

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MISS JONES

This week @ Amherst

While our Year 6 children have been enjoying themselves at Hilltop, the rest of the school has also been having fun, experiencing a variety of different activities.

Children from each year group were invited to showcase their talents in front of their own year group, with winning acts going forward to the Amherst's Got Talent final. Celebrity judges (Miss Huntley, Mrs Tallboy and Miss Cable) had the difficult task of choosing the finalists.

Congratulations to our winners:

- Year 3 — Jack P, Joba O, Jamie H (Taekwondo with drums)
- Year 4 — Luca H and Jake R (Comedy)
- Year 5 — Joey S (Piano)
- Wild card — Imri L-G and Tilly C (Dance)

Trips, workshops and school tours

Year 4 have been studying the Tudors this term and today had the chance to bring history alive by visiting Hampton Court Palace. Year 5 ventured back in time to the Ancient Greek Civilisation. They wore Greek costumes, performed plays and competed in the Olympic Games before sampling some Greek food.

I have shown several prospective parents around our school in Mr Reid's absence. As always, when walking around, I feel a sense of pride talking about our school, our pupils and the whole school community.

Enjoy your weekend,

Miss Jones

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NOTICES

ATTENDANCE

REPORT ABSENCES

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



SUMMER BBQ – 6TH JULY

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for our annual Amherst Summer BBQ / End of year celebration! **Food, drinks, fete games** and **music** in the background. Plus **6 different inflatables** - all free to use once you're in through the gates. It promises to be a **FANTASTIC** afternoon to celebrate the **end of our school year!**



INTERNATIONAL DAY – 26 JUNE

As this term's value is cooperation, we would like to **celebrate all the different nationalities** that our families represent here at Amherst.

During our PHSE session in the morning we will invite children, if they wish to, share with their classes some information about the different countries their families come from. Those who would like to talk should come prepared to share:

- country's flag
- say hello or goodbye in their language
- count to 10 in their language
- share any traditions/ customs.

On the day:

- Children may bring in a small flag
- have a flag painted on the side of their cheek
- wear the national dress if there is one.

We hope they will enjoy celebrating different cultures and customs from around the world. **This is not a home clothes day.**



KIDENZA – TESCO TOKENS

Please **support** this fundraising initiative to bring the Kidenza orchestra to Amherst and Riverhead Infants' Schools.



CLUBS Week 17–21 June:

NO Curling Club (Tuesday 18/06)

NO Cricket Club (Friday 21/06)

All other clubs are expected to run as normal.



VACANCIES

Please apply on [Kent Teach](#) for the vacancies we have.

- **Teaching Assistant** - full time & part time / job share will be considered. Either an immediate start, or a September start.
- **Breakfast club manager** - to start in September
- **Clerk to the governors** - asap



YEAR 6 – PTA LEAVERS' DISCO

Secure your ticket now via www.pta-events/amherst



FUTURE DATES

- 18-19 June - Year 5 Parent Consultations
- 26 June - International Day
- 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
- 12 July - Year 6 Leavers' Disco — 6.30–8.00pm
- 15 July - Summer Production—Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm
- 16 July - Summer Production—Matinee Performance 1.45pm
- 17 & 18 July - Summer Production—Evening Performance 7.00pm (all children to attend)
- 22 July - Sports Day
- 23 July - Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match
- 23 July - Term Ends



LET'S CELEBRATE



STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Philip L	5A	Lia G-F
3H	George C	5HR	Thea W
3W	Arthur R	5J	Melody G
4C	Douglas B	6A	Residential Trip
4S	Ben C	6B	Residential Trip
4SF	Leonie S	6W	Residential Trip

TENNIS

Well done to the players who took part in the Kent School Doubles Tennis qualifying event at Bromley Tennis Centre on Tuesday 4th June. The children were competing for a place in the Finals being held today giving the opportunity to fight to be Kent Schools Doubles Champions for their respective age group.



Well done to our Red pairings from area 3 & 4; Mina & Edie, Raghava & Adj, Tobias & Oliver, Vihaan & Panos, Oliver & Alex and our Orange pairings from Year 5; Nathan & Todd and Jacob & Oliver.

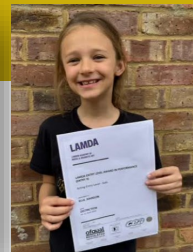


All of you performed brilliantly and were a real credit to the school. Congratulations to Nathan & Todd and Tobias & Oliver who managed to top their groups to qualify for the finals. A fantastic achievement in a field of over 80 children! Well done to all for their hard work and commitment to their team training sessions at Chipstead Place LTC in preparation for the events.

