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# From the Headteacher

## Karen Slade

### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

I want to start this last newsletter of Term 1 by saying a huge thank you to everyone for your help and support in keeping school a safe and healthy place during this first term. Your co-operation, understanding and adjustments to the new routines and rules have ensured that it's been business as usual throughout the term with all children now back in school enjoying their learning. I hope that everyone gets to enjoy a well-deserved rest and break from school during the coming week.

We are aware that some families may need to contact the school during half term to notify us of any changes in your circumstances related to Covid-19. Please notify us of these changes using the new email address [c19@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:c19@slade.kent.sch.uk) This email account will be monitored daily and is only for notification of suspected Covid cases. If your child or a family member displays any of the key symptoms then please call NHS 111 in the first instance for guidance.

We continue to review and assess the protective measures that we have in place to ensure the ongoing safety of our school community, including at drop off and pick up times. I would encourage you all to revisit the information that was sent out at the start of term regarding arrangements for these times of the day, including the importance of social distancing at the school gate. All information previously shared can be accessed via your Arbor account. In addition, we have also been in contact with the local police and Road Safety Officer regarding the irresponsible driving and parking that is continuing to be witnessed on a daily basis, particularly at the junction of Hawden Road. Any continuation of this behaviour will now be reported directly by the school to the police. If you need to drive your child to school then please use the local car parks at drop off and pick up times; thank you.

Continuing on the theme of road safety, a special mention for those pupils in Year 6 who this week have been spending their days outside completing their Bikeability training, particularly to those children who spent the day out in the pouring rain on Wednesday! Bikeability is a cycling course that teaches children the practical skills of cycling whilst providing an understanding of how to cycle on today's roads. This year the course has been modified to ensure all safety measures are in place with the children learning in much smaller groups than in previous years. We look forward to the remainder of year 6 completing their training next term.

A reminder that there will be no before and after school provision in place for week beginning 2 November. Details for the remainder of Term 2 will now be shared during the first week of term following further discussion by the school governors after the half term break.

Many thanks to those parents, carers, governors and staff who attended the inaugural Zoom PTA Meeting last night! It was lovely to see so many of you there on screen showing your support and sharing your ideas of how you can continue to fundraise during these challenging times. We look forward to hearing more about the plans that you now have for the coming term. Thank you!

I hope that you all have a restful half term break next week and look forward to seeing you back in school at the start of Term 2 on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

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 year groups 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 2, Year 4 and Year 6. Thank you to Miss Adonis-Taylor, Miss Lipman, Miss Lidlow and Mr Osborne for their contributions.

### Year 2, Gnome

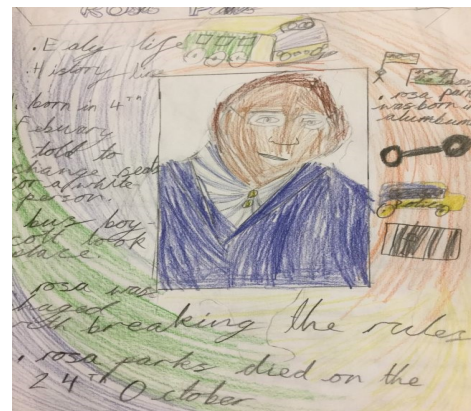
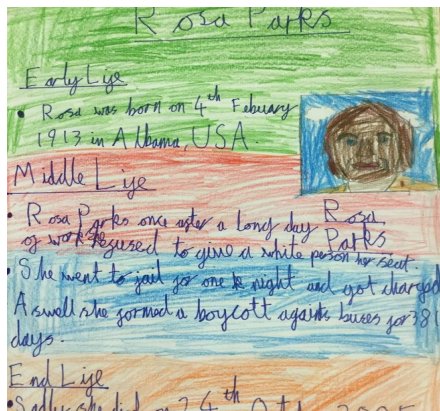
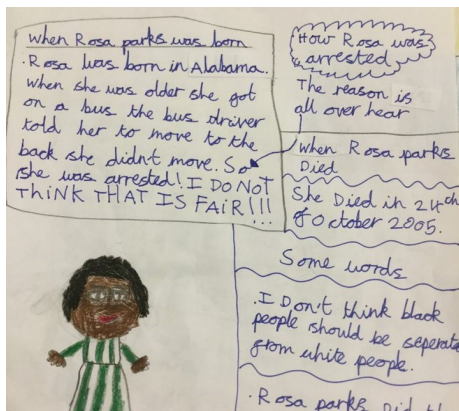
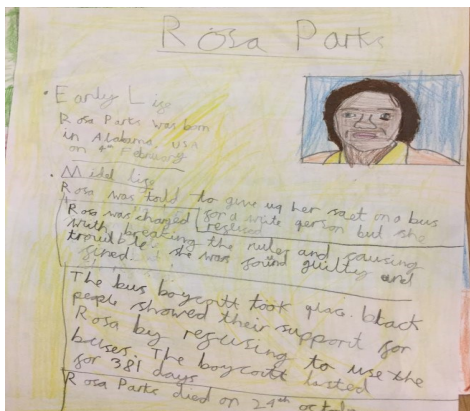
In Art we have been looking at the work of Andy Warhol and his pop art creations.

