

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

28th EDITION - 26 April 2024



MESSAGE FROM MR REID



This term's school value is trust.

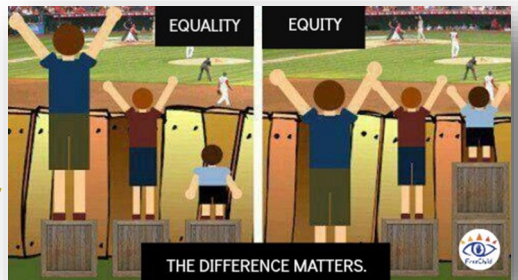
On Tuesday's assembly I shared with the children the **character traits** needed to be regarded as trustworthy. They were as follows:

- Taking turns
- Telling the truth
- Playing by the rules
- Thinking about how your actions will affect others
- Listening to people with an open mind
- Not blaming others for your mistakes
- Not taking advantage of other people

We spent time **exploring what each character trait** looked like in action. We explored that your behaviours define your character more than your words in the eyes of other people. Building trust in a relationship takes time and needs to be maintained and nurtured. We discussed the need for forgiveness and allowing people to start again by not holding grudges.

We also then discussed the following picture and quote:

Fairness does not mean everyone gets the same. Fairness means everyone gets what they need to be successful.



This can be a hard concept for children (and adults) to understand. The picture really helps explain the concept far better than words. I'm sure all of us can think of times when we may have needed a little bit more help to be successful. This is something that happens everyday in a school setting. Our **school moto** is '**Inspire Every Pupil**' which can only happen if **every child is supported to be successful**. That support can look very different from child to child but with the same underpinning value of success for all.



Good luck to Mrs Stafford!

It was Mrs Stafford's last day today as she leaves to begin her maternity leave. I sure you will you join me in **wishing her and Mr Stafford good luck in anticipation of their new arrival**. A very exciting time and special experience.



Clubs started this week

We are so pleased that our extra-curricular clubs have restarted. It is fantastic to see children experience new things, learn new skills and have fun at the same time. **90% of Amherst children are in one or more clubs this term**. We do still have a few places available, so please complete our clubs bookings form as per the notices page.

I hope you have a good weekend. I apologise for any rain this weekend - it will be due to my first cricket match which is meant to be tomorrow!

NOTICES



REPORT ABSENCES

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



SUMMER TERM YEAR GROUP LETTERS

Please click on the links below:

[Year 3 Summer Term Letter](#)

[Year 4 Summer Term Letter](#)

[Year 5 Summer Term Letter](#)

[Year 6 Summer Term Letter](#)



CLUBS

[Week 28/04—03/05:](#)

*** SPANISH (Year 3) will be on Wednesday, not Thursday. (this week only)**

*** NO** Water Polo

If you have not yet booked your child's club spaces for this term, please [click here](#) .



SATS WEEK: 13TH – 17TH MAY

Year 6 Parents, we would appreciate it if you can avoid making any appointments in the week above.



NUT FREE & HEALTHY SNACKS FOR BREAK

Please can you ensure your children bring in **healthy snacks** to school—please NO CRISPS or CHOCOLATE BARS.



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



BREAKFAST CLUB

If anyone is interested in a place in our Breakfast Club (immediate start) on Monday, Thursday or Friday -please contact the school office.



FUTURE DATES

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| 7 May | - Year 5 Greek Workshop |
| 13 May | - Year 6 SATS Week |
| 17 May | - PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale |
| 17 May | - PTA Parent Quiz Night |
| 23 May | - Term 5 Ends |
| 24 May | - Inset Day |
| 3 June | - Term 6 Starts |
| 4 June | - Year 5 Kent Test Meeting 6.00pm |
| 4-6 June | - Year 3 Horton Kirby Trips |
| 6 & 7 June | - Sponsored Swim in School |
| 10-14 June | - Year 6 Hilltop Residential |
| 14 June | - Year 4 Hampton Court Trip |
| 18-19 June | - Year 5 Parent Consultations |
| 28 June | - Open Afternoon 2.45pm |
| 28 June | - Clubs End |
| 1 July | - New Parent Meeting 2.00pm |
| 4 July | - Kent Transition Day |
| 6 July | - Amherst Summer BBQ (Save the Date) |
| 15 July | - Summer Production— Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm |
| 16 July | - Summer Production— Matinee Performance 1.45pm |
| 17 July | - Summer Production— Evening Performance 7.00pm (all children to attend) |
| 18 July | - Summer Production— Evening Performance 7.00pm (all children to attend) |
| 22 July | - Sports Day |
| 23 July | - Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match |



LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Elijah G
3H	Eliza O'H
3W	Lara S
4C	Raghava M
4S	Navya I
4SF	Ollie P

5A	Mark G
5HR	Ruby Q
5J	Scarlet O
6A	Abi C
6B	Lilly S
6W	Felicity B



HOCKEY

Sevenoaks Hockey Team including Amherst's **Oliver K, Ben G and Joey S** were successful at the South East Regional Championships at Horsham.

They played the other winning teams from Kent, Sussex and Surrey and were unbeaten throughout the day. There was much excitement when the gold medal match finished 1-1 and went to penalty flicks!

The boys held their nerve and an excellent save from their goal keeper won the match to become Boys U10 South East Regional Hockey Champions 2024!



MADDIE M

Maddie M has been selling pom poms to raise money for **The Guide Dogs**. She has done brilliantly raising just over £50!

Maddie chose this charity because we have a neighbour who not only works with the charity, but she trains guide dogs in her home.

Well done Maddie.



MUSIC

Congratulations to Eleanor O who received a distinction for Grade 4 Cello.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Love the Game UK

Football Coaching

MAY HALF-TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

TUESDAY 28TH - THURSDAY 30TH MAY
10AM - 3PM

Fun, games, goals, saves, technical sessions, penalty shootouts, tournaments and more.

Ages 5-15 | Boys and girls of all abilities

Coaches are first aid and safeguarding trained, DBS checked, and some even have Premier League coaching experience.

£25 per day, £12.50 for half day or £60 for all 3 days

Trinity School
Seal Hollow Road
Sevenoaks
TN13 3SL

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To book -

- Follow the QR code, taking you straight to our booking site.
- Go to our website, find Holiday Football Camps, and book your place there.

See website for more details or email:
camps@lovethegameuk.co.uk

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE!





NEW CLASS

THIS GIRL CAN



Ages 6-8
Mondays 16:30-17:30
Chipstead Place Lawn Tennis Club
Starting 29th of April with a free taster
Contact Adam@artennis.co.uk for more info

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OAKBURY TENNIS CLUB

WEEKEND TENNIS 2024

VENUE : WALTHAMSTOW HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL
(NEXT TO SEVENOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL)

FLEXIBLE BASIS - NO FULL TERM BOOKING NEEDED / SAT & SUN

MINI TENNIS CLUB 4-7 YRS APPROX

FUN INTRO TO TENNIS TENNIS RELATED CO-ORDINATION WORK
SIMPLIFIED INTRO TO BASIC SHOTS FUN GAMES TO DEVELOP CO-ORDINATION

8.00 - 10.00AM OR 10.30AM - 12.30PM OR 1.30 - 3.30PM
£10 TOTAL FOR 1 OR 2 FAMILY MEMBERS

JUNIOR TENNIS 8-13 YRS APPROX

DETAILED INTRO / REVIEW OF THE BASIC TENNIS SHOTS

4.00 - 6.00PM £14 TOTAL FOR 1 OR 2 FAMILY MEMBERS

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