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MUSIC & DRAMA

Congratulations to Eirene B (4SF) for winning first prize in the grade 7+8 piano category in the Sevenoaks Arts Festival. Eirene also received a distinction in her grade 3 acting Lamda exam. Well done Eirene!



Congratulations to Ella J (3H) who has received a distinction in her LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) certification for Acting Entry Level - Solo.

TENNIS

Congratulations to Todd R and Isabe N who won the Tennis Year 5 & 6 Mixed Doubles Tournament at Hollybush on Wednesday afternoon.



Seven other schools were in attendance. Congratulations also to Nathan I-C and Isla S who made it to the quarter finals.

FOOTBALL

William E and Ollie P in 4SF got to the final of the Horam FC Tournament last weekend with their Chipstead Hawks team. The boys had an amazing competition. Runners up was a great result after some fantastic football played. **Congratulations!**



COMMUNITY EVENTS

FUN SKILLS TRAINING AND MATCH PLAY.



Summer sports camps 2024

Calling all boys & girls age 5+! Fun, inspiring coaching with lots of match play.

Netball

24, 25, 26 July
31 July, 1, 2 Aug
5, 6, 7 Aug
29 Aug

Hockey

(with Oxted Hockey Club)
31 July, 1, 2 Aug
19, 20, 21 Aug
29 Aug

Elite-level guest coaches across various dates.
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ONE OF THE GIRLS

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Sevenoaks Town Football Club



U9 girls new players & coach wanted
School year 3 and 4
Sunday matches
Wednesday training on 30

Scan the QR code to register your interest



Free Summer Holiday Club Sessions for children eligible for Free School Meals!

Club Venues:

- Sevenoaks Leisure Centre - TN13 1LW - 30th July - 23rd Aug (Tue-Fri Only)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to have partnered with Junior Adventures Group (JAG) and Kent local authority to offer your child a FREE place at our JAG Holiday Clubs this coming school holiday running at Sevenoaks Leisure Centre.

Ensure your children experience a Holiday Club like no other with JAG! Our jam-packed daily schedule uniquely caters for each child's talents and interests, forging unforgettable memories in an amazing holiday experience! With a brilliant mix of sports, engaging activities that get children moving, creative sessions that bring out their inner inventor and much more, we help children build social, emotional, and interpersonal skills in a safe and exciting environment.

We're part of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) network!

HAF provides funding to local authorities and childcare providers - such as JAG - so that local families needing additional support can book their children into out-of-school activities. This vitally important programme helps ensure that children:

- ✓ Stay active during the school holidays
- ✓ Take part in enriching, engaging activities that support their development
- ✓ Eat healthily during the holidays
- ✓ Are safe, socialise and make new friends

Make a booking now!

Kent use an external booking system called Evoucher for parents to make their individual bookings. To check your eligibility and to create your account please visit: <https://www.theeducationpeople.org/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-kent-haf/welcome-information-for-families/>

Once your voucher has been received through the online evoucher system. You will be able to follow the link from that voucher to view all the activities available over the Summer.

Kent HAF Team: HAF@kent.gov.uk

JAG's Super Activities!

- 🏆 **Super Sports:** action-packed multi-sport sessions!
- 👥 **Power Teams:** fun, movement-based activities, and challenges!
- 🌍 **Global Kids:** a chance to practice life skills through a range of engaging learning experiences!
- 😊 **Wellbeing Warriors:** activities that promote physical, emotional, and personal wellbeing and happiness!
- 🎨 **Creative Inventors:** exciting opportunities for children to express themselves creatively!
- 🧠 **Brain Boosters:** captivating games and puzzles to enliven and perplex!

For further information on how JAG supports families and local authority partners during the school holidays, please visit <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/haf/>. Otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact their friendly bookings team via email at hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk or telephone 0333 577 1533.

PRO SOCCER ACADEMY

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PLAYERS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO TAKE THEIR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL WITH PSA'S FULLY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL STAFF. FROM MINI GAMES AND COMPETITIONS TO GAME PLAY & TOURNAMENTS. EACH DAY WILL PROVIDE THE PERFECT ENVIRONMENT FOR PLAYERS TO TRAIN LIKE A PRO USING PREMIER LEAGUE STANDARD EQUIPMENT.

SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOLS

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RECEIVE ONE DAY FREE

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Do you or your child travel to University, College or School by bus? If so, we've got the perfect solution! Arriva Student and Child Saver tickets are valid for anyone in full time education and, is a cost effective and flexible way of paying for travel costs.

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