In English we have been acting out the story of Lou. This story had no words, so we have had to create the words for the story.



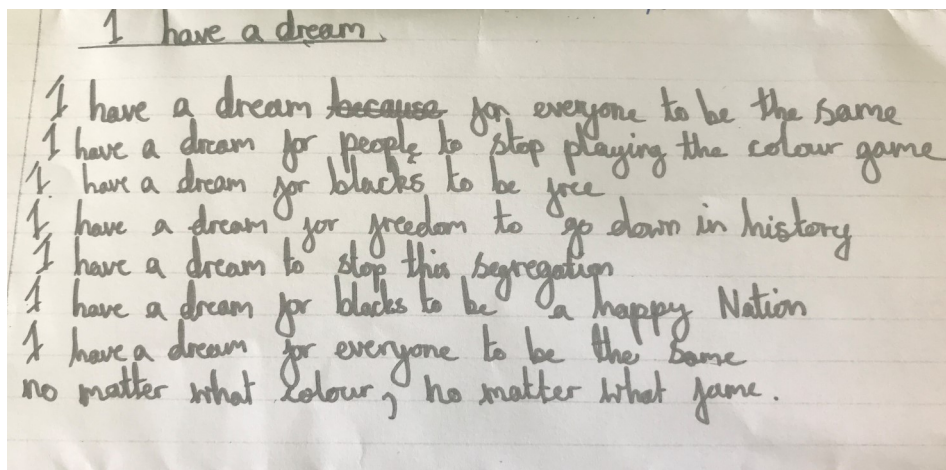
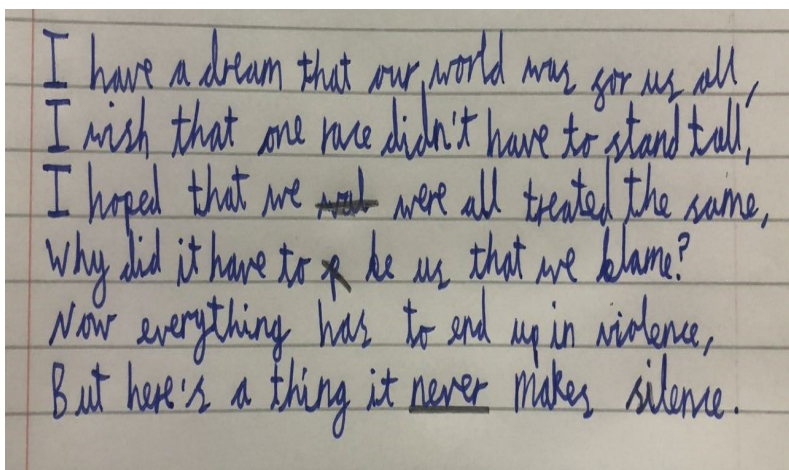
### Year 4, Sphinx

As part of Black History Month, Sphinx Class have been learning about the life of the American activist Rosa Parks. We have learnt about the segregation that took place in America and the important role that Rosa Parks played in the Civil Rights movement in the 1900s. The children have created their own information posters about Rosa Parks and discussed the importance of speaking out when something is wrong. In Sphinx Class, we have also been discussing who our Black History Heroes are. We have learnt more about: Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama and Mary Seacole.



### Year 6, Griffin and Hydra

October is Black History Month in the UK, an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years. To mark this event, in Year 6, we have been having discussions and sharing our thoughts on Black History as well as recent events such as Black Lives Matter. We highlighted the work of Martin Luther King Jr and took inspiration from his famous 'I have a dream' speech to create our own poetry. Check out a couple of examples below!



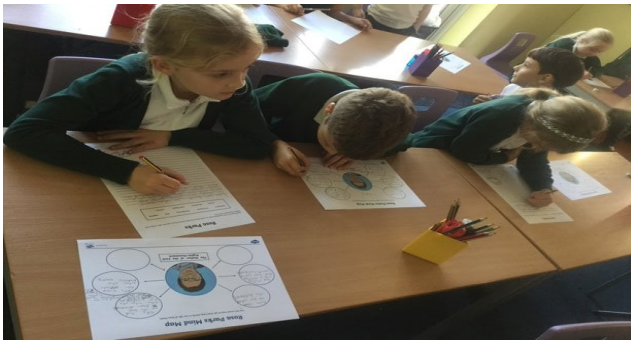




# Around School

## Black History Month

October has been Black History Month and is the 33rd year of celebrating black history. As you have seen on the previous page, the children at Slade have been celebrating black history over the past few weeks across the school. They have been writing and acting out poetry, researching black role models, such as Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole, Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela. Year 3 have also been studying athletes and musicians, and have enjoyed dancing to various black music artists such as Beyonce, Bob Marley and Aretha Franklin, as shown below.



## Slade PTA

Have fun on Halloween with the virtual Pumpkin Trail. Get as creative as you can. Send in a photo of your wonderful creation to [sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk) by 1st November 2020. Vote for your favourite on the PTA face book page.



