

RELATIONSHIPS

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24th EDITION - 14 March 2025



MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Relational Approach

I attended a **KCC Headteachers' briefing** on Monday morning which provided some interesting points of discussion. I had attended hoping to find out more about the changes to Higher Needs Funding following several consultations over the last 18 months. This information was lacking but a secondary school gave a presentation on how they have been using a **Relational Approach** in their school with great success.

This was a term that I was **unfamiliar** with but the more I listened, the more I identified that this is **my approach to headship**. I wasn't aware that what I had always interpreted as **the gut instinct approach** was a **formal strategy!**

A **cornerstone** of this approach is **caring**.

Through **caring** we build **strong relationships** which help **pupils feel secure**. Below is a list of things we can do in schools to show we care:

- Be loving and compassionate.** Let them know that you like them and that they are special to you. Regularly checking in with simple smiles, eye contact, thumbs up etc. can make the child feel they are cared for.
- Hold them in mind.** Finding regular opportunities to let them know they were in your thoughts is important in enabling the child to understand that relationships can be secure.
- Use transitional objects.** This can help them know that you are thinking about them. Simple actions such as lending them a 'special' pen that they need to bring back to you at the end of the day, will let them know you are thinking of them.
- Show them that you care.** Notice things about them (a new coat, haircut or pencil case) and remember details about them including birthdays, interests, favourite sporting teams or bands. Let them know that you thinking about their basic needs. Small things that show you care can make a significant difference.
- Soothe and comfort them.** Soothing enables the child to calm their physiological response to danger and fear.

You may read the above list and think those things would be obvious, but **they are not** to everybody. I **personally believe this is how we should interact with everybody**, not just children in a pupil teacher relationship.

It is a busy last three weeks of term ahead, starting this afternoon with Open Afternoon.

Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th March - Year 6 Parliament School Trip

Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day

Saturday 22nd March - PTA Spring Ball

Monday 24th March - Love 2 Dance

Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th March - Parents' Evening

Friday 28th March - PTA School Disco

Tuesday 1st April 2.00pm - Year 3 Easter Performance

Tuesday 1st April 6.00pm - Amherst Music Festival

Friday 4th April - Easter Bonnet making with Riverhead (Years 5/6) & End of term!

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Reid

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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. Please complete for **ANY** appointment during the day.



CLUBS – WEEK 10 – 14 MARCH

Clubs END today, with the exception of a few who are still preparing for events:

The following clubs will be running this week:

- Monday – Minecraft Club 12.30pm
- Wednesday – Spanish Club 12.30pm
- Thursday – Beginners Tennis 8.00am
- Thursday – Amherst Choir 3.30pm
- Friday – Training Choir 8.15am
- Friday – Orchestra 3.30pm



AMHERST SCHOOL LIBRARY

You are invited to enter our first ever 500 word story-writing competition!

Closing date: 28 March 2025

Please hand in your entry to the **library desk**.

Make sure you have written your **name** and **class** on your story.



PTA UPDATE

Dear All

We would love to send a huge thank you to all our wonderful reps and parents/carers for your amazing support of the PTA!

The attached poster highlights the fantastic funds we've raised together in the first half of the academic year.

We can't wait to bring you more fun-filled events in the months ahead, including the Spring Ball, Summer BBQ, Quizzes, Discos and After-School Sales.

Thank you for being such an incredible part of our school community!

With gratitude,

The PTA Lead Team



NUT FREE

We have children in school with serious nut allergies. If they eat nuts or for some, are near them, they could get very sick. Please can you ensure to not send in nuts to school—in packed lunches, bake sales or chocolate donations.



RED NOSE DAY – FRIDAY 21 MARCH

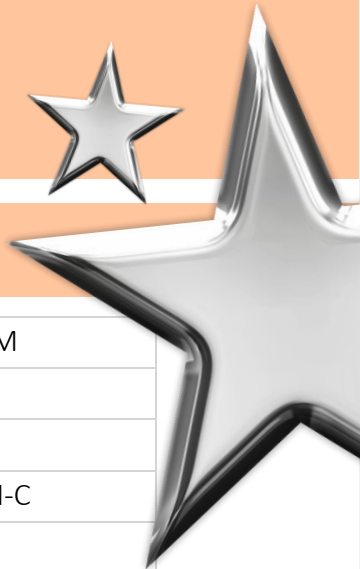
Please see more information on page 4. We will appreciate donations of cakes for our cake sale! (Please can you provide a list of ingredients)

Please use www.schoolgateway.com for any other donations. Many thanks for your anticipated support.



