



# Slade

## Primary School

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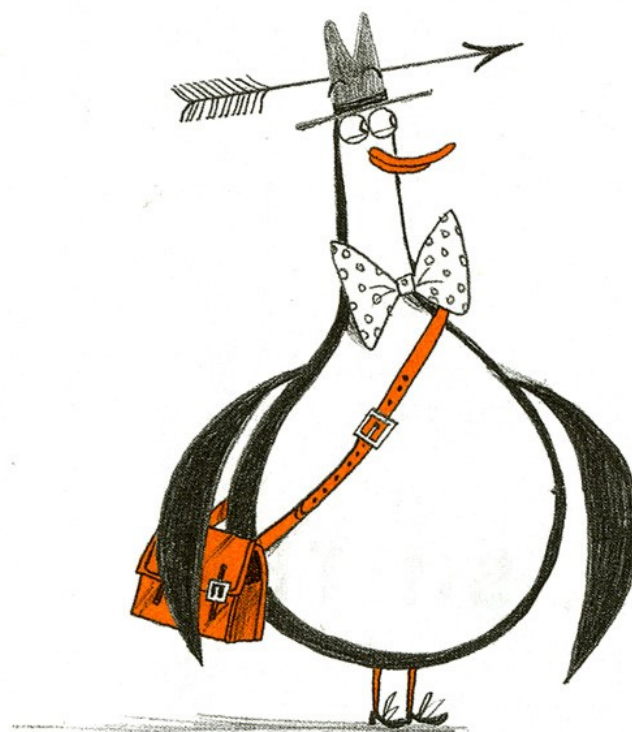
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# Mrs Slade

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope that you have all had a good week.

Well done and congratulations to all children who have participated this week in our 'Virtual Sports Challenge.' It has been lovely to see children across the school whether at home or physically here getting up and getting active. I've loved hearing of your individual achievements and seeing the sense of pride in what you have accomplished. Whether that be the amount of time balancing on one leg, the distance you can throw a welly or mastering the art of jumping in a sack! Alongside this it has been lovely to see your creativity too with you designing your own Olympic stadiums and describing your own personal sporting heroes. Don't forget that the winning house will be announced in assembly next week when they will be presented with our Sports Day Trophy. So don't forget to get those points uploaded if you haven't already done so!

Children here in school have all enjoyed getting creative during these last weeks of term as they've had opportunity to work alongside our artist in residence Rob Turner. You may remember that prior to lockdown Rob began working in school on a project to convert the building that was once the Music Mobile on the field into a safe space for children to use. Despite having to put the project on hold at the start of lockdown we are delighted that Rob has since been able to return to school and continue with this transformation project. All children that have returned to school to date have contributed to the artwork both on the interior and exterior of the building. Once complete we will share pictures of this amazing transformation but in the meantime do take a look at our Twitter feed for a preview!

Earlier today I wrote to all parents to provide further information regarding the return to school in September for the start of the next academic year. There will be a phased return for all children into school during week beginning 7 September. We will be welcoming back 2 year groups on a daily basis for the first 3 days of the week to ensure a smooth and safe transition back into school for every child. Every child will be taught in their new class 'bubbles' of no more than 30 children by their new class teacher. Please look out for this letter and note the date that your child will be returning to school if you haven't already done so. A second letter regarding timings of drop off and pick up for each class will be sent out next week. This will also include further information regarding the protective measures that we have put in place in accordance with the latest government guidance.

Next week is the last full week of school for Term 6 and so next Friday will see the last newsletter of this academic year being sent out. A reminder also that the last day of Term will be Wednesday 15 July for children in Year 2, Thursday 16 July for Year 6 pupils with Year R, 1 and 5 pupils along with our critical worker bubbles finishing on Friday 17 July. We look forward to welcoming Year 3 and 4 pupils into school on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 July. Please do get in touch with your child's class teacher if you are unsure of any of these dates and how they affect you.

**I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.**

**Take care, stay alert and be kind x**

**Karen Slade.**

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# Around School

## Nourish News

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 special Lockdown menu next week.



