

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17th EDITION - 19 January 2024



MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Whole School Book Project

I am pleased to be able to announce the title of our next whole school book project which we begin after half term. We are going to be studying *Moth* by Isabel Thomas and Daniel Egneus. Isabel Thomas is a science writer and children's author. She has written more than 180 books about science and nature for children. *Moth* is a story of **change** and **survival**.

Resting upon speckled, freckled trees, the peppered moth lies hidden and safe from hungry predators. Until the world begins to change ... Smoke fills the air and branches are blackened with soot. Watch out! Now, the little moth is easy to spot. But what happens next? Can moth survive in this new landscape?

It is a wonderful book that I'm sure will **inspire a wide range of exciting writing and artwork**. The story has a **scientific angle** that will introduce the children to **natural selection** and **evolution**. Our book projects have always been a huge success and I'm sure *Moth* will be no different.

The **project will begin after half term** and we are very excited that we have **managed to book Isabel Thomas to visit the school**, all day, on **Tuesday 27th February** as part of the project. She will conduct **workshops** throughout the day with each year group.

It is a beautiful and informative book, which I would encourage you to buy before the project starts so your child is familiar with the text. I'm sure it will spark their imaginations and pose many inquisitive questions.



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Determination

In assembly this week we have continued our focus on **determination** by learning about **Rosa Parks**.

We explored the story of her life, showing how **her refusal to give up her seat to a white person on a segregated bus changed the rules of American society**, and led towards **equality and justice for everyone**, whatever the colour of their skin. This small act changed American society forever.

Here is the link to the excellent [BBC video](#) I used to tell Rosa Parks' story, if you would like to see it.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

It is meant to warm up a bit on Sunday although it might be wet!

LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Maksym L
3H	Alf K
3W	Evelyn S
4C	Frankie V
4S	Felix S
4SF	William W-E

5A	Seb K
5HR	Joey S
5J	Amelia T
6A	Avani T
6B	Florence D
6W	Laila K



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.



LIBRARY BOOK REQUEST

Request for donations of age-appropriate books to the library; but please **NO Roald Dahl, David Walliams or Enid Blyton** as we are lucky enough to have loads of these.



CLUBS

- Week 22-26 January 2024: All clubs running
- Open spaces available - please complete our [booking form](#)
Ceramics—**3** / Street Dance—**2** / Spanish (Yr 4-6) - **5** / Table Tennis (Yr 4) - **1** / Mandarin - **8** / Boardgames—**7**



PARKING - YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES

Zig-zag lines on the road can be white or yellow and indicate that **parking in that area is prohibited**. Neighbours have reported parents **parking on their drive ways**—we would appreciate it if you would be **considerate towards neighbours** when dropping off and collecting your child(ren) from school.



SPRING YEAR GROUP LETTERS— please click on the links below

- [Year 3 Spring Term Letter](#)
- [Year 4 Spring Term Letter](#)
- [Year 5 Spring Term Letter](#)
- [Year 6 Spring Term Letter](#)



VACANCIES

Please click on www.kent-teach.com to see our current list of vacancies.

- Breakfast Club Manager - Part-time / Term time
- Midday Supervisory Assistant - Part-time / Term time
- After School Club Assistant - Part-time / Term time
- Business Manager—Full-time / All year round
- Teaching Assistant—Full-Time / Part-Time



FUTURE DATES

- 26 January - PTA Cake Sale and 2nd Hand Uniform Sale
- 30 January - Year 6 Young Voices @ the O2
- 31 January - Inter house Chess Competition—children will be informed of details via their teacher
- 7-9 February - Year 3 Roman Days
- 8 February - Inter house Quiz —children will be informed of details via their teacher
- 9 February - PTA Valentine's Raffle
- 9 February - Wear something RED with school uniform (fundraising for National Heart Month)
- 9 February - Term 3 Ends
- 19 February - Term 4 Starts
- 12 March - Year 6 Love to Dance Show @ the Stag Theatre
- 15 March - Clubs End
- 15 March - Open Afternoon
- 19 March - Parent Consultations
- 20 March - Year 6 Parliament Trip
- 21 March - Year 5 Rainforest Roadshow
- 21 March - Parent Consultations
- 22 March - PTA School Disco
- 28 March - Term 4 Ends
- 6 July - Amherst Summer BBQ (Save the Date)



COMMUNITY EVENTS



BOOK NOW



TECH
Holiday Camp



MEDIA
MADNESS



MINECRAFT
ENGINEERING



ROCKING
ROBOTS



3D
CREATIONS

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LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE



Virtual
Reality



Curious
Coders



Ingenius
Inventions



Expert
Engineers



Tech
Fun

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your camp activities

WHAT TO BRING...



Packed Lunch
and Snacks
(NOT FREE)



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If Required



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- Happy Parent 😊



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Workshop with Una Archer GMBPsS

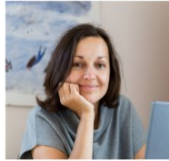
Early signs of ADHD in girls

- She keeps interrupting me mid-sentence...
- The state of her room...
- She gets upset so easily...

Is it her personality, or is it... ADHD? It can be really hard to tell, and that's why so many girls with ADHD don't get the right support. They end up struggling during lessons, in their friendship groups and at home.

Whether your daughter has strong ADHD traits or not, this workshop can give you more tools to understand your daughter, her world and help her feel more comfortable in her own skin.

Where: Amherst School
When: Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 2-3 pm
Registration: [please click here to register](#)



Una Archer is a psychologist helping families navigate their challenges in a more peaceful and connected way. To find out more about her ADHD-informed family support service, visit www.helpyourchildthrive.co.uk

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- UEFA Licensed coaching
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- Technical & tactical sessions
- S&C and Nutrition plans
- Sessions on high quality 3G surface
- Specialist GK Coaching
- Individual development plans

WHERE?
Trinity School
Sevenoaks
Seal Hollow Road
TN13 3SL

WHEN?
Thursday
15th February
3:10-4:10pm

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