14 March	Clubs end
17 March	Year 6 - Parliament Trip 6A
19 March	Year 6 - Parliament Trip 6MW & 6W
21 March	Red Nose Day (donations of Cakes needed please)
21 March	PTA Meeting - 1.45pm
21 March	PTA Cake and Hot Dog Sale 3.30pm
22 March	PTA Spring Ball
24 March	Year 6 - Love to Dance Show - Stag Theatre
25 March	Parent Consultations
27 March	Parent Consultations
28 March	PTA School Disco
31 March	Year 3 Easter Production - 2.00pm (Dress Rehearsal)
1 April	Year 3 Easter Production - 2.00pm (For Parents)
1 April	Amherst School Music Festival - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
3 April	PTA - 2nd Hand Uniform Sale - 3.30pm
4 April	Last Day of Term 4

LET'S CELEBRATE



STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Wilfred W
3CL	Isabella G
3WH	Ethan O
4C	Charlie G
4SF	Marnya N
4T	Florence O'H

5A	Emmie M
5HR	Lila R
5J	Luca W
6A	Nathan I-C
6MW	Leo G
6W	Lukas S

MUSIC

Congratulations to Maya S who passed her grade 2 Flute exam with merit!

AMHERST CHOIR

Last Saturday, the Amherst Choir competed in the Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival at Kent College, singing *The Rose* by Amanda McBroom as well as a brilliant rendition of the classic *Good Morning* from the musical *Singing in the Rain*.

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 1st April at 6.00pm**, to which all families are most welcome.



TAEKWONDO

Henry W and Izzy W competed in the LTSI Open South East Taekwondo competition at De Havilland University. Henry gained a bronze trophy in patterns - having to perform in 4 separate rounds, and gave a really good effort at sparring and at flying high kick where the pad he had to kick was double his height!

Izzy also gained a bronze trophy in patterns, and a bronze medal in sparring. While they normally compete only against the same sex, due to numbers, Izzy competed against two boys taller than herself in sparring and gave as good as she got!

Congratulations to both Henry and Izzy!



SWIMMING

On 8-9 March, Mark G (6MW) took part in a swimming competition for clubs from South East London and North West Kent. In his age group, Mark won a silver medal in 100m backstroke, 50m backstroke and bronze medal in 50m free style. Congratulations Mark!



CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Arthur B (3CL) has successfully raised over £180 through selling comics at school and via his [Just Giving](#) page. Arthur has really worked hard to create the comics and it has been rewarding for him to see his efforts result in such a significant contribution to a charity that is very close to our hearts.

He has a few remaining comics which he will be selling today and tomorrow, should anyone be interested in purchasing one. Well done Arthur!



PTA - SPRING BALL

RIVERHEAD PTA & AMHERST PTA

PRESENT

Spring Ball

GRAND RAFFLE



1st Prize

Nintendo Switch Lite Console

2nd Prize

£100 voucher and bottle of
Champagne for
The Old Bank in Westerham

3rd Prize

Electric Hoverboard

TICKETS £1
EACH

Plus Many More Prizes Including.....

- Mother's Day Hamper including beauty, fizz and chocolates
- Children's Toy Hamper including a Drone, arts and crafts and books
- Dinner & Cocktails for 2 at Life On High
- Vouchers for local businesses such as:
 - Devita Beauty
 - Love & Roses
 - Temper Temper Chocolate
 - Skin Aesthetics
 - Chiddingstone Dairy
 - Oliver Bonas
 - Pheasant Plucker Pub & Restaurant

PLEASE RETURN SOLD OR UNSOLD COUNTERFOILS TO EITHER
SCHOOL OFFICE BY
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED W/C MONDAY 24TH MARCH



Bidding Opens: Friday 21st March - 9am
Final Bids: Saturday 22nd March - 11pm

RED NOSE DAY FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025

Raising money for children around the world
who are living in poverty

This year we are planning to celebrate Red Nose Day.
The School Council have chosen the following activities to
fund raise.

