



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week saw us once again increase in number as we welcomed back our Year 6 pupils into school! Just like their younger counterparts the Year 6 children all came smiling through the gate and quickly readjusted to the new rules and routines that have been introduced since they were last here. It has been lovely to spend time with each of them in their lunchtime bubbles and catch up on all the news since they were last here! So yesterday, with all bubbles in, we had 87 children in school which is our highest attendance since March!

As I mention above, new rules and routines have been introduced across the school to reflect the protective measures that have been put in place with the aim of keeping everyone safe during their time in the building. We have therefore made some changes to our school behaviour policy to reflect the new routines and to outline the reward and sanction systems now in place. A copy of these changes can be found in our Behaviour Policy Addendum located in the policy section on the school website.

You will all no doubt be aware of the government's recent announcement stating a change of plan regarding all children returning to school before the summer break. I am yet to receive any additional guidance or direction from the Department for Education (DfE) to that which was shared by Gavin Williamson earlier this week. However, please be assured that the school leadership team continue to plan for the further reintegration of more pupils back into school, whether this be in the short term or long term. We will of course, as always, share this plan with you once we are in a position to do so following receipt of further DfE guidance.

Thank you to those parents who have got in touch requesting resources to support their children in understanding recent events following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis last month. We have compiled a list of resources to support any parent who may wish to use them with their child which are available on the school portal. May I take this opportunity to remind everyone that Slade Primary School embraces diversity, celebrating and respecting the differences between all in our community; any prejudice, including that which is racially motivated, will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in line with school policy. The school's current Equality Scheme is in the process of being reviewed and we would welcome input from members of our school community; if this is something that you would be interested in being involved in then please contact me via the school office.

Today we held our first virtual Celebration Assembly where we were joined not just by the children in their bubbles in school but also by many of our Year 6s from their homes! It was lovely to gather together to celebrate the achievements of the children with their learning, whether that had been here in school or from home via the portal. Therefore, we will be extending the invite next Friday to all those that wish to join us at 2pm, technology permitting; Zoom invites will be sent to you all later this week. In the meantime do check out a recording of today's assembly on the school portal.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care, stay alert and be kind x

Karen Slade.

P.S. A separate letter will be sent out to parents next week regarding end of year reports and parent consultation meetings in light of the new DfE guidance.

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Around School

Nourish News

Key and Critical Workers and parents of children in Year R, 1 and 6 will all have received a copy of the current menu from Nourish last weekend.

Clare would like to thank all of the families who have chosen a Nourish school dinner this week and would like to remind everyone that she will be providing Week 1 of the menu next week.



Do you have a Scooter or Bike at School ?



If your child has a scooter or bicycle at school, could we ask that you contact us by email via office@slade.kent.sch.uk as soon as possible. We have a number of them still on the premises, which need to be removed for safety and security reasons, including the continued efforts to make the school a COVID-19 free and secure site.

In your email, please list the make and colour of the bike or scooter and a day (between 10 and 12 or 13:30 and 14:30) that you would like to collect it.

Please be aware that the school office is currently closed and an appointment to collect should be made in advance.

Book Your Place in Year 6 History!

Don't forget you've just got this weekend to submit your pictures and short written pieces to the parents who are organising a special leavers memory book for our Year 6 children leaving Slade at the end of this school year.

All of the information required to make the book a success has been sent by ParentMail over the last two weeks. Replies should be sent to izabela.pawl@gmail.com. The deadline is Monday to ensure publication dates can be met. Drop Izabela or us a message if you would like details of what has been requested.

Once in print the book will cost £8, details of how to purchase will follow soon.

Kent Music Survey

Every year we have to report key information about musical activities that are taking place in school which enables us to receive additional funding from the Kent Music School.

For part of the survey we need to report information about instrumental lessons. We would normally complete this part with the children in school so would kindly ask that you complete the survey, if your child has instrumental lessons, to support us in reporting the correct information.

If you have more than one child at Slade that has instrumental lessons then please complete a separate survey for each child.

This survey needs to be completed by next Friday, 19 June.

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Notice of Works from SGN

Nicole McNab of gas network company SGN has written to us with the following information about works they are carrying out over the next 4 months which may affect you as you travel in and out of Tonbridge



She says:

We know that during the coronavirus outbreak, our communities will rely on us now more than ever to keep them safe and warm. The safety of our communities and our employees will remain our number one priority in the weeks and months ahead.

We need to carry out safety-critical work to upgrade the gas network in the area of Tonbridge near to Slade Primary School. This work needs to go ahead now, rather than wait until the pandemic passes, to ensure the local community continues to receive a safe and reliable gas supply. Our contractor, Medway Civils & Utilities will complete this work on our behalf.

