



# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

**Oliver**

Congratulations to the whole school for three fantastic performances of **Oliver** this week. We have all been so impressed and proud of the children’s singing, acting and dancing. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying being on stage and their **confidence grow** after each performance. There has been a **real sense of fun and team spirit** with the show enabling the whole school to come together for a shared goal.

Thank you to the Year 6 team (teachers and TAs), Mrs Manby, Mr Clarke and Miss Foinette for all their hard work. I am fortunate to have such **dedicated** and **talented** staff. [Please click here for more photos.](#)

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## Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match

On Friday 21st July at 5.30pm we will be holding the **Rose Clifton Memorial cricket match**. The match is between **Mr Reid’s team** (staff and guests) and **Year 6 parents**. **All families** from every year group are invited to attend. The match takes place at **Holmesdale Cricket Club** who will open **the bar and provided a BBQ**. It is a **sociable** and **fun** way to end the year. I’ll let you decide which team to support!



## PTA BBQ

A **big thank you** to our **PTA** who organised last weekend’s fantastic Summer BBQ on the school field. It was lovely to see families come together and enjoy the afternoon—definitely a highlight for the children. **Team Amherst** (all parents) was out in full force serving on the bar, bbq’ing, welcoming, swirling candy floss and cleaning up afterwards.

## School Reports

Please note that your child will be coming home with their school report **today**.

## Sports Day

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at **Sports Day** on **Wednesday next week**. The event will be on the school field and will **start at 1.30pm**.



I hope you have a good weekend.



# 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.



## SPORTS DAY

Please note that our sports day **will now start at 1.30pm** on Wednesday 19th July 2023.



## RETIRING COLLECTION— OLIVER

We hope you enjoyed the Oliver Production this week. If you still want to make a contribution to the cost of licencing and producing Disney's Oliver, you can do this via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com).

## ADMISSIONS FOR 2024

We have spaces for current year 2 children to start in Amherst School in **year 3** from **September 2023**. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

## LETTERS SENT

Year 3—Pitta Pizza DT Letter

Year 4— DT Muffin letter

Letter from Louise Austin, Chair of Governors



## RIVERHEAD INFANTS' NEWS

Mrs **Nightingale** and Mrs **Kerr** are leaving Riverhead Infants' School at the end of term. If you would like to make a donation to their leaving gifts, please contact Riverhead directly: 01732—452475 or email [office@riverhead.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@riverhead.kent.sch.uk)



## LEAVERS' DISCO

Please visit [PTA EVENTS](#) to secure your child's ticket to attend the Leavers' Disco on 19 July 2023.



## TEAM AMHERST HOODIES

Please visit [PTA EVENTS](#) to order your child's **Team Amherst Hoodie** for PE. This is an **annual order**—we won't be doing one in the new year.

Please place your child's **order no later than Tuesday 18 July 2023**.

Hoodies will be coming home on the first day back at school in September.



## TEAM AMHERST WATER BOTTLES

Please visit [PTA EVENTS](#) to order your child's **Team Amherst Water Bottle**. This is an **annual order**—we won't be doing one in the new year.

Please place your child's **order no later than Tuesday 18 July 2023**.

Water bottles will be coming home on the first day back at school in September.



## ALL YEARS — PE KIT

Please can children have their PE Kit **in school every day** from now on so they can use every opportunity to get out and be active.



## FUTURE DATES

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|---------|---|---|
| 18 July | — | Year 5 Greek Day—Children to wear Greek outfits or PE kit |
| 19 July | — | Sports Day <b>1.30—3.30pm</b>                             |
| 19 July | — | PTA Leavers' Disco  |
| 21 July | — | Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match 5.30pm                |
| 21 July | — | End of Term   |



## ORDER WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

To order your copy of the whole school photo, please click here:

1. [www.getphotos.co.uk](http://www.getphotos.co.uk)
2. Please use the unique photo code: fy7-g7y-tetx





# LET'S CELEBRATE

## STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Aria G
3H	Leela P
3W	Tobias W
4C	Jessica S
4DB	Melody G
4SF	Kitty B & Thea W

5A	Seb G
5J	Caroline K & Diya P
5S	Stellan B
6A	Alastair B
6B	Paige W & Phoebe M
6SB	Caleb L

## CHOIR - HILLVIEW ARTS FESTIVAL

Amherst Choir performed in the beautiful surroundings of Tonbridge Castle last Friday as part of a festival organised by Hillview School. Our Year 3/4 choir performed **Singing All Over the World** and **How Far I'll Go**, and the Year 5/6 choir **Libertango** and **Singin' in the Rain**. We were delighted to win the Upper Key Stage 2 prize for 'Best Choir' and Lower Key Stage 2 prize for 'A Song From a Musical'. The certificates were awarded to the children by local MP Tom Tugendhat. The organisers and many other teachers commented on the high quality of the children's singing. Well done!



