



# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25th EDITION - 22 March 2024



## MESSAGE FROM MR REID



### Open Afternoon

It was great to see so many of you attend Open Afternoon last Friday. I know the children really value being able to share their work and school with you.



### Moth Displays

The Moth displays have now been completed and they look fantastic! The quality of the writing and

artwork produced is superb. When talking to children about their work there is a wonderful sense of pride and enthusiasm. The children have created magazine articles, Haiku poems, first person description of a moth's life cycle and how moths have adapted through periods of climate change.

We will be sending Isabel Thomas photos of the children's work, which I'm sure she will be thrilled to see. There can't be anything better for an author than to see their work inspiring such a large group of children. Thank you to all staff and children for working so hard to make the project a success. Please [click here](#) to see more photos of the children's work.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

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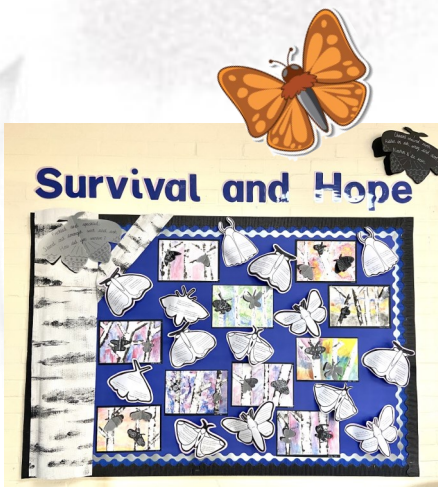
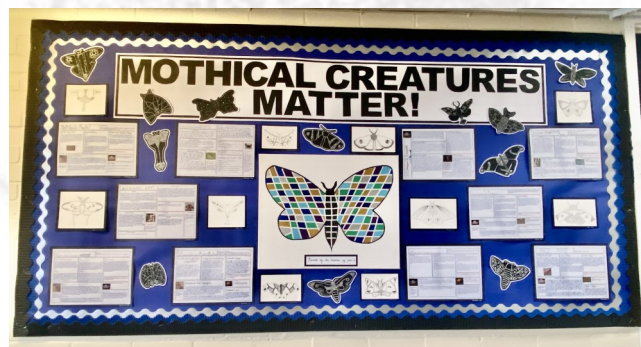
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# NOTICES



## REPORT ABSENCES

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



## AMHERST CHOIR AUDITIONS (ALL YEARS)

Children who sing **regularly** in the **Training Choir** can **now sign up for choir auditions** at the **Reception Desk**. Auditions will take place in school next week and after Easter. The choir rehearses each **Thursday after school (3.30-4.40pm)** and children need not prepare anything for an audition—just come along with an enthusiasm for singing!



## FOOD HYGIENE RATING

Congratulations to our **Kitchen Team** who on Thursday scored the top Food Hygiene Rating of 5! Congratulations to the whole team: **Mrs Roy, Miss Smith, Mrs Smithers, Mrs Foreman, Mrs Hurlock, Miss Wells and Mr Collins.**



## LETTERS SENT THIS WEEK

All Years - Clubs letter



## WINNING HOUSE

**Knole won this term's house competition!** Wolfe came 2nd, Bradbourne 3rd and Amherst was 4th. Children in Knole are allowed to wear **SOMETHING BLUE** next Thursday.



## LOVE2DANCE

Please order your DVD copy of the performance by [clicking here](#).



## VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies—please apply on [Kent Teach](#)

- Full time / Part time Teaching Assistant
- After School Club Assistant (3 days a week)
- Breakfast Club Manager
- Clerk to the Governors



## JUST LIKE A ROMAN

We look forward to **welcome parents of Year 3** on Tuesday afternoon for the Easter Performance of 'Just like a Roman'.



## CLUBS

Please find the **sign-up instructions** are on page 3.



## FUTURE DATES

- |          |  |
|----------|--|
| 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<br>(Save the Date)                  |



