



MESSAGE FROM MR REID

It has been a wonderful week of additional activities to enhance the children’s learning and enrich their school experience.



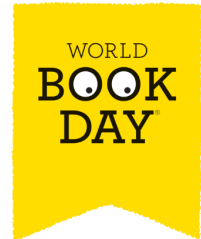
Science Day on Tuesday followed the theme of Time, which generated much thought and practical application.

The day began with a whole school science show which was inspiring and stimulating. The children then worked in small groups to create a marble run, with the aim of keeping the marble travelling for the longest period of time. This was more challenging than it sounds and much was learnt about how to slow the marble down but still ensure it was continuously moving. Thank you to Miss Foinette and Mrs Stafford for organising a great day. The donations of cardboard were much appreciated.



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Yesterday was World Book Day and it was great to see so many children (and staff!) enjoying the opportunity to dress up as a character.

We hope the message of World Book Day resonates and encourages children to reflect on the books they are reading and be inspired to try different styles and authors.



Becoming a confident and fluent reader is one of the most important skills a child can develop. It is the area that will have the most positive impact on their future school years.

Reading, like all skills, is something that needs to be practised. Ensuring your child reads every day and is developing an interest in reading is vital. Here are a few top tips:

- Don’t give up on reading if your child is struggling—take time to read with them time every day.
- Model reading yourself so they know that you value it too.
- If your child is able to read fluently their reading still needs nourishing and supporting— take an interest in what they are reading and introduce them to new genres and authors.
- Try both reading the same book at the same time, which can lead to interesting discussions.

Children’s vocabulary and ability to be a confident writer diminishes so quickly if they stop reading—I cannot emphasise enough the importance of developing your child’s reading ability and habits. It is one of the most supportive things you can do as a parent.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



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.



CLUBS

Week 11th —18th March: **13-03** NO Table Tennis / **15-03** CLUBS END
Summer Term Clubs List to come out shortly.



LETTERS SENT TODAY

Year 5—Rain Forest & DT Workshops



PTA SCHOOL DISCO

Ensure your child's place at the annual school disco by booking on www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta
Please see the flyer for more details.



SNACKS

Please can you ensure your children bring in **healthy snacks** to school—cereal bars should be nut free please.



MERIT BADGES

Please can you return all merit badges to the school office. Many thanks.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please click on the **subscribe** button to add school dates to your personal calendar. [Amherst School Calendar](#)



FUTURE DATES

- 12 March - Year 6 - Love2Dance Show @ the Stag Theatre
- 15 March - Clubs End (except the choirs and orchestra)
- 15 March - Open Afternoon - 2.45pm (Parents are welcome to visit and see your child's work)
- 15 March - PTA Uniform Sale - 3.30pm
- 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- 6.00 - 8.00pm
- 28 March - Term 4 Ends
- 24 April - Amherst Choir: Primary Partnership Concert
- 7 May - Year 5 Greek Workshop
- 13 May - Year 6 SATS Week
- 23 May - Term 5 Ends
- 24 May - Inset Day
- 3 June - Term 6 Starts
- 6 July - Amherst Summer BBQ (Save the Date)



STAR OF THE WEEK

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| 3CL | Georgina N | 5A | Ben G |
| 3H | Rose M | 5HR | Noah S |
| 3W | Ernie T | 5J | Imrie L-G |
| 4C | Jasper P | 6A | Beatrice G |
| 4S | Harriet S | 6B | Joseph N |
| 4SF | Lila R | 6W | Jessica N |



HOCKEY

On Wednesday Amherst Under 11 Boys' hockey team entered the UKSA Schools tournament. The team played superbly and narrowly missed out on progressing to the final. Amherst won their group and proceeded to the cup quarter final. A convincing 4-1 win over Bedes Prep School led to a tough semi-final against Brambletye Prep School. Amherst took an early lead but conceded in the last minute to make it 1-1. This led to penalty shuffles which Amherst narrowly lost 2-1. This placed us in the top four out of sixteen schools which was an excellent achievement, especially considering we were the only state school present. Congratulations to Ansh G, Ben G, Joey S, Freddie B, Lucas T, Noah W, Freddie K, Tom L and Jacob B.



RUGBY

A few of our year 4 boys took part in an Edenbridge RFC Mini Rugby Festival on Sunday. Raph H (4S), Luke (4S) and William (4SF) were part of the Sevenoaks RFC team who were undefeated, while scoring loads of tries and only letting a couple in.