We will start setting up our site on 14 June 2020 in High Street Tonbridge, with a northbound traffic restriction coming into effect on the 15 June 2020.

In close consultation with Kent County Council, we have agreed to complete the following work, which includes traffic management in place to ensure the safety of everyone around the site:

- On **15 June 2020**, for approximately 14 weeks, we will be working in the **High Street** from the junction with Portman Park to outside The Ivy House
- **We will need to implement a northbound traffic restriction for vehicles travelling away from the centre of town on the High Street**, between our works. Please note, southbound traffic heading towards the town centre will remain unrestricted
- A signed diversion will be in place via: Bordyke, Hadlow Road and Yardley Park Road
- HGVs will need to follow an alternative signed route via: the A26, the Tonbridge Bypass (A21) and London Road (B245)
- Please note, the work around Portman Park will require us to go onto London Road (B245). Although there will be some carriageway incursion, traffic management will not be necessary
- **We will also be working on Bordyke**, from outside number 7 to the junction with the High Street, with no traffic restrictions expected



Pedestrian access, including social distancing measures, will be maintained throughout

We are working closely with UK Government and public health bodies to make sure we work safely and in line with expert advice during the COVID-19 outbreak. We have extra safety precautions in place to protect our colleagues and our customers from catching or spreading the virus as we carry out our safety-critical project.

We may need to enter properties to upgrade gas supplies as part of this work, although this will be towards the end of our project. This will depend on where the gas pipe and meter are located. We may also need to temporarily interrupt gas supplies to individual properties and will provide five working days' notice beforehand.

There's more information about our coronavirus preparations on our website: sgn.co.uk/coronavirus

Thank you for your understanding and support during these challenging times.

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Around School

Happy Birthday!

Everyone at Slade would like to wish a very happy birthday to the children and adults at the school who are celebrating their birthday in the coming week.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to:

Today: Clementine - Pegasus

Sunday: Ethan - Hippogriff, Malvina - Elf

Monday: Scarlett - Hippogriff

Tuesday: Eduardo - Dragon, Ella - Dragon

Thursday: Alex - Gnome



Become a Critic and Win!

Thankyou for the entries we have already received for the Mind Travels creative writing competition featured last week. Remember, you have two competitions to get your 500 word stories entered in to with submissions made to office@slade.kent.sch.uk and librarian Caroline Mawson will send them off.

Visit <https://www.capita-readingcloud.co.uk/node/1265> for all of the details. The winner every 2 weeks will receive a certificate, £25 book token e voucher and entry published on the Capita website.

This week, we are pleased to share details of another competition from Capita Reading Cloud, this one for all of our readers - especially if you saw yourself as a reluctant reader before lockdown.

Was there one book that you read and it changed you into a keen reader? Can you convince one of your friends to try your favourite book?

All you need to do is email us your review of a book that you have recently read, or the one that made you realise the magic of books. Send that, along with a short paragraph (no more than 200 words) about why you chose to review that book to office@slade.kent.sch.uk and we will do the rest.

The reviews are reviewed themselves and judged by Sue Polchow, pictured right, a Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals and Costa Children's Book Award judge and regularly reviews children's and young adult books for the SLA School Librarian magazine.



Last week's star reviewer was Year 3 Meika from Stamford Green Primary School in Surrey. You can read Meika's review of The Seriously Extra Ordinary Diary of Pig by Emer Stamp here: <https://www.capita-readingcloud.co.uk/Student-Star-Reviewer-Competition-Winners>.

Lockdown Family Learning

Kent Adult Education offers Family Learning to schools across Kent to support families with their children's learning. In light of current circumstances, they have been putting together an offer of virtual classes for families across the county.

Find out more about enrolling onto a course by visiting <https://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/learning-with-us/learning-in-the-community/family-courses/> or emailing BusinessSupportTeam@kent.gov.uk.

The Term 6 timetable has been emailed to all current parents at Slade via ParentMail today.



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Slade Stats

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Over a school year, we are open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions as the children are registered in the morning at 08:50 and in the afternoon at 13:15 for KS1 and 13:30 for children in KS2.

The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted. Find out the winners by following our Twitter feed on a Friday afternoon.

ATTENDANCE TARGET

We would like to see overall school attendance be at or above

97%

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

This week we recorded an overall attendance of

36.7%

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

93.8%

Registers are taken at 08:50 each morning, with the gates open 10 minutes earlier. It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week - Find out the winners by

PUNCTUALITY THIS WEEK

0 Children late this week

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Dear Parents and Carers

We communicate to parents and carers all week long through our Twitter feed, keep up to date with what is happening and what is about to happen by following us: log on at www.twitter.com/sladeprimarysch or via the app @sladeprimarysch.