## Year 4 DT - Cogs & Pulleys



**Amherst  
Extracurricular  
Clubs  
SUMMER  
2024**

Amherst School Clubs Summer 2024							
Club	Tu Group	Leader	Cost	Spaces	Time	Venue	
<b>Aquatics</b>							
<b>Art</b>							
<b>Cheerleading</b>							
<b>Dance</b>							
<b>Gymnastics</b>							
<b>Hockey</b>							
<b>Rugby</b>							
<b>Sports</b>							
<b>Swimming</b>							
<b>Tennis</b>							
<b>Table Tennis</b>							
<b>Football</b>							
<b>Netball</b>							
<b>Basketball</b>							
<b>Baseball</b>							
<b>Softball</b>							
<b>Handball</b>							
<b>Volleyball</b>							
<b>Badminton</b>							
<b>Table Tennis</b>							
<b>Chess</b>							
<b>Music</b>							
<b>Instrumental</b>							
<b>Band</b>							
<b>Orchestra</b>							
<b>Choir</b>							
<b>Stage</b>							
<b>Theatre</b>							
<b>Model Making</b>							
<b>Robotics</b>							
<b>Computer Science</b>							
<b>Maths</b>							
<b>Science</b>							
<b>History</b>							
<b>Geography</b>							
<b>PSHE</b>							
<b>First Aid</b>							
<b>Life Skills</b>							
<b>Personal Development</b>							
<b>Health &amp; Fitness</b>							
<b>Yoga</b>							
<b>Meditation</b>							
<b>Journaling</b>							
<b>Reading Club</b>							
<b>Writing Club</b>							
<b>Poetry Club</b>							
<b>Storytelling</b>							
<b>Debating</b>							
<b>Public Speaking</b>							
<b>Leadership</b>							
<b>Entrepreneurship</b>							
<b>Investment</b>							
<b>Business Studies</b>							
<b>Economics</b>							
<b>Politics</b>							
<b>Social Studies</b>							
<b>Law</b>							
<b>Medicine</b>							
<b>Nursing</b>							
<b>Pharmacy</b>							
<b>Veterinary</b>							
<b>Engineering</b>							
<b>Technology</b>							
<b>Information Technology</b>							
<b>Computer Science</b>							
<b>Mathematics</b>							
<b>Physics</b>							
<b>Chemistry</b>							
<b>Biology</b>							
<b>Environmental Science</b>							
<b>Earth Science</b>							
<b>Space Science</b>							
<b>Marine Biology</b>							
<b>Zoology</b>							
<b>Botany</b>							
<b>Ecology</b>							
<b>Conservation</b>							
<b>Wildlife Management</b>							
<b>Fishing</b>							
<b>Golf</b>							
<b>Archery</b>							
<b>Shooting</b>							
<b>Snooker</b>							
<b>Billiards</b>							
<b>Darts</b>							

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Tuesday Group:  
White  
elephant mug



Wednesday Group:  
White incense  
burner



- You will see from the list that we are in the fortunate position of being able to offer a wide range of clubs.
- Please discuss with your child which clubs they would like to join.
- To sign up, **please complete the online booking form no later than midnight Monday, 25th March 2024.**
- Clubs start week commencing **22 April 2024 and end 28 June 2024.**

There will be a limited number of children per club.

Once we have finalised the club registers, **we will confirm your child's place via an email.**

There may be occasions when a club has to be cancelled at short notice but generally, we will give as much notice as possible of cancellation. Similarly, should your child not be able to attend on a particular day, your child should please notify the teacher in charge of the club.

Please [click here](#) to tell us which clubs your child would like to attend.

Kind regards

Amherst School Office





# STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Amber G
3H	Penny C
3W	Soren W
4C	Emily G
4S	Madeleine K
4SF	Jessica C

5A	Thomas W
5HR	Henry H
5J	Jack K
6A	Seth M
6B	Albert R-C
6W	Reggie S



## MUSIC

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Juliet H (4S) who received a **distinction** for her grade 1 flute exam and  
Joey S (5HR) who received a **merit** for grade 3 piano.

## ART

Congratulations to Prakruti H (4SF) on winning the World Book Day Lower KS2 art competition run by Sevenoaks School! Her book cover entry 'Malory Tower Super Series' was just brilliant!

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL



## CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Thank you for your **generous donations** towards the **charities** we supported over the last 6 months.  
We raised the following amounts:



**Evelina Children's Heart Organisation**— £ 476.40

**British Heart Foundation**—£ 226.13



**HOSPICE IN THE WEALD**—£ 187.06

**BBC Children in Need**—£ 837.52



## RAINFOREST

### ROADSHOW YEAR 5



# VACANCIES @ AMHERST SCHOOL

## WORKING AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT - FULL/PART TIME

This is an ideal role for someone **wanting to change career, return to work** after a break, or **someone with experience** in the role.

Our TA's work **term time only** (38 weeks per year), starting at **8.30am and finishing at 3.30pm**. We are currently recruiting for a full time role – but would consider a job share.

You need to have the following skills to work as a Teaching Assistant:

- Likes working with children
- Has initiative, patience and kindness
- Has good team work and organisational skills
- Enjoys building relationships with children and adults
- Is willing to learn “on the job”

Teaching Assistant **qualifications and experience** are not needed as full training will be provided.



## WORKING AS A BREAKFAST CLUB MANAGER - PART TIME

Our Breakfast Club Team work **term time only** (38 weeks per year) starting at **7.15am and finishing at 8.45am**.

We are looking to appoint a committed and flexible person to **lead our small friendly team** delivering high quality childcare at our Breakfast Club.

Previous **experience** in a childcare environment is desirable.