After the final match, the coaches asked the team to decide between themselves who should win player of the festival. After a discussion in a huddle, they decided that they should all share it as they recognised how well they had all played.

It was a great morning of sport for all involved.
Well done boys!



TAEKWONDO

Henry W (4S) attended the Taekwondo LTSI 20th South East Open, and he did really well and won a bronze cup in patterns and a joint bronze medal in sparring, both in the 8-9 year old category, of which there were about 30 children. It was a really large category with people attending from Poland and Scotland.

Congratulations Henry!



TENNIS

A big well done to Nathan I & Todd R who competed in the Sevenoaks Schools Orange Boys Doubles Tennis event on Saturday in a field of 40 boys from 12 schools around the area.

The boys performed brilliantly and picked up the bronze medal finishing 3rd overall. A fantastic achievement, you should both be very proud!

Adam Reavely



MUSIC

Congratulations to Vihaan G (3H) who has passed his ABRSM Grade 1 piano exam with Merit!

HOCKEY

A number of Amherst boys played in the Kent Hockey championships last weekend in Folkestone, representing Sevenoaks Hockey Club.

Ben G, Oliver K and Joey S played for The Sharks in the Kent Cup and won all their matches, only conceding one goal all day to become Boys U10 Kent Champions! Next step is the regional championships.

The Kent Plate runs alongside the Kent Cup and Freddie K, Jacob B and Xander W played for the Eagles. The Eagles narrowly lost out in the finals on the 8th round of penalty flicks! Well deserved silver medalists.

Well done to all.



AMHERST CHOIR

Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival

Last Saturday the Amherst Choir competed in the **Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival** at Kent College, singing *Butterfly* by Alan Simmons before changing mood for a fun rendition of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *My Favourite Things* from The Sound of Music. **The children not only won the overall Children's Choir class but were also awarded a mark of 'Distinction'.** You can hear these pieces at our annual Music Concert in the School Hall on **Tuesday 26th March at 6.00pm**, to which all families are most welcome.

Amherst Music Concert

The Amherst Music Concert will take place on **Tuesday 26th March at 6.00pm**. This annual concert will include all children in the Amherst and Training Choirs, the School Orchestra and individual instrumentalists chosen by the music teachers. If your child learns an instrument out of school, plays to a high level and would like to participate, please contact the school office.



SCIENCE DAY



Celebrate World Book Day



COMMUNITY EVENTS

HOLMESDALE GIRLS CRICKET

U15 ACADEMY
TUESDAY
6-8PM
£150
25TH APRIL

U12 ACADEMY
THURSDAY
6-8PM
£150
27TH APRIL

U9 ACADEMY
FRIDAY
4:30 - 6PM
£120
3RD MAY

13 WEEK PROGRAMME

Knight Frank
HOLMESDALE CRICKET CLUB
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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://HOLMESDALE.MYCLUBHOUSE.CO.UK](https://holmesdale.myclubhouse.co.uk)

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS
Chipstead Place Lawn Tennis Club
TN13 2RJ

Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th of April
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th of April

9:00-12:00 ages 5-10
14:30-17:30 ages 11-16

£90 for club member for one week
£100 for non members for one week
£30 per day for individual days

All standards welcome & rackets can be provided if required!

Contact adam@artennis.co.uk to book or for more information

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Orsted
Junior Adventures Group

FESTIVAL of Colour

Dive into the vibrant world of colour this Easter with our Festival of Colour Holiday Club!

This Easter join our Festival of Colour Holiday Club! This engaging and vibrant program invites your children to explore the world through a kaleidoscope of hue through themed activities. From rainbow yoga and colour-coded puzzles to colourful food art and ice cube painting our exciting crafts and spirited games ensure our holiday club promises an enriching experience that combines fun, learning, and creativity.

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Junior Adventures Group
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When: 9.30am to 12.30pm
• 1 to 3 April and
• 10 to 12 April
• Early booking: book and pay by 10 March - £30 per morning
• Book after 10 March for £40 per morning

Contact Chris to book or for info
Tel: 07914 805339
Email: chris.sevenoaksjitsu@icloud.com
Web: www.sevenoaksjitsu.com

Adult classes - Children's classes - Women and teens' self defence - Easter holiday course - Birthday parties

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

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