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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has once again flown by as we now find ourselves midway through Term 1. All children are now settled into the new way of working and are busy enjoying their daily learning opportunities. Do read on into the newsletter to see photos and read of the fabulous learning that has been happening in Years 1, 2 and 5 this week! Thank you everyone for continuing to send your children into school on a daily basis and for being so supportive of the measures that we have in place.

Thank you too to those parents who have taken the time to respond to our survey regarding online learning and for providing us with your feedback. The last day for sharing your thoughts is today, following which we will be providing an update on the measures that we have put in place to address the issues that have been raised. More details to follow next week.

Parent Consultation meetings for Term 1 will proceed as planned on 13 and 15 October but will be a virtual meeting with your child's new class teacher. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with the teacher, albeit remotely, and discuss how your child has settled back into school. Further details will follow as to how this will work and how appointments can be made.

Next Thursday we welcome Matthew Walker school photographer back to Slade to take individual portraits of your child at the start of this academic year. We will be sending a letter outlining the protective measures that have been put in place, both by Matthew and us as a school, to ensure your child's safety during this process. Portraits will be taken outside and will only be of individuals; there will be no family photos this year. Further details and explanations of the decisions that have been made will be sent out at the start of next week.

Thank you to those parents who volunteered to help review the school's Equality Policy; I'm delighted that the group is now meeting for the first time on Tuesday morning on Zoom. If this is something that you are interested in being involved in and are available on Tuesday then please contact Amanda Parsons in the school office who will send you the meeting details. We look forward to welcoming you to the group.

A reminder please that when dropping off or collecting pupils, parking is not permitted opposite the school car park entrance, outside the former Power Station. We would also ask that parents do not use the junction at Stafford Road and Hawden Road as a turning circle for cars at these times. Thank you for your co-operation with these matters as we aim to keep all of our community safe.

Many thanks to those of you who have already donated to our Macmillan coffee morning page; we look forward to enjoying your cake filled pictures as you send them in during the week!

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and stay safe.

Karen Slade.



This Week at Slade

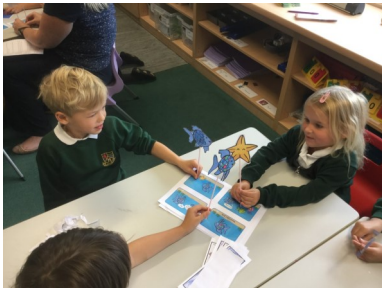
Connecting the Bubbles!

School is back, albeit in a bubbled form. The newsletter will be bringing you weekly news from around the yeargroups so that the children and parents alike can see what is happening across Slade since it is difficult to keep abreast of how everyone is and what they are up to at the moment.

This week we have news from Year 1, 2 and 5. Thankyou to Mrs McFerran, Miss Redden and Mr Watts for their contributions.

Year 1, Pixie

In English we have been retelling the story of The Rainbow fish with puppets and actions. In Maths the children have been directing each other through a maze using positional language and have applied this knowledge when using the Bee-Bots in computing.



Year 2, Sprite

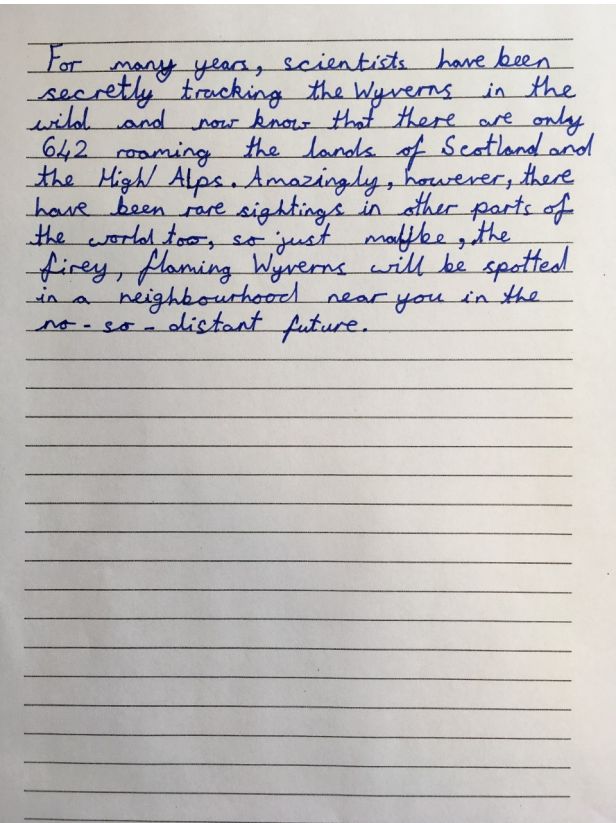
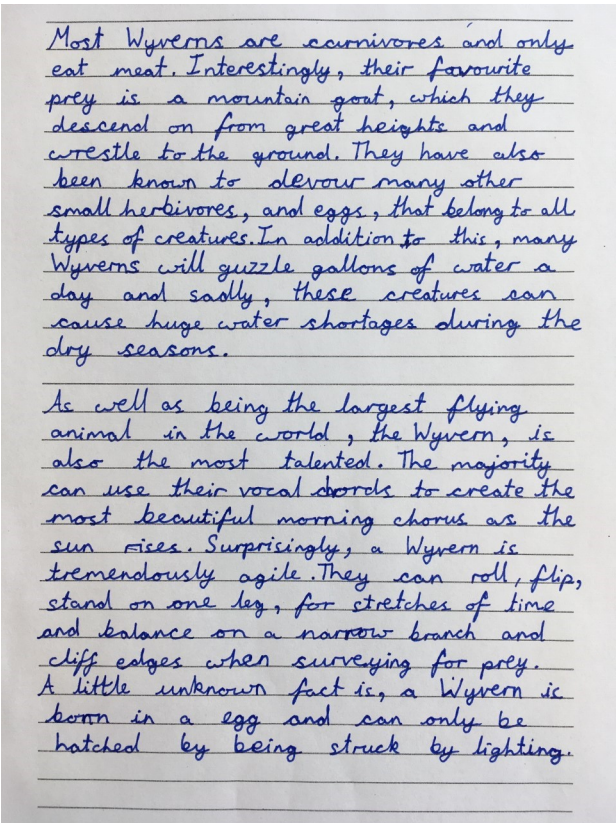
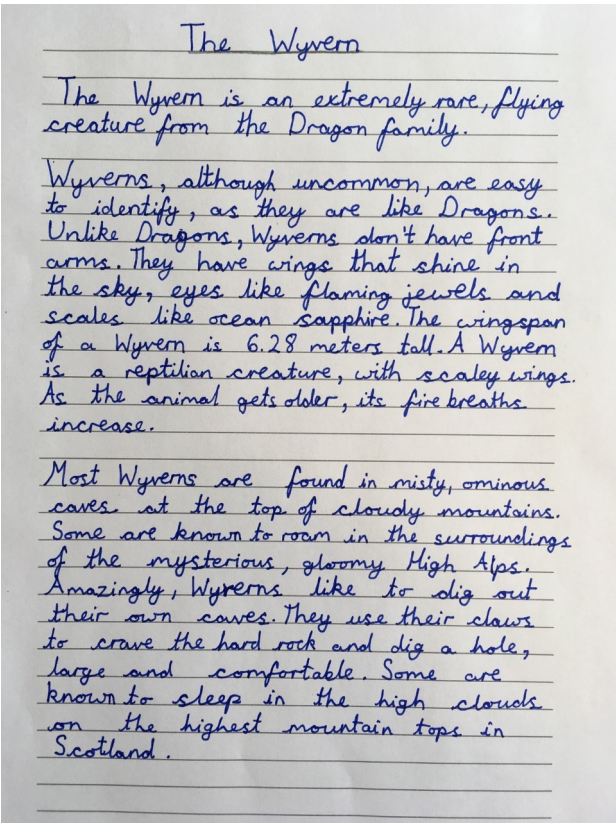


Sprite have been challenging themselves in Maths this week using the Numicon resources that help the children visualise the figures they are working out. They are especially helpful when working out number bonds or to 'build' larger numbers.



Year 5, Wyvern

In Mr Watts' class, the children have been researching the origins of their class name - Wyvern. They have been finding out facts, and putting their learning in to a formal information text, with accompanying pictures, just as you would expect to find in an information book in the library.



This fantastic text has been written by Ramya. Our front cover picture this week is the Wyvern, created by Tilly. Super learning all round Year 5, a great start to your new year at Slade!



Around School

Welcome to Slade

Everyone at Slade would like to welcome all of the children who have joined us over the summer in yeargroups across the school.

It has been another busy summer and starting at various points since the start of term, we are delighted to say a big hello to Alisha, Andrei, Anush, Ayreen, Bo, Bonnie, Enzo, Layla, Milo, Onur, Oskaras and Pippa. We hope that you have all enjoyed your first days at Slade.

Our welcome is, as ever, extended to all of the families of our new children and hope that this is just the start of a long, happy and successful time with us.



420 All In!

Our seven year expansion is finally over!

One of the loveliest occasions of any school year is when our new Elmer and Gruffalo children start school for the first time, as they have done over the last two weeks, albeit with less fanfare than normal for obvious reasons. This year's new intake is a special one though as they have brought us to our new capacity of 420 pupils across Slade as a fully formed two-form entry school (two classes of 30 in each year).

We have been increasing numbers by 15 each year as the 60 starters in our new intake replace our year 6 leavers, who were a group of 45 and were taught in mixed yeargroups - until our present Year 6 joined us seven years ago as our first group of 60.

Welcome to all the children of Elmer and Gruffalo Classes and their families to Slade and as part of this historical year.

It will be fantastic when the whole school can group together again once our EYFS intake are in full time in October and, importantly, when it is safe to do so.



Forest School Preparations

We are all incredibly excited about the new Forest School that will be starting at Slade this year under the leadership of Miss Hall.

Miss Hall has been very busy planning and, with the assistance of kind donations from our families and local companies, has been starting to put the area of the school grounds together for this invaluable resource, so loved by children worldwide.

This week has seen bramble clearing (right).

Miss Hall told us, ' We are removing the ocean of bramble and revealing a huge space for the children to play in.'

If you are able to lend a hand with the continued bramble clearing on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday next week, contact Miss Hall on thall@slade.kent.sch.uk.





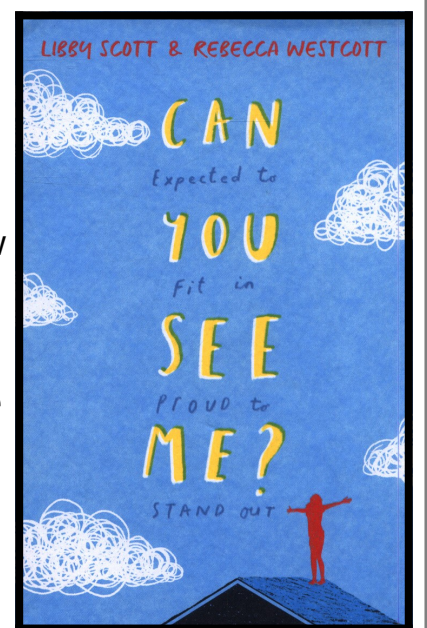
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Reading Corner

As you know, reading is the lifeblood to all of our learning and we are keen as ever this year to see all of our children enjoying their reading - whether it be reading their school book out loud to their family at home, or with their nose in a comic or magazine, book from the library or looking at information from their latest topic. We will be continuing our Reading Corner column in the newsletter this year, thank you to school librarian, Caroline Mawson, for this week's Book of the Week and news from the Library:

Book of the Week / Can You See Me?

Endearing, insightful and warmly uplifting, Can you See Me? is a story of autism, empathy and kindness that will touch readers of all ages. Tally is ten years old and she's just like her friends. Well, sometimes she is. If she tries really hard to be. Because there's something that makes Tally not the same as her friends. Something she can't cover up, no matter how hard she tries: Tally is autistic. Tally's autism means there are things that bother her even though she wishes they didn't. It means that some people misunderstand, her and feel frustrated by her. People think that because Tally's autistic, she doesn't realise what they're thinking, but Tally sees and hears - and notices - all of it. And, honestly? That's not the easiest thing to live with. Perfect for fans of Wonder and The Goldfish Boy, this sucker punch to the heart is valuable reading for children and adults alike.



Twitter followers will know already that we had some amazing news this summer.

We were so thrilled to hear that we had won £5000 in book tokens from the National Book Tokens Competition. This is a result of so many of you voting for us as a school, so many thanks to all parents, friends and staff that put us forward. I know plans are afoot to purchase some wonderful new books for all the classes in school that will benefit all our lovely children currently and in the future.



WIN £5,000

of National Book Tokens for your school library

School Library Update

It is wonderful to be back in the library seeing the children once again visit to choose their books. Things are slightly different, in that children can no longer visit at lunchtime at the moment, but class visits have been timetabled so all children will get an opportunity to visit every couple of weeks. May I remind you also that the library catalogue can be accessed from home via the School Portal; this allows your children to search and view the books available, write reviews on books they have read and also reserve any books they may like to borrow – I can then deliver these books to the class. You will need your child's library username and password to do this, please contact us if you need details of these.

The iMLS App is another format of accessing the catalogue online and is available free from the App store.

Having the library accessible in this way will hopefully encourage your children to still engage with the library although they may not visit so often in person. Reading for pleasure is so important, and still being able to borrow books from the library is a fantastic way to promote the love of reading a wide range of good literature.

Pre-Lockdown Lending

Just a reminder that if you have any library books still at home from before lockdown, please could they be returned to school.



Slade Stats.

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions (morning and afternoon.)
Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.
The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted.

Attendance Target.

97%

Attendance This Week.

93.7%

Attendance This Year.

93.2%

Registers are taken 10 minutes after the school gates close for your child's yeargroup.
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 and to prevent unnecessary crossing in to bubble groups by adults escorting late children.
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

Pupils late this week.

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Find out the winners of Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup every Friday afternoon on [Twitter](#)

Mr Nourish invites you to his Birthday Party Lunch next Thursday
Clare and her team in the kitchen would like to encourage all children to join them in having a Nourish cooked lunch on Thursday 1 October.
The special fun menu is free to everyone in EYFS and KS1.
KS2 meals should be booked via ParentPay from Nourish.





Dear Parents & Carers

Every parent and carer is entitled to access our Slade App and desktop dashboard from Arbor. By signing up you will be able to access personal information relating to your child as well as a one station stop for finding all of our communications to you personally, your child’s class or yeargroup as well as all school letters, payment for special lessons and school trips and booking for parents evenings and all ticket events at school.

All we ask is one thing: please take the time to read emails sent to you, we try to make sure that everything you are sent relates to your child, so nothing is irrelevant. If you would like further information on any email we send, please contact the class teacher or the school office for assistance.

We also encourage you to follow us on Twitter, we post reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Don’t miss out, or let your child miss out, please keep up to date with everything Slade via Arbor and Twitter.


This is a full list of everything sent out this week:

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Thursday 17 September	Primary School Improvement Slade’s Recovery Curriculum and local advisor visit	
Friday 18 September	Celebration Assembly Live	
Monday 21 September	Matilda, The power to change the world Assembly Theme	
Monday 21 September	EYFS Newsletter	EYFS
Monday 21 September	House Captain Elections	All School
Tuesday 22 September	Year 6 Homework 2020	Year 6
Wednesday 23 September	Letter from Public Health England	All School
Thursday 24 September	Tunbridge Wells Grammar School Online Open Events	Year 6
Thursday 24 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 2020	
Thursday 24 September	St Gregory’s Catholic School Online Open Events	Year 6
Thursday 24 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	All School
Thursday 24 September	Helping at Forest School	All School
Thursday 24 September	Year 4 Message Board	
Thursday 24 September	The Slade Restaurant	
Friday 25 September	Mr Nourish, Birthday Meal Thursday 1 October	All School



For your Diary

Next Week :

Day	Event
Tuesday 29 October	Advance Warning - No Road Crossing Patrol Due to staff absence there will be no road crossing officer on duty at afternoon collection time
Thursday 1 October	Individual School Photographs Matthew Walker joins us for this year's (socially distanced) school photos
Thursday 1 October 	Mr Nourish's Birthday Lunch Let's see how many children can enjoy a Nourish meal today to help celebrate Mr Nourish's birthday. Just ask for a school dinner on the day. Details of the menu were sent out via Arbor email earlier this week.
Friday 2 October	Macmillan Coffee Morning Please see relevant Arbor email sent this week on how you can help this annual fundraiser

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 1
TUESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 1
WEDNESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 1
THURSDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 1
FRIDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 1

Further Ahead :

Monday 5 October	EYFS Children in full time Please see class plans for start and finish times
Thursday 15 October	Kent Test for those Year 6 children registered
Friday 23 October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October	October Break, School Closed
Monday 2 November	First Day of Term 2
Thursday 26 November	NHS Childhood Influenza Immunisation Day All children are eligible and are advised to have the flu spray this year Further information and consent forms will be issued nearer the time

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