



AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Isabel Thomas Author Visit

On Tuesday we welcomed Isabel Thomas (author of *Moth* our current whole school book project) to Amherst. The day started with a whole school assembly.

Isabel is a scientist as well as an author and a theme of the assembly was interesting questions that scientists get to research. One example was that of cats taking the shape of objects that they are sitting in!

Each year group then had a 45 minute workshop in the hall during the day. Isabel was inspirational and an excellent role model to inspire children to have an interest in science and writing. A theme she repeated throughout the day was to be curious. I know the children gained so much from her visit and were excited to meet the author of the book we are studying. Thank you Mrs Archer and Miss Harvey, our joint English Subject Leaders, for organising the visit and suggesting *Moth* as our next whole school book project.

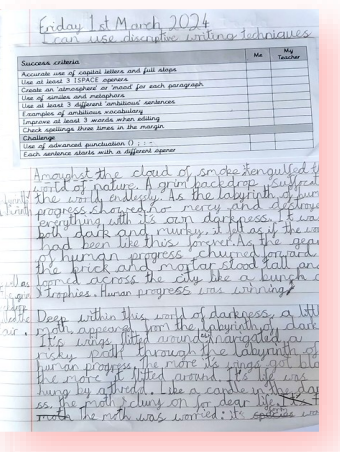
The children have been working hard since half term developing and crafting their writing and artwork inspired by *Moth*.

Feedback from staff has been that this has been one our best projects yet for pupil engagement and the quality of work being produced.

At a recent leadership meeting, Mr Barratt shared that he heard Year 6 children pretending to be moths at playtime debating who would be a speckled moth. Engagement must be high when it has filtered through to Year 6 playtime games!

A range of artwork and writing is being produced in each year group.

Finally, I am attending a secondary school quiz night tonight as part of a parent team. It is always dangerous when people find out you are a headteacher and assume you will have a vast depth of knowledge. I will do my best!



NOTICES



REPORT ABSENCES

Please complete the quick [Daily Absence Form](#) on our website before 9.00am for **every day** your child is off school.



PARKING

We continue to receive complaints from neighbours about the parking situation outside school. **Please park and drive considerably thinking of our neighbours and children** walking to school when parking at drop off or when collecting your children in the afternoon.



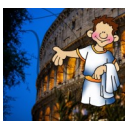
WORLD BOOK DAY— 7 MARCH

We would like the children to **dress up as a book character** instead of wearing school uniform. This does not have to be too onerous on you, costumes may be as elaborate or simple as you like! We will spend some time reading with different teachers and will discuss our favourite books together in class. We will also be **launching a competition** as part of the week's homework to raise awareness of environmental issues, with an exciting chance to win a £5 book voucher.



CLUBS

Week 4— 8 March: All clubs are expected to run as normal next week.



YEAR 3— EASTER PERFORMANCE

We are excitedly preparing for our Easter performance - Just like a Roman. For children to learn the words to the songs, please log onto Google classroom so that they can listen to them from home.

To use Google classroom, please follow these steps:

1. **Sign out of all other Google accounts.** *This is the most common issue with using Google classroom.*
2. Go to classroom.google.com
3. Sign into your child's account using the following:
 - Email address: firstnamesurname@amherst.kent.sch.uk
 - Password: Amherst2023
 - *Please note: if your child has a hyphen in their name, this does not appear in their email address. If your child uses a shortened version of their name, please try both the full and shortened versions.*
4. Class code: puqp3jl.



DONATIONS OF OLD KITCHEN ITEMS

Our Forest School is starting to take shape and we are now looking for donations of any old kitchen items to use in our mud kitchens on the field and at Forest School. If you have any of the following you no longer need or have seen better days, please send them to school with your child for Miss Watson or Miss Jones.

- Baking trays
- Sieves
- Muffin or cake tins
- Saucepans
- Frying pans
- Plastic cups
- Utensils such as ladles, fish slice, large spoons.

Please note we **cannot accept materials which could shatter** - tin, metal and plastics only please.