Letters and general information are sent via ParentMail. Every parent should have a ParentMail account linked to their personal email address, please download the ParentMail app from your chosen app provider and always read and act on the communication we send to you. School letters are only sent to you if the content applies to your child.

Urgent messages can also be sent via SMS. Please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile telephone number. We use Teachers to Parents SMS.

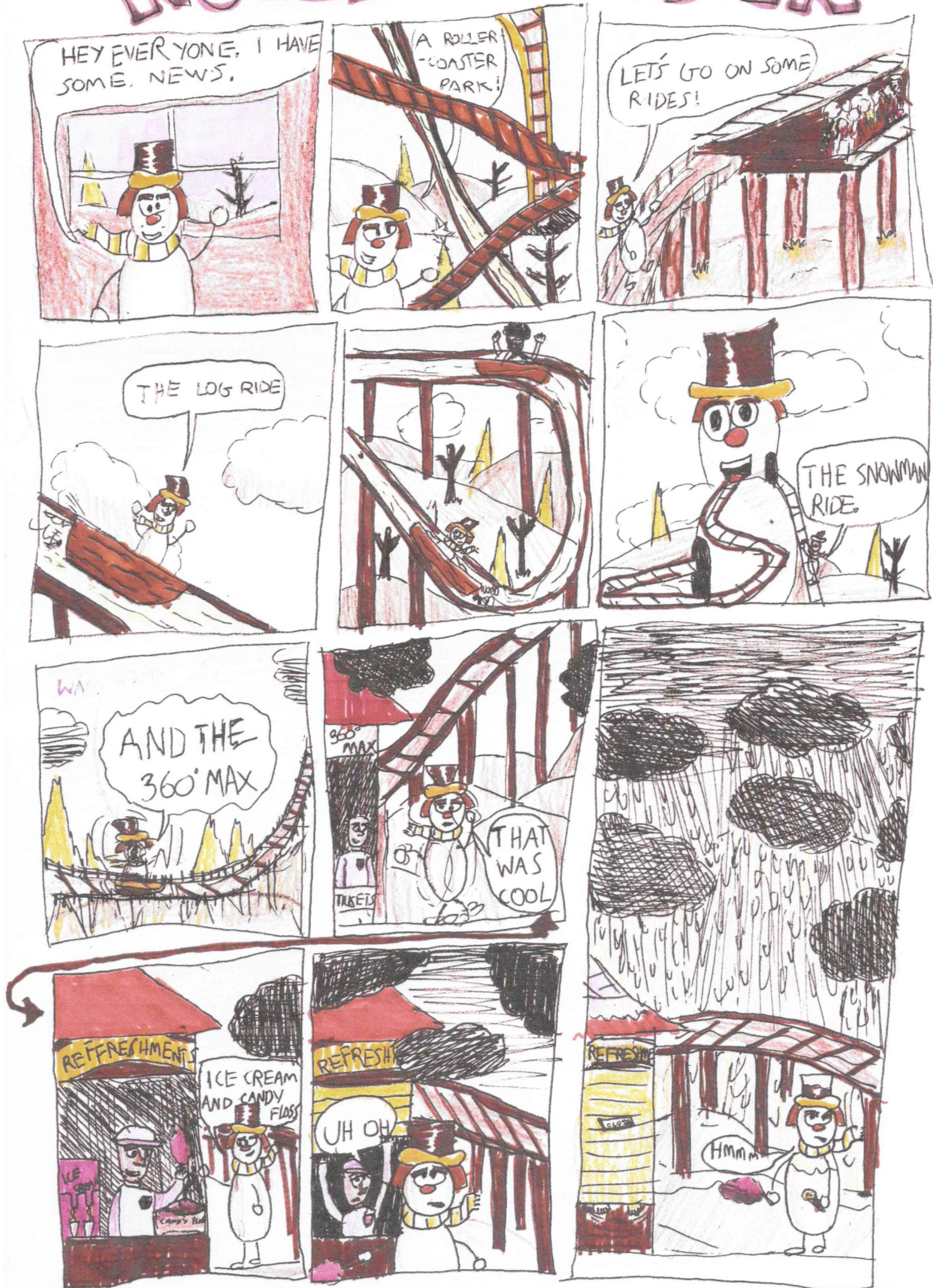
Below is a list of communications sent this week:

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Sunday 7 June	Nourish Menu	Year R,1, 6 and Key and Critical Worker Parents ParentMail
Monday 8 June	Year 3 Zoom	Year 3 ParentMail
Tuesday 9 June	Kent Music Survey	All School ParentMail
Tuesday 9 June	Year 1 Lockdown Writing	
Tuesday 9 June	Maidstone Museum Tesday Takeover	
Tuesday 9 June	Empathy Day 2020 @EmpathyLab	
Wednesday 10 June	Year 6 Leavers Book Reminder	Year 6 ParentMail
Wednesday 10 June	A Welcome Visitor to School	
Thursday 11 June	Year 6 Zoom Assembly Invite	Year 6 ParentMail
Friday 12 June	Kent Adult Education	All School ParentMail
Friday 12 June	Celebration Assembly Live - Now uploaded for playback	Portal Playback +video

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Lockdown Learning

Jacob causes an Eruption!

Year 3 have been learning about volcanoes; if you want to know anything about these natural wonders then look no further than Jacob from Hippogriff Class.

After posting a picture of his completed model of a volcano on to the Year 3 page on the home learning portal, we contacted Jacob to find out what he has been doing as part of this project.

He said:

'We had to make a volcano and we had to try and make it erupt. We made the volcano by cutting a plastic bottle in half and sticking it onto a card. We then built up the volcano using paper mache. It was really fun and messy! We looked up some pictures of volcanoes and then painted it once dry to look like lava coming out the top.'

The volcanic eruption was a mixture of washing up liquid, water, bicarb of soda and vinegar! Once I poured the vinegar it erupted!'

Jacob isn't the only member of his family who has enjoyed learning all about volcanoes. His sister, Amber from Elmer Class, also helped with the papier-mâché.

Experience the eruption of Jacob's volcano through his video behind this link and also on the Year 3 page.



Erupting volcano.mp4



Thankyou so much to Jacob for producing this wonderful project and for sharing it with us.

Big thanks for sure also to Amber for her help, and to Mum, Mrs Cattell, for interviewing Jacob for the newsletter.



Competition

8 June - 5 July 2020



International Women in Engineering Day

International Women in Engineering Day is an annual day of celebration and awareness for women working in engineering

Do you have a child or children aged: **5-8, 9-11 or 12-14?**

If so... Network Rail are launching a competition for these age groups!

We would love your child or children to research a female engineer who they think has had huge impact on the world, and tell us what the world would be like if that engineering solution did not exist.

Their entry should be in the form of a poster or a story.

Details of how to enter can be found at: www.networkrail.co.uk/stories/educational-resources-for-children

Entries will be judged by a panel of experts and your child or children could win some amazing prizes!

These are examples of some great female engineers:



Agnes Marshall

Who was granted a patent for an ice cream machine that could freeze a pint of ice cream in five whole minutes!



Marie Van Brittan Brown

Marie was the inventor of the first home security system!



Mary Anderson

Who, in 1903, was granted her first patent for windscreen wipers!

For further information and competition terms and conditions please visit: www.networkrail.co.uk/stories/educational-resources-for-children

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Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 15 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Tuesday 16 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Wednesday 17 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Thursday 18 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils
Friday 19 June	School Open for Selected Groups Only School Closed for majority of pupils

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	Lunchtime Chess, Silhouette Dance, First Class Football, KS2 Gardening, Year 5 & 6 Netball
TUESDAY	Craft'd Sewing Club
WEDNESDAY	Gary Marshall Cricket, Silhouette Dance, The Art Trolley
THURSDAY	Active Sports Group Gymnastics
FRIDAY	Lunchtime French, The Art Trolley, Sama Karate

All clubs are suspended until further notice

FURTHER AHEAD

From Monday 1 June until further notice	School Open only for these groups: Years R, 1, 6 on specified days only - please refer to letters from Mrs Slade and subsequent information from class teachers. Conditional on parental consent and ongoing Government advice. Also, children of Key and Critical Workers as defined in Government guidance. Attendance and days attending are agreed with school in advance.
Monday 15 June - Friday 19 June	Year 6 Residential Trip. See separate messages about reimbursement of payments made to date
Tuesday 23 June	School Sports Day
Wednesday 24 June	EYFS Intake 2020 Parents Information Meeting. This meeting will no longer be held in school, please see email sent on Friday 12 June and await further information on how to view this event.
Thursday 25 June	EYFS Intake 2020 Parents Information Meeting. This meeting will no longer be held in school, please see email sent on Friday 12 June and await further information on how to view this event.
Friday 26 June	Primary Outdoor Athletics Day

All events are suspended until further notice. Those in grey are cancelled.

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