaks Area Kwik Cricket Festival**.

The team played **superbly** and **won every game** beating Otford Primary School in the final.

**Congratulations** to Robin G, Ryan G, Ansh G, Ruari B, Joe S, Lillian K, Georgia C and Max P.





# CHOIR—THREE ARTS FESTIVAL


Congratulations to the Amherst Choir on their brilliant performance at the Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival last Saturday.

The Amherst Choir were delighted to be awarded first prize in the '13 and under' class, competing against older prep school children.



## PTA






### 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/](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta/)

## Amherst Wildlife Calendar!

The Amherst mid-year calendar is **NOW AVAILABLE** for purchase!

The calendar runs from September 2023 to August 2024 and features the photos from our photography competition last term. It also includes holidays and key dates for the 23/24 school year.

**£10 per calendar** paid through:

[www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta)

**Closing date is Friday 30th June**

Click here to purchase your calendar:

**Amherst PTA**

**Save the Date!!**

**AMHERST SCHOOL'S SUMMER BBQ**

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

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**ICE-CREAM** games  
**BBQ** **PIMMS / BEER**  
Food / Drink **DJ**  
**6 BOUNCY CASTLES** **WAFFLES**  
  **candy floss**

## BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE NOW!



### AMFEST 2023!

EVERYONE IN YEAR 6 IS INVITED TO THEIR FESTIVAL STYLE LEAVERS DISCO!

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE HERE:

**PTA EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY**

**£8 PER CHILD**

**MENCAP HALL 7 - 9PM**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.

## SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN FOR 4 TO 12 YEAR OLDS

Premier Football School are delighted to announce they are running a kid's football school in Tonbridge during the summer break at the **Weald of Kent Grammar School** from **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August** for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 of all abilities. Parents simply drop-off at 10.00am and pick up at 3.30pm. The fee is just £13 per day and all children who attend receive a trophy! Activities include a kids World Cup tournament and a penalty shootout competition with prizes! We are a non-elitist grass roots organisation and children play in groups according to their age and abilities in a fun safe environment. Should you wish to book, please visit [www.premierfootballschool.co.uk](http://www.premierfootballschool.co.uk) or call 07821 573837.



### SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS

**Venue:**  
Chipstead Place Lawn Tennis Club, The Old Garden Road, TN13 2RJ

**Dates:**  
Tuesday 25th - Friday 28th of July  
Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th of August  
Tuesday 15th - Friday 18th of August  
Tuesday 22nd - Friday 25th of August

**Times:**  
9am-11am (5-9 Years)  
11.15am-1.15pm (10-16 Years)

**Cost (All 4 Days):**  
£65 Club Members/£70 Non-Members

TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
ADAM REAVELY (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!**

*The Art of tennis*



### Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School

Southfield Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 9JU  
Tel: (01892) 520902 / 520082 Email: [admin@twggs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@twggs.kent.sch.uk)  
Executive Headteacher - Mrs L Wybar BA (Hons) MA  
Associate Headteacher - Mrs K Marchant BSc (Hons) MA

**Due to planned industrial action on 5<sup>th</sup> July the date of our Year 5 Open Morning has changed:**

**New date**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
**10.40am-12.30pm**


Headteachers' speak at 12.00 noon

Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School would like to warmly welcome prospective parents and children to our Year 5 Open Event for entry in September 2024, there is **NO NEED TO BOOK**, please just turn up to meet us

**Year 5 Open Morning**  
**This open morning is restricted to pupils currently in Year 5 ONLY**

For details of our oversubscription criteria, please refer to the admissions arrangements on the **TWGGs website**.

*Please note, there will be no parking on the school site; to avoid congestion please do not drive down Southfield Road but park in the surrounding area.*



### CFX SUMMER NETBALL 2023

#### COACHING FOR EXCELLENCE

**CFX SUMMER NETBALL 2023**  
21st, 22nd & 23rd August 2023  
10.00 am - 3.00 pm

At: Sevenoaks Prep School, Godden Green, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0JU

Are you looking for a quality-training environment with highly experienced netball coaches to develop your netball while having fun during the summer holidays?

We invite all players, not only current CFX members to attend our 3-Day all weather summer netball courses:

**UNDER 11S NETBALL**  
Year 5 and 6 as at Sept 2023  
(ie current Year 4 and 5) led by CFX Under 11 Lead Coach - Gill Cameron

**JUNIOR NETBALL**  
Years 7, 8 & 9 as at Sept 2023  
(ie current Year 6, 7 & 8) led by Former Scotland National Coach and CFX Chairperson - Denise Holland

**3-Day Course fees**  
£105.00 per player (10% Discount for Siblings)

**Program Includes:**

- ✓ Movement, ball management, shooting, attacking, and defending skills
- ✓ Teamwork, leadership, and match play
- ✓ Coaches awards for most improved, achievement in shooting, attacking and defending

**Each day you will need:**

- ✓ A packed lunch, (no nuts), 2 litres of water, and sun tan lotion
- ✓ Please wear, dark netball skirt/shorts, white top, sweat shirt. Netball training shoes must be worn, no fashion trainers. Please bring a change of clothes in the event of bad weather.

**Want to Join a Club?**  
If you do not already have a club and would like to trial for CFX Netball Club for the upcoming season 2023/2024 season, please let our Club Administrator before CFX Summer School, so that your child may be assessed for the appropriate session trial.

**For Further Information**  
Please Contact our Club Administrator  
Pierina Smith

Final Registration Closes 31st July 2023  
There are limited places please book early to avoid disappointment [cfxnetball@gmail.com](mailto:cfxnetball@gmail.com)



### Love the Game UK

#### Football Coaching

## 2023 SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS (TN4 9XB)**

25th, 26th & 27th July  
15th, 16th & 17th August  
10:00AM to 15:00PM

**SEVENOAKS AT TRINITY SCHOOL**  
SAME VENUE AS TWGSS, (Pitch next door)

1st, 2nd & 3rd August  
8th, 9th & 10th August  
10:00AM to 15:00PM

£25 per day or  
£60 for all 3 days

Fun, games, goals, saves, technical sessions, penalty king/queen, tournaments & much more.

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

AGES 5-14 Boys and girls of all abilities

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Bespoke Kitchens & Living Space

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



### 7OAKS MULTI SPORTS

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## SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

**MONDAY 24TH JULY - FRIDAY 28TH JULY**  
**MONDAY 31ST JULY - FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST**

**10AM-3PM**  
**4-11 YEARS**


**FULLY QUALIFIED**  
**DBS CHECKED COACHES**



**CHEVENING PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**TN13 2SA**

**£25 PER DAY**  
**£100 FOR 5 DAYS**

**CALL AMANDA 07584419283**



### Sevenoaks School of Dance

## SUMMER WORKSHOP

**DANCE STYLES:**  
STREET DANCE, SINGING, MUSICAL THEATRE, CRAFTS & GAMES

Boys & Girls  
Ages 4 - 11 years  
24th - 28th July  
Times: 10am - 3pm

At  
Riverhead Infants School  
Worships Hill, Sevenoaks  
TN13 2AS

**£125 - 5 days**  
**£30 per day**

We are **CRB checked**  
[www.lovethegameuk.co.uk](http://www.lovethegameuk.co.uk)  
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For more info or to book a place contact: Amy Walker  
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