FUTURE DATES

- 2 March - Amherst Choir—Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival
- 5 March - Science Day
- 7 March - World Book Day (see information on page 3)
- 12 March - Year 6 Love to Dance Show @ the Stag Theatre
- 15 March - Clubs End
- 15 March - Open Afternoon
- 15 March - PTA Uniform Sale
- 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
- 26 March - Year 3 Easter Performance—Just like a Roman—2.00pm
- 26 March - Amherst School Music Festival
- 28 March - Term 4 Ends
- 24 April - Primary Partnership Concert
- 6 July - Amherst Summer BBQ (Save the Date)

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Heidi F-G
3H	Vihaan G
3W	Yannike N
4C	Aria G
4S	Henry W
4SF	Billie-Jean S

5A	Gabriel P
5HR	Clarissa M
5J	Edward S
6A	Sammie C
6B	James R
6W	William G

TENNIS

'A big well done to Mina J & Edie S who finished Runners-Up in the Sevenoaks Schools Doubles Red girls event on Sunday 25/3.

The girls battled through some really tough matches in a field of 30 girls, including a hard fought semi-final against Granville to set up their place in the Final.

Mina & Edie showed superb communication and teamwork throughout, you should be very proud of your efforts and silver medals girls, well done!'

Adam Reavely



Badge design competition 2024

WOW - the walk to school challenge

WALK with IMAGINATION

Cecily K - 5A

Richard L - 5A

Max L - 4SF

WHO MIGHT YOU BE OR WHAT MIGHT YOU SEE?
For this year's WOW badge design competition, we want you to imagine a different walk to school and draw it!

WHAT SHOULD YOU DRAW?
Imagine what it would feel like to fly like a bird, hop around like a kangaroo, or even moon walk like an astronaut. Explore your surroundings and reimagine your walk however you like!

FOREST SCHOOL FUN



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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WORLD BOOK DAY
COMPETITION

Design a cover for a book of your choice!

Do you like arts and
crafts?

Do you have a
favourite book?



...then this competition is for you!

Choose a book you love and design a new
cover for it! You could use your favourite
character, your favourite moment, or
anything else you'd like. Let your
imagination run wild and get creative!

You could win a £10 book voucher!
Prizes for KS1 & KS2

Please send your designs to
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Holmesdale Cricket Club Improvements

Thanks for clicking through on the link, this should only take 5 minutes and the information you provide will help the committee to make the right decisions benefitting you, the kids and the club for years to come.

We are on a mission to improve the community aspect at Holmesdale, to make it a welcoming and enjoyable place to hang out, grab a coffee or cold beverage of your choice and watch some great cricket.

This is the beginning of a 3 year process to get a new clubhouse built at Holmesdale, with changes actioned for this upcoming season based on your responses.

NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

Easter 2024

TECH HOLIDAY CAMP

Learning Coding Inventing

Ofsted Registered

EASTER CAMPS 2024
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5 - 11
25TH MARCH - 12TH APRIL 2024

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE

www.nextthing.education

HAF PLACES AVAILABLE

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL OF DANCE

EASTER Workshop

8th, 9th, 10th April
10am-3pm

Street Dance, Musical Theatre, Crafts & Games

At Amherst School
Witches Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 2AX
£30 per day

To book your place, please contact:
amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk

YOUR CLUB PRESENTS

7OAKS MULTI SPORTS

Easter SPORTS CAMP

RIVERHEAD INFANTS SCHOOL

TUESDAY 2ND APRIL – FRIDAY 5TH APRIL & TUESDAY 9TH APRIL – FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

£25 PER DAY

CONTACT AMANDA ON 07584419788 TO BOOK

OTFORD NETBALL CLUB

RECRUITING PLAYERS IN Y3, Y4 & Y5

Do you love netball or want to try it out?

Are you available on a Tuesday night from 5pm-6.15pm for regular training (to start after the Easter Holidays) and when match ready available on a Saturday to play league matches (both at Trinity School Sevenoaks)?

TASTER SESSION
Tuesday 5th March 2024
5pm–6pm
Weald of Kent Grammar School, Sevenoaks Sports Hall

Spaces are limited, please register with our membership secretary Paula on membership@otfordnetballclub.com

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