



MESSAGE FROM MR REID

TRUSTING YOURSELF

One aspect of this term’s value Trust is trusting yourself. This can be especially hard if you want to be different. Points of difference are often linked to values. At school we have our six Amherst Values but each family will have their own set of values even if they are not as explicit as at school.

My children at home regularly say they are the only ones not to have, or get to do something. We often end up finishing those conversations with ‘We are the Reid family and this is what we believe in’. Points of difference should be encouraged to ensure we are not all clones and have the ability to think differently and creatively.

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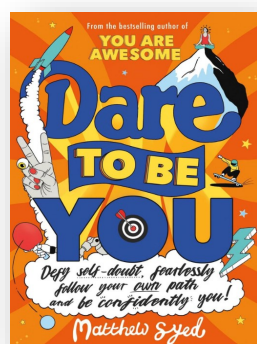
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Michigan State University completed research into everyone who had won the Nobel Prize in each category between 1901 and 2005. They compared the winners to the other brilliant experts who were around at the same time. What they found was quite amazing. The people who won the Nobel Prizes were much more likely to have a hobby or an interest in the arts (so art, music, painting, poetry, dancing, sculpting etc) than the experts who didn’t win. Their research showed the following:

- Experts who also like playing a musical instrument or conducting - **2x more likely to win**
- Experts who also like crafts, woodwork, electronics or glass-blowing - **7.5x more likely to win**
- Experts who also like drawing, painting and sculpting - **7x more likely to win**
- Experts who also like performing, dancing, or doing magic - **22x more likely to win**
- Experts who also like writing, poetry, plays or stories - **12x more likely to win**

Why is this happening?



It is because these experts are different. For example the creative scientists don’t spend all their time with the other scientists who might all think in a very similar way. Instead, they build new skills, develop new ideas and meet new people. They connect these *outsider* ideas to their scientific work, making it more likely that they will come up with even better ideas than other scientists.

From Dare to be You by Matthew Syed

At Amherst we have such a wide range of clubs which encourage children to try new skills and hopefully discover a new interest.

We may be surprised in the future what the impact was on a child attending a club that sparked a life-long hobby. One of my favourite times of the week is playing the trumpet in the school orchestra after school on Fridays!

I hope you all have a wonderful 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.



CLUBS: 16-19 October:

NO Mandarin Club on Wednesday

NO Girls Football on Thursday

Spanish Club collection is now 4.10pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ARE READY!

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are **ready to view using the QR code on your proof card**.

The website for these codes is www.getphotos.co.uk

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **22nd October 2023**



LETTERS SENT

Year 6—DT Soup making

Table Tennis Squad —Extra Training session



HARVEST FESTIVAL

If you are able to donate some food for our **Harvest celebrations** (supporting local families through 'Loaves and Fishes') please send it in with your child on **Thursday 19th October**.

The charity is specifically requesting: Hot chocolate, breakfast cereals (but not Weetabix or cornflakes), spices, rice, pasta, tins of tuna, ravioli, beef bolognese, chicken casserole, spaghetti hoops, sweetcorn, mayonnaise, pasta sauces, tea, biscuits, cooking oil, peanut butter, chocolate spread, tin openers and cleaning products.

We also need PARENT HELPERS:

If there are **any parents who are able to take the food to St John's on Thursday 19th October we would be very grateful**. Please [email the school](#) to confirm and arrive at Amherst at 11.00am to load cars with the food and then drive to St John's between 11.30-12.30pm to drop off our donations.



WINNING HOUSE THIS TERM!



Children collect house points during the term and the winning house this term is **WOLFE!!!** As a reward, children in **WOLFE House** (only) can wear something yellow on the last day of term—THURSDAY!



FUTURE DATES

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| 16 October | - 6A Soup making |
| 18 October | - 6W Soup making |
| 19 October | - 6B Soup making |
| 19 October | - Harvest Festival—Donations to school |
| 19 October | - Term 1 Ends |
| 20 October | - Inset Day |
| 30 October | - Term 2 Starts |
| 17 November | - Open afternoon 2.45—3.15pm |
| 17 November | - Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements |
| 20—22 November | - Book Fair |
| 20—22 November | - Year 3 Rocks Days @ school |
| 28 November | - Parents Evening (booking information will be sent a week before) |
| 30 November | - Parents Evening (booking information will be sent a week before) |
| 1 December | - Clubs End |

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Layah W
3H	Panos K
3W	Jonah R
4C	Yevanhelina L
4S	Chloe J
4SF	Mina J

5A	Chloe B
5HR	Isabe N
5J	Fred M
6A	Charlie K
6B	George E-P
6W	Sara I



'IT IS ME' - POETRY COMPETITION

We celebrated **National Poetry Day** in school by inviting all children to create a poem based on the topic "This Is Me!".

Big congratulations to all our poets!



IMPOSSIBLE CREATURES—WINNER

Congratulations to Molly G (6B) who is our overall winner for the **IMPOSSIBLE CREATURES Library Competition**. Well done also to Yannike N (3W), Eloise P (4C), Melody G (5J) and Felicity B (6W).



RUGBY FESTIVAL

On Monday 10 children competed against 19 other schools in a **rugby tournament at Sevenoaks Rugby Club**. After winning 2 out of 4 games in the group stage, they were then seeded into the cup section of the draw, competing in a further 2 games to decide the winner. **They finished in a very respectable runners-up position**. All children **showed fantastic skills and teamwork** to go so far in the competition. **Well done** to Noah (6A), Freddie (6A), Grace (6W), John (6W), Annebelle (6W), Sara (6W), Max (6B), George (6B), Millie (6B) and Jack G (6B).

