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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, this week saw us close our first 'bubble' of children here at Slade. May I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the children, staff and parents in this bubble for the swiftness with which you responded to the information that was shared on Wednesday morning and for the way in which you have adapted so quickly to this new way of working. It was lovely to welcome and see so many of you at our virtual celebration assembly this afternoon, Zooming in from home! Thank you parents for bearing with us as we ironed out a few minor glitches at the start; we appreciate your patience and understanding as we all enter into this new world of remote learning.

It is thanks to the continuing support of everyone in the Slade community that this is the first bubble that we have had to close. I am grateful to you all for your ongoing adherence to all of our guidance and safety measures that have been put in place to keep each and every one of us safe, ensuring that the school can continue to remain open; thank you. A reminder that our school risk assessment, including all our protective measures, can be accessed from the school website. Many thanks to those of you who have taken the time to pass on your thanks and share your appreciation for all that we are doing as a school during these challenging times; your positive feedback means a lot to us all.

Thank you too to those children and staff who participated in 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday as part of Friendship Week here at Slade, as we all celebrated our individuality. Also, as part of Friendship Week, the children have joined in with other schools across the country by exploring the theme 'United against Bullying', coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, looking at how small changes in our behaviours can make a big difference elsewhere. We continue to encourage all children to take action against bullying not just this week but throughout the year. Please do email or call your child's class teacher if your child has shared any concerns regarding their friendships with you. A copy of our Anti-Bullying policy outlining how we deal with bullying here at Slade is available on the school website.

There are a number of parents who were unable to attend virtual parent consultation meetings last term who have this week received a letter from me asking you to contact your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time. I would urge you to get in touch, if you haven't already done so, to discuss your child and their progress to date in order that we can work together to support your child and their well-being in this challenging year. Thank you.

These last couple of weeks have seen staff creatively planning for Christmas here at Slade, ensuring that we can offer as many of our traditional events and performances for the children in the coming weeks whilst still adhering to all government guidance. From nativities, to Christmas jumper days to Carols by Candlelight, all will be taking place this year, some of it virtually and some of it in real time! A full breakdown of Christmas Activities including dates and timings will be shared with you all during the coming week.

A reminder that Thursday next week is flu vaccination day across the school. We are still awaiting confirmation from the NHS of the rearranged date for the children in the closed bubble. Any queries regarding this then please do contact the school office. Thank you.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