Maddie M (4SF) won the 'Nature-Themed Art' competition with her amazing Robin collage. She brilliantly met the brief, which was 'showcasing the nature in your local area'.



## MUSIC

Congratulations to Summer J(6SB) and Mina J (3W), who have both earned a distinction in ABRSM Grade 4 Exam for Violin last week.

## KWIK CRICKET COUNTY FINALS

Yesterday the Year 5/6 Amherst cricket team competed in the county finals at Upchurch Cricket Club in Sittingbourne.

The team played superbly and only lost one game to the eventual winners Old Bexley. This means Amherst are officially the second best team in Kent!

Congratulations to Ruairi B, Georgia C, Lillian K, Robin G, Ryan G, Max P, Joe S, Ansh G and Harry D.





## Amherst Wildlife Calendar!

**Limited Stock Left**

**Sales end 19th July**



**Click Here to Purchase**

We have only 8 left to sell so we've opened up the sales again for anyone who may have missed out.

**PLACE YOUR ORDER BEFORE 18 July 2023!**

**Special order for Team Amherst Water Bottles!**  
Order before 18 July 2023  
Order via [www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta)

**Water bottles £15.00**



**Hoodies**  
**Child size: £22.00**  
**Adult size: £27.00**



**Leavers Disco!**

**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**

# ALUMNI—JENNI LEGGETT

My name is Jenni Leggett, and I was a student at Amherst back in 2002 to 2006. I even had Mrs Reid as my Year 6 teacher! As an alumna of the school, I wanted to get in touch to share some of my exciting news.

The London Science Museum has a new exhibit called “Engineers” and as part of this gallery they feature engineers from diverse backgrounds as well as the diversity of the engineering discipline itself. The exhibit has included the Queen Elizabeth Prize (QEPrize) Winners including the first QEPrize trophy that I designed 10 years ago whilst I was in sixth form. I also feature in the exhibit - with my name and a photo of me (see attached photos).

The Science Museum receives 3 million visitors each year. It is also free entry so I hope this new exhibit will really showcase engineering to a new generation from all backgrounds and might also interest your current students.

In addition to this feature in the museum, the Science Museum has included me in an online article: <https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/objects-and-stories/women-engineers>

It feels like a lifetime ago that I was at Amherst. Whilst at Amherst I would say I was shy around adults and was probably quite an average student. Since then, I applied for and gained an Institution of Civil Engineers QUEST scholarship whilst in sixth form which supported me through my Civil and Structural Engineering degree at the University of Sheffield where I achieved a first class with honours. I have since become a Chartered Civil Engineer and now work as a Senior Engineer in the Offshore Wind Industry.

I wanted to share my story with you because representation matters in order for students to be able to imagine what they might want to do when they grow up!



**Trophy awarded to the winners of the 2013 QEPrize**

This trophy was awarded to Louis Pouzin, Bob Kahn, Vint Cerf, Tim Berners-Lee and Marc Andreessen in recognition of their work on the Internet and the World Wide Web.

The QEPrize holds a competition to design the trophy, open to young people worldwide. The 2013 winner was Jennifer Leggett, aged 17, from Tonbridge, England.

Lent by the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering  
Loan no. L2022-18



Engineering is about synergy – when different aspects come together, the value is greater than the sum of its parts.

Jennifer Leggett, designer of the 2013 QEPrize trophy

Image: Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.



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Come and join the fun at our  
Summer Hockey Camps!  
10am to 3pm  
21-23 Aug and 29-31 Aug

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**WEALD OF KENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
TUDELEY LANE, TONBRIDGE, TN9 2JP  
from  
**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023**  
10.00am – 3.30pm daily  
*Every child receives a trophy at our presentation!*  
*To book, please visit our website booking page*  
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# Sevenoaks

## Quiz Trail & Town Souvenir

A fun quiz trail for solos, couples, groups, families... Fun for everyone!

Learn about historic  
Sevenoaks in your own  
time at your own pace.

1.8 miles	1-2 hours
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See our prize draw inside!  
£100 adults prize  
£50 juniors prize



## Fun in the summer holidays!

Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Granddads, Carers,  
Childminders, Uncles, Aunties ... everyone!  
A Quiz Trail is an ideal summer activity!