Mr Taylor



FOOTBALL LEAGUE

On Tuesday 10th October, **Amherst played against Otford Primary and Seal in the Sevenoaks football league competition**. In a tough opening game against Otford, Amherst battled hard as a team, scoring some fantastic goals in the process, to win the game 3-2. In our second match against Seal, **Amherst played some brilliant football** to win the game 4-0, again scoring some superb team goals. These were our first two games of the season – **a fantastic start the league** and hopefully it can continue throughout the year! **Well done** and congratulations to Trent (6W), Reggie (6W), Theo (6W), Albert (6B), Jack G (6B), James J (6A), Ansh (6W), Richard (5A) and Charlie H (6W). Player of the evening was Richard (5A).

Mr Barratt



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.

Year 5 & 6 Parents

Please complete an [absence form](#) if you decide to take your child to visit a secondary school during the day.

Many thanks

**SECONDARY SCHOOL
OPEN EVENTS
IN 2023
FOR ENTRY
IN 2024**

OAKBURY TENNIS CLUB

AUTUMN HOLIDAY 2023

VENUE : WALTHAMSTOW HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL

WEEK 1 MON 23 TO FRI 27 OCTOBER
WEEK 2 MON 30 OCTOBER TO FRI 3 NOVEMBER

MINI TENNIS CLUB 4-7 YRS
FUN INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS
8.00AM – 12.30 PM MON TO FRI 22.5 HOURS
£ 95 (NO ADDITIONAL COST FOR 2ND FAMILY MEMBER) OR £27 / DAY

JUNIOR TENNIS COURSE 8-13 YRS
DETAILED INTRO / REVIEW OF BASIC TENNIS SHOTS
1.00 – 5.00PM MON-TO-FRI 20 HOURS
£ 120 (£ 150 FOR 2 FROM SAME FAMILY) OR £28 (£36 FOR 2) / DAY

WWW.TENNIS-SEVENOAKS.CO.UK
07821 621 403 OAKBURY@LIVE.CO.UK

Ruth Cable FAMILY CONCERT

with SEVENOAKS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Toy Stories

Sunday 15th October at 4pm

Our annual family concert is a highlight for the orchestra and audience. Join us for this 75-minute programme which explores the world of toys. Highly acclaimed actor David Leonard will narrate *The Magic Box* by Richards.

The programme also includes classic favourites : the *Mazurka* from *Coppelia*, the *Dolly Suite* by Faure, *Funeral March of a Marionette* by Gounod, *The Top and Hobby Horse* by Bizet, the *Toy Symphony* by Mozart, *The Fantastic Toy Shop* by Rossini and the *Nutcracker Waltz* by Tchaikovsky. Conductor Darrell Davison brings each piece to life for our young audience!

We are keen to support young, local musicians by giving them the chance to perform with a symphony orchestra. This year, we are delighted to welcome Lachlan Edwards, a pupil at Sevenoaks School, who will perform *Czardas* by Monti.

Halloween Pumpkin Trail

14th - 29th October

Join in our trail to find the animals hidden in pumpkin pictures around the farm
Collect your prize from the Tea Room

£3 per entry

Open daily (except Tuesday)
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Foal Farm Animal Rescue
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
www.foalfarm.org.uk

Tickets: £9.00 each or £8.00 for four or more

This concert is usually a sell-out so book early at The Stag Box Office

01732 450175 | www.stagesevenoaks.co.uk

OCTOBER 1/2 TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"
Fresh air. Fresh activities. Fresh attitude.

Dunton Green TN13 2UR

MONDAY 23RD
NERF: WINTER WASTELAND
TUESDAY 24TH
BLOOD, SNOT & ZOMBIES
WEDNESDAY 25TH
SPOOKY CAMPFIRE COOKOUT
THURSDAY 26TH
HARRY POTTER
FRIDAY 27TH
'AMONG US' SPY CAMP

SPOOKY CAMPFIRE COOKOUT & CIRCUS SKILLS
Join us as we toast marshmallows on the campfire & learn about Mexican cultural history through making Day of the Dead sugar skulls. We'll be having a circus skills masterclass & playing loads of ghoulish games as we draw inspiration from Latin America.

HARRY POTTER WANDS, QUIDDITCH & POTIONS
In this session, we draw inspiration from the Harry Potter book series. Have fun whittling your very own wand, brew potions & play Quidditch! Which House are you? Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff or Ravenclaw.

'AMONG US' SPY CAMP
Based on the popular video game, this session is encouraging positive technology use. The kids - our wannabe spies & spaceship survivors - hone their skills in deception, mystery & intrigue. We'll be running our very own Among Us game adapted for the outdoors, testing our stealth skills in everyone's favourite. The Fugitive game, & getting creative with forensic-based fun.

BLOOD, SNOT & ZOMBIES
Not as scary as it sounds! We'll be embarking on our spooky season special - a zombie fun-filled day of snotty slime (Yuck!) & edible blood making. There's a hilarious body part scavenger hunt & lots of light-hearted seasonal fun & games.

NERF: WINTER WASTELAND - DEFEND THE VAULT & SWAMP RESCUE
Join us for an energetic day of Nerf dart dodging, playing tactical, team-based Nerf games in our apocalyptic winter wasteland. Defend The Vault & Swamp Rescue. Lock & Load! Zombie face paint kids workshop too. (Due to more competitive nature of this day, age 8+ recommended)

THE OUTDOORS PROJECT ROOM

WILD THING

NERF SHARP SHOOTER

"THIS CLUB IS CONSISTENTLY BRILLIANT"

For more info on dates, locations, how the clubs run & to book theoutdoorsproject.co.uk/sevenoaks/