Children do not have to take part but if they would like to they need
to donate £1 per activity or go on www.schoolgateway.com to pay.

Fundraising Activities children can enter:



• Wear pyjamas to school (no slippers) or something red (£1)



• Quiz (£1)



• Draw off (£1)



• Bake off (no need to donate as cakes will be sold)



LOTS OF PRIZES!



Donations can be made via www.schoolgateway.com

SCIENCE DAY



BALLOON CARS



Amherst School
Upcycling Challenge

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



ASSEMBLY

YEAR 5—RAINFOREST ROADSHOW



RAINFOREST

ROADSHOW

Year 5

CLUBS - BOOK YOUR SUMMER CLUBS NOW!

SUMMER CLUBS LIST and SIGN UP

Your child will be coming home with a paper copy of the Summer Clubs list today. A few notes to guide you when you look at the list:



We have two new clubs:

- Athletics
- Curling

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 by the **latest Monday 17th March 2025 at 12.00pm.** (Link below)

Clubs start week **commencing 28 April 2025 and end 27 June 2025.**

CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

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.

COMPLETE THE CLUBS FORM ONLINE

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS

EASTER CAMP

Chipstead Place Lawn Tennis Club

Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th of April

Tuesday 15th - Friday 18th of April

9:00-12:00 ages 5-10

14:30-17:30 ages 11-16

All standards welcome & rackets can be provided if required!

£80 for club member for one week

£90 for non members for one week

Individual days available upon request

10% early bird discount for all bookings paid by the 21st of March

Contact adam@artennis.co.uk

artennis

Sevenoaks

SEND ROADSHOW

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) event for families of children at schools in the Sevenoaks Partnership of Primary Schools. This event is designed for anyone whose child or young person has or may have special educational needs and/or disabilities and wants to meet with services that are available in your area. We will have a wide range of services in attendance suitable for ages 0 - 25 and their families.

What will the event look like?

We will have lots of exciting SEND services with their own stalls to go to for a chat, we have also invited along a number of local SENCOs. No need to book just come along anytime between 1pm and 3pm, refreshments will be available. If you have any questions or accessibility requirements please email sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk

Feedback from our previous SEND events...

"I have more information to support my child's learning"

"all the information I needed in one place"

"what I've been looking for"



1PM - 3PM
29
APRIL

BAT AND BALL CENTRE

CRAMPTON'S RD,
SEVENOAKS TN14 5DN

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL OF DANCE

EASTER Workshop

14th & 15th April

10am-3pm

Dance, Arts & Crafts
Games & lots of fun!

At Amherst School
Witches Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 2AX
2 days £50 or 1 day £30

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

FOR AGES 6 TO 12

GIRLZ ACADEMY

EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP

- Fun Drills and Activities
- Mini Tournaments
- All Abilities Welcome
- Sibling Discounts Available
- Prizes To Be Won

CHEVENING PRIMARY SCHOOL, SEVENOAKS, KENT, TN13 2SA

PRICES
1 DAY - £30
2 DAYS - £50
3 DAYS - £70

DATES
8TH - 10TH APRIL
14TH & 15TH APRIL
10AM TO 3PM

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OAKBURY TENNIS CLUB

EASTER HOLIDAY 2025

VENUE : WALTHAMSTOW HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL

WEEK 1 MON 31 MAR TO FRI 4 APR 25

WEEK 2 MON 7 TO FRI 11 APR 25

WEEK 3 MON 14 TO FRI 18 APR 25

MINI TENNIS CLUB 4-8 YRS

FUN INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS

8.00AM - 10.00AM OR 10.30AM TO 12.30PM MON TO FRI 10 HOURS

£ 70 (NO ADDITIONAL COST FOR 2ND FAMILY MEMBER) OR £14 / DAY

JUNIOR TENNIS COURSE 8-14 YRS

DETAILED INTRO / REVIEW OF BASIC TENNIS SHOTS

3.00 - 6.00PM MON TO FRI 15 HOURS

£ 120 (NO ADDITIONAL COST FOR 2ND FAMILY MEMBER) £24 / DAY

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Task: Design a new activity for Easter 2025!