**The club operates from our beautiful new Jubilee Building.** We are looking for someone who is organised, creative, can work using their own initiative and above all enjoys working with children. Our club provides a healthy breakfast (toast, cereal, fruit and milk) and varied activities for pupils to enjoy in a relaxed and calm environment at the start of the school day.

## WORKING AS AN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ASSISTANT AT - PART TIME

Our After School Club Team work **term time only** (38 weeks per year), starting at **3.15pm and finishing at 6.15pm**.

We are looking to appoint a committed and flexible person to join our small friendly team delivering high quality childcare at our After School Club. Our club provides tea (sandwiches, fruit and milk) and varied activities for pupils to enjoy at the end of the school day.

This role could be combined with the Teaching Assistant role.

**Qualifications and experience** are not needed to work as an after school club assistant!



Our vacancies are advertised on [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com).

If you would more information about the role please call the school office. If you would more information about the role please call the school office.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD HAS MEASLES AND WHEN TO KEEP THEM OFF SCHOOL

### West Kent Athletics club Easter Athletics Camp 2024

3 days of athletics where anyone and everyone will take part in all the athletics events, play games and receive an athletics stats sheet with all their best results on to compare each time they come to an athletics camp to track progress.

Each group will have tailored sessions with their designated coach and will be in groups with others of a similar age ready for action packed athletics! Events we will cover:



- 75M/100M
- 600M/800M
- HURDLES
- LONG JUMP
- POLEVAULT
- HIGH JUMP
- TRIPLE JUMP
- JAVELIN
- DISCUS
- SHOT PUTT
- HAMMER
- RACE WALKING

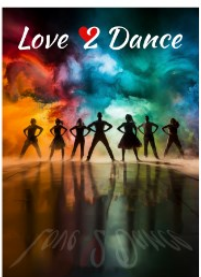
**Details**  
**Dates** – Tuesday 9th April - Thursday 11th April  
**Duration** – 10:00am – 15:00pm  
**Location** – The Judd School, Brook Street, Tonbridge, TN9 2PN (Please bring your own packed lunch)  
**Cost** – £120 for full course.  
£45 per day (Please email to book individual dates)  
Age range – 6 – 13 (athletes will be split into groups based on age)

**Website:** <https://www.westkentathleticsclub.co.uk>  
**Contact:** 07368 234321 Email: [westkentac@gmail.com](mailto:westkentac@gmail.com)

**Club night information**  
Come along and do athletics - no experience and any ability can turn up to our pay as you go sessions.  
Monday - Tunbridge Wells - 6:00pm - 7:00pm - £7 per session  
Wednesday - Tonbridge - 6:30pm-7:30pm - £7 per session  
Saturday - Medway - 11:00am - 12:00pm - £5 per session  
Check our website or email for more information & 1-2-1 sessions



SCAN ME



			<b>Tuesday 12th March</b>
DVD £25	Download £20	DVD & Download £35	
			<b>Wednesday 13th March</b>

ORDER ONLINE

[www.acm-studio.co.uk/ksp/index.html](http://www.acm-studio.co.uk/ksp/index.html)  
DVDs will be handed out at your school, OR include postage for home delivery.

We will be here for the evening performances



## Design a new 'Thank you' Enamel Badge Competition

Here is our last 'Thank you!' badge design.

Look at all the detail that's gone into it!

And the shape can be unusual as well.



Glitters you can use. Ring round your choice. See your teacher for the big colour version.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**  
Include our logo! (Cut & Paste)  
Include the words: Thank you!  
8 colours max.  
2 Glitter colours only. 1 is best.  
2 entries only per pupil. A&B

DESIGN A

DESIGN B

Design A

Design B

Your Name

Your Class

## Premier Football School



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### Kids Football School this Easter!



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From the Foundation Awards Manager  
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TONBRIDGE SCHOOL

18 March 2024

Dear Parents

This year, Tonbridge School will offer 8 places to boys in Year 6 who are currently at local primary schools. These places are offered with a significant means tested fee reduction which, in some cases, covers full fees and extras such as uniform. I will help these boys to secure a place at local prep school, where they will study for Year 7 & 8 in preparation for joining Tonbridge in Year 9, 2027. We will offer additional financial support to help with these prep school fees.

Many local primary schools have supported boys' applications to Tonbridge over the years through our Foundation Award Programme. We currently have 68 boys in the school receiving financial assistance and we aim to increase that to 100 by 2028.

If you have a bright, high achieving and talented son, currently in Year 5, who you think might be interested in a Tonbridge education, I would be delighted to hear from you. If you would like some informal relaxed details about the programme we can have a chat by phone, or you can pop in for a coffee and a look around. Further information about the opportunities and how to apply can be found on our website.

Registration for places has opened for entry in Year 9, 2027 and I am holding a Foundation Award Open Morning in May to which you would be welcome to attend.

Please do contact me directly should you have any questions.

With best wishes,

Ros Griffiths  
Foundation Awards Manager