## 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 a small, select band this week!:

Today: Freddie - Gnome

Saturday: Thomas - Wyvern

Wednesday: Teddy - Gruffalo



## Diggerland Vouchers

The KM Charity Group, organisers of the in term competitions Walk on Wednesday and Buster's Book Club, currently suspended due to the COVID-19 closure to school for most pupils each day, have been in touch with an important message from Diggerland. The KM provide schools with vouchers for Diggerland as prizes for the winning classes each term.

Diggerland have told the KM:



***'Unfortunately due to Covid-19, Diggerland visitor capacity has been greatly reduced. For July & August, Diggerland will be unable to accept any kind of discounts from KM Charity Team.'***

The Kent Messenger Group add that they are aware that most, if not all, visitor attractions are operating with a much reduced capacity and advise parents and carers to check with the venue before setting out if vouchers are valid at this time and if booking ahead is the only way of gaining entry to the chosen attraction.



## Forest School at Slade

Thankyou very much for the really positive response to our announcement this week that Forest School, lead by Miss Hall, will be coming to Slade in the new year. Miss Hall is looking forward to getting this project going , if you can help with any of these items, get in touch via

[office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk)

### Forest School is coming...!

We are excited to announce that from September we will be beginning to start work on creating our very own Forest School.

To help us get started we are looking for either donations of the items listed or for our more creative parents, if you are able to make items out of pallets or other reclaimed materials then that would be fantastic!

We will not need the donations until September and will send a date out in the new academic year when items can be dropped off.

We thank you in advance for any help you can provide! ☺

- Pallets
- Shed
- Paving slabs to stand shed on
- Mud Kitchen
- Pots, pans and utensils for mud kitchen
- Saw Horses
- Outside craft table
- Tree stumps for sitting on
- Planks of wood
- Tyres
- Wheelbarrow
- Bricks
- Bamboo canes/long branches for den building
- Cable drum reels
- Roof tiles/clay tubing
- Plastic tubing
- Water butt
- Guttering

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# Slade Sports Week

## Sports Week 2020

This week has been Virtual Sports Week at school and at home as the Slade family keeps fit, has fun and earns points for our four houses, Air, Earth, Fire and Water.

We hope you have enjoyed taking part wherever you are.

Well done to our fantastic Year 6 demonstrators, who produced the online video instructions for the daily activities. Mrs Stephens and Mr Osborne would like to thank them, and everyone who has taken part and helped make this a successful week long event.

The final scores will be announced in next week's end of year Celebration Assembly.

In school this week all of the classes and bubbles have been taking part all week:

Year R have been racing in egg and spoon competitions and have been moving around their outside area, jumping in sacks!



Year 1 have been creative, they have been designing and making their own sports stadiums.

Right: Action from the school field on Thursday



## Football Awards

### **Mr Watts - Year 5 and 6 Football Team Manager and Coach**



The Premier League may have restarted but, unfortunately, our football season at Slade came to a premature end. Nevertheless, we had a fantastic first season back from the footballing wilderness (Mrs Dolley told me that Slade haven't had a team for 10+ years!) We won two of our three games and we made it to the knockout stages of the tournament. Thank you to Mr Osborne for being our 'Director of Football' and for refereeing our home games. Thank you to our loyal band of supporters who created a fantastic atmosphere wherever we played. Finally, thank you to Finlay for being an excellent captain, both on and off the pitch.

This term, Year 5 and 6 have been invited to take part in our end of season awards. I am incredibly pleased and proud to announce the winners here:

Goal of the Season: Congratulations to **Jesse** whose stunning freekick against Longmead has earned him the Goal of the Season award! **Jesse's** freekick received 80% of the vote.

Players' Player of the Season : Congratulations to our fantastic shot-stopper **Ben R** who is our first Players' Player of the Season. **Ben** received 100% of the vote!

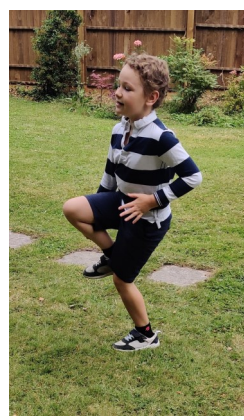
Manager's Player of the Season: Congratulations to our all-action midfielder **Arno** who is Mr Watts' Player of the Season!

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# Slade Sport Photo Gallery



Slade Sports Week has seen our children running, skipping jumping and being creative at home and all over Tonbridge!