ACTIVITY COULD BE:

- Based on existing activity with a twist
- Repurposing equipment to play in another way
- Add your theme to an activity
- An activity you love already which you'd like to see at camp

WE WILL REPLICATE YOUR ACTIVITY IDEA AT CAMP!

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!
ENTRIES SUBMITTED TO FUN@BARRACUDAS.CO.UK BY 20TH MARCH

INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE & HOME & LOCATION OF SCHOOL WITH YOUR ENTRY

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Children's Cake Decorating Workshop for Year 5 and Up!

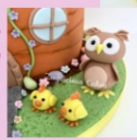
£110 for full course

4-week Saturday course, 12:00 - 14:00

March: 29th,
April: 5th, 12th,
19th

Zuzilicious Kitchen,
South Tonbridge

Book at: 07830675075



Easter Holiday Lacrosse Camp

Years 3 +

When?

April
Monday 7th | Tuesday 8th
10 am - 3 pm

Where?

Park House Rugby Club,
Barnet Wood Road,
Hayes
BR2 7AA

Cost?

£30 for 1 Day | £55 for 2 Days

Coaches?

Current and ex **GB, England & Denmark**
International players!

Tuck shop available!
Bring packed lunches & any meds.

To Book:

Click [HERE](#) to fill out the form.



Easter Holiday Lacrosse Camp

Years 3 +

When?

Monday 14th | Tuesday 15th | Wednesday 16th
April
10 am - 3 pm

Where?

Park House Rugby Club,
Barnet Wood Road,
Hayes
BR2 7AA

Cost?

£30 for 1 Day | £55 for 2 Days | £75 for 3 Days

Coaches?

Current and ex **GB, England & Denmark**
International players!

Tuck shop available!
Bring packed lunches & any meds.

To Book:

Click [HERE](#) to fill out the form.



BUZZERS ACADEMIES Easter Holiday 2025

Fencing • Circus Skills • Gymnastics • Sports • Archery • Boxing
Sand Art • Taekwondo • Dance • Science • First Aid • Cooking

Where?

- BALHAM** - Telferscot Primary School, Telferscot Road, Balham, SW12 0HW
- BECKENHAM** - Clare House Primary School, Overbury Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 6PY
- BEXLEYHEATH** - Upland Primary School, Church Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4DG
- BICKLEY** - St George's Primary School, Pembroke Road, Bromley, BR1 2RL
- BROMLEY** - St Mark's Primary School, Aylesbury Road, Bromley, BR2 0QR
- CONEY HALL** - Wickham Common Primary School, Gates Green Road, West Wickham, BR4 9DG
- CROYDON** - Gresham Primary School, 98 Cherry Orchard Road, Croydon, CR0 6BA
- DARTFORD** - River Mill Primary School, Central Road, Dartford, DA1 5XR
- EDEN PARK** - Unicorn Primary School, Limpfield Road, South Croydon, CR2 9EA
- LEE** - St Winifed's Primary School, Newstead Road, Lee, SE12 0SJ
- ORPINGTON** - The Highway Primary School, The Highway, Orpington, BR6 9DJ
- SEVENOAKS** - Chevening Primary School, Chevening Road, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, TN13 2SA
- SWANLEY** - Swanley Family Hub, St Mary's Road, Swanley, BR8 7BU
- WEST WICKHAM** - Oak Lodge Primary School, Chamberlain Crescent, West Wickham, BR4 0LJ

Who?

Boys and Girls aged 4 (Reception class) to 12

When?

Monday 7th to Friday 11th & Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April
8.30am-5.30pm (Extended day) or 10am-4pm (Camp day)

Price?

£37 per day (Camp day) - £7 morning extended hours & £7 afternoon extended hours

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**10AM-3PM
AGES 3-11 YEARS**

**7th-11th & 14th-17th April
£20 per day**

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Riverhead Infants School

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More Information
We run a mixture of fun activities during our camp days, with lots of sports mixed in. We also enjoy many old school PE games such as bench ball, bench football, bulldog and our favourite, dodgeball!

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9-11 years Juniors
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DISCIPLINE
Our classes teach discipline, respect, and focus. These skills will benefit them in school, sports, and life!

FRIENDSHIP & TEAMWORK
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