## End of term reflections

With Term One coming to a close, we have all settled back into school life, and new routines,. Here are some reactions from children reflecting on how the first term has gone:

**Benjamin (Hydra)** *"The lockdown seemed like the longest Summer holiday ever, but I am glad to be back. I like my new teacher and am settling in, getting used to the new bubbles. It feels just like normal with a few restrictions."*

**Caitlynn ( Sphinx)** *"It's great to be back. The best bit has been getting a medal for completing the mini marathon."*

**Anthony (Griffin)** *"I've enjoyed being back with friends and teachers."*

**Rose (Griffin)** *"I've enjoyed PE and visiting the library."*

**Edward (Sphinx)** *"It feels a bit different."*

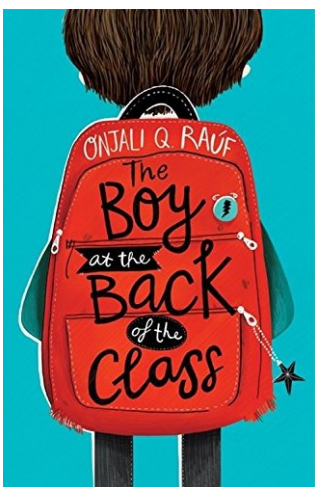
**Archie (Griffin)** *"It's better than being at home, seeing all my friends is good, I have loved doing a non chronological report in English."*



# Around School

## 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, with Book of the Week, news from the Library and any other information of interest relating to reading.



### Book of the Week / The Boy at the Back of the Class

This is a story about an ordinary nine-year-old child, Ahmet and his three classmates. Ahmet has come to their school as a refugee (he is the boy at the back of the class). When the children in his class find out he is separated from his family, they come up with a plan to help. The classmates have a great impact on Ahmet's life through their kindness and curiosity. It is an inspiring read that helps children think about what it is to be a good person. Told with heart and humour it highlights the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.

## Tonbridge Library

Our library at Slade is bursting back into life, and all children are having the opportunity to borrow books once again, which is fantastic. We'd also like to remind you that Tonbridge library is offering a socially distanced book browsing service for customers so they can select books from the shelves.

Additional safety measures will include hand sanitizer stations, one-way circulation routes through the building, use of the self-service machines, and face coverings being mandatory (unless exempt).

Tonbridge library will continue to offer a select and collect service.

Digital collections are also always available, without leaving your home. These include reference resources as well as free e-books, e-audio books, a vast range of the latest e-magazines and daily e-newspapers. These can be accessed via their website, [www.kent.gov.uk/libr](http://www.kent.gov.uk/libr)

So, if you haven't registered already why not pop along to Tonbridge library during the half term break to see what's on offer!



## The Snail and the Whale - Live Performance



This October half term, join [@TallStoriesLive](https://www.tallstorieslive.co.uk) for a special livestreamed "virtual tour" of the stage production of the "The Snail and the Whale" by Julia Donaldson. It will be filmed and broadcasted live to audiences at home in partnership with UK regional theatres.

Join an adventurous young girl and her seafaring father as they reimagine the story of a tiny snail's incredible trip around the world on the tail of a great big grey blue humpback whale.

Tall Stories is a registered charity, so tickets bought will help support current and future work, and theatres that show their performances.





# 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.

97.1%

Attendance This Year.

96.8%

Registers are taken 10 minutes after the school gates close for your child's year group.  
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](#)

**Adult Family Learning**  
Kent Adult Education are offering FREE Virtual Family Learning courses for parents/carers and children during November available across Kent, covering a range of subjects including cooking, First Aid, reading, maths, understanding your children and much more! For more information or to book a place visit [www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/](http://www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/)



# 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 year group 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
Tuesday 20th October	Forest School Update and Timetable	All School—Email
Tuesday 20th October	Update regarding Narnians Wraparound Care	All School—Email
Wednesday 21st October	School Photographs Order Reminder	All School—Email
Wednesday 21st October	Forest School—Change to Timetable	Sprite Class —Email
Wednesday 21st October	Friday Reward for Gnome Class	Gnome Class—Email
Wednesday 21st October	Year 6 Height and Weight Checks	Year 6—Email
Wednesday 21st October	Vision and Hearing Screening	Year 1—Email
Wednesday 21st October	Vision and Hearing Screening and Height and Weight Checks	Year R—Email





# For your Diary

## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 2 November	<i>First Day of Term 2</i> <i>Bikeability</i>
Tuesday 3 November	<i>Bikeability</i>
Wednesday 4 November	<i>Bikeability</i>
Thursday 5 November	<i>Bikeability</i>
Friday 6 November	<i>Bikeability</i>

## 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 26 October — Friday 30 October	October Break, School Closed
Monday 2 November	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>
Friday 13 November	<b>Children in Need 2020</b>
Thursday 26 November	<b>NHS Childhood Influenza Immunisation Day</b> 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
Friday 18 December	<b>Last day of Term 2</b>
Monday 21 December — Friday 1 January 2021	Christmas Break, School Closed
Monday 4 January	<b>First Day of Term 3</b>