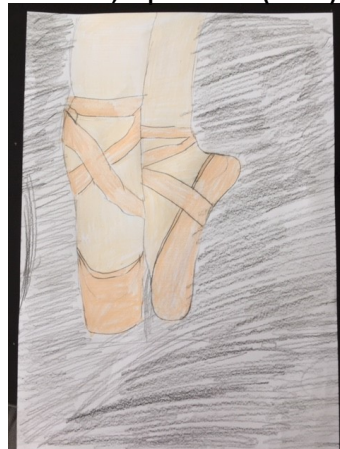
We have taken a peek around the class pages at all of the fantastic photographs that you have been uploading to the portal as the children have been earning points for their houses.

Included here are pupils from Year 3 and 4 carrying out their physical challenges, as well as Football boots designed by Lewis (Year 2) and a sports stadium created by Violet also in Year 2.



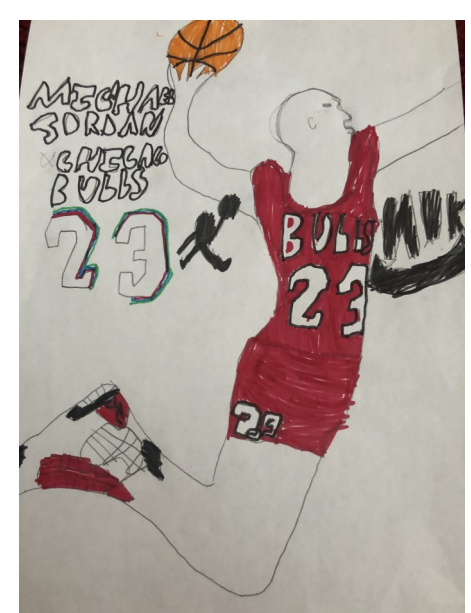
Below:

Alfie (YrR) Family Cricket, Chloe (Yr 5) Ballet Shoes, Spencer (Yr 3) and hero Chris Boardman, Tim (Yr 2) Football Stadium



Year 5 Sports Heroes

from Left to Right from Harry (Cristiano Ronaldo), Lily (Simone Biles) and Charlie (Michael Jordan)



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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

**49.9%**

### ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

**90.9%**

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](https://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
Friday 3 July	Key and Critical Worker Bubbles Full	All School ParentMail
Sunday 5 July	Year 6 Shirts Reminder	Year 6 ParentMail
Monday 6 July	Invicta Grammar School for Girls Open Events	Year 5 ParentMail (Girls Only)
Tuesday 7 July	Zoom with Mr Duffin	Hippogriff Class ParentMail
Wednesday 8 July	Pupil Premium Funding	Selected Children ParentMail
Wednesday 8 July	FSM Vouchers	Selected Children ParentMail
Wednesday 8 July	Invite to Celebration Assembly, Live & on Portal Playback	Year R,1,2 ParentMail
Wednesday 8 July	Invite to Celebration Assembly, Live & on Portal Playback	Year 3,4 ParentMail
Wednesday 8 July	Invite to Celebration Assembly, Live & on Portal Playback	Year 5,6 ParentMail
Wednesday 8 July	Forest School at Slade	Year R - 5 ParentMail EYFS2020 by Email
Wednesday 8 July	Year 5 Bubble Update	Year 5 ParentMail
Thursday 9 July	Artist in Residence <a href="https://www.twitter.com/robtturner">@robtturner</a> video update	
Thursday 9 July	Tapestry Account Closure	Year R ParentMail
Thursday 9 July	Letter from Mrs Slade - Return to School	Year 3 ParentMail
Thursday 9 July	Letter from Mrs Slade - Return to School	Year 4 ParentMail
Friday 10 July	Letter from Mrs Slade - Important Information about Term 1	Year R - 5 ParentMail EYFS2020 by Email

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A 12-panel comic strip titled "SLIPPER THE SNOWMAN" by "THE SLIPPER". The story follows Dr. Antydote's plan to build a snowman in Frostville. Panel 1: "A LONG TIME AGO" shows a volcano. Panel 2: "BUT" shows a path to Frostville. Panel 3: "WE WILL EVACUATE FROSTVILLE" shows a mayor and people. Panel 4: "THE TOWN (WITH NO INHABITANTS) BEGAN TO FALL INTO DIS REPAIR" shows a ruined town. Panel 5: "ONE DAY AND WE WILL EXPLORE FROSTVILLE AND SEE IF WE CAN DO OUR EXPERIMENTS THERE" shows scientists. Panel 6: "AND THEY SET OFF" shows the volcano. Panel 7: "THIS PLACE IS PERFECT OR MY NAME ISN'T DR. ANTIDOTE" shows Dr. Antydote. Panel 8: "SOON THE TOWN WAS RESTORED AND DR. ANTIDOTE HAD A LAB" shows a restored town. Panel 9: "HA HA THIS LIQUID WILL MAKE THE SNOW NEVER MELT. I'LL GO AND BUILD A SNOWMAN NOW" shows Dr. Antydote with a flask. Panel 10: "ALL DONE" shows a finished snowman. Panel 11: "I'M HERE TO REGISTER A COMPLAINT" shows the snowman at a desk. Panel 12: "HEEY I WILL SEE WHO'S THE NAME IS" shows the snowman at a door. Panel 13: "OH DONT WORRY ABOUT T. WHO ARE YOU" shows Dr. Antydote. Panel 14: "SLIPPER THE SNOWMAN" shows the snowman's name.



# Reading Corner



## At Home with Claude and Mr Penguin

The National Literacy Trust has been running a series of special activities hosted by different children's authors and illustrators via their website during the lockdown period.

One of our personal favourites was featured last week. Alex T. Smith who is author of many instantly recognizable books, most famous for the Claude series for younger children (above left) and more recently for older readers, the adventures of detective and lover of fish finger sandwiches, Mr Penguin (right.)



If you know and love these books, or are keen on finding a new series of stories to enjoy, take a look under this link for a video from Alex on how Claude is illustrated as well as activity packs for both Claude and Mr Penguin series that will keep children entertained and thinking with fun puzzles and challenges related to the books.

[Alex T. Smith Literacy Trust Author of the Week](#)

You can also download Claude, Best in Show as well as take a peek at Chapter One of Mr Penguin's latest adventure, Mr Penguin and the Catastrophic Cruise.

Reviews for the Mr Penguin series include:

*'The perfect introduction to mystery stories' (The Scotsman newspaper)*

*'A thrilling adventure reminiscent of Indiana Jones . . . loads of humour in both the text and the excellent illustrations and the lovely balance of warmth, wit and mild peril is perfect for children of about seven upwards' (The Bookbag Magazine)*

**Both Claude and Mr Penguin books as well as other favourites from Alex T. Smith are freely available in any Kent Library and all bookshops and online retailers.**



For more information, follow:

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### This week's mini quiz:

Which of these languages have Alex T. Smith's books been translated in to:

Welsh French German Swedish Italian Chinese Hungarian

Who is this? He is one of Alex's characters and he has 'Delivered Christmas'?



### Last week's mini quiz **the answers:**

Which of Michael Rosen's most loved books is this illustration taken from:



**We're Going on a Bear Hunt**

The lead character in Zanib Mian's series 'Planer Omar' is based on what member of her family?

A: Her 29 year old husband

**B: Her 9 year old son**

C: Her 90 year old granddad

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# Coming up...

## NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 13 July	<b>School Open for Selected Groups Only</b> School Closed for majority of pupils
Tuesday 14 July	<b>School Open for Selected Groups Only</b> School Closed for majority of pupils
Wednesday 15 July	<b>School Open for Selected Groups Only</b> School Closed for majority of pupils
Thursday 16 July	<b>School Open for Selected Groups Only</b> School Closed for majority of pupils
Friday 17 July	<b>School Open for Selected Groups Only</b> 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 July until further notice	<b>School Open only for predefined groups:</b>  Year Groups will attend 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 20 July	<b>EYFS 2020 Visit to the Classroom (Children Only)</b>  This is a strictly invite only event. Letters detailing the time of arrival and entry procedure will be sent on Monday. Please make sure you reply to state if you will be attending or not. Any questions ahead of the event should be addressed via email to <a href="mailto:admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk">admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
Wednesday 22 July	<b>Last Day of Term 6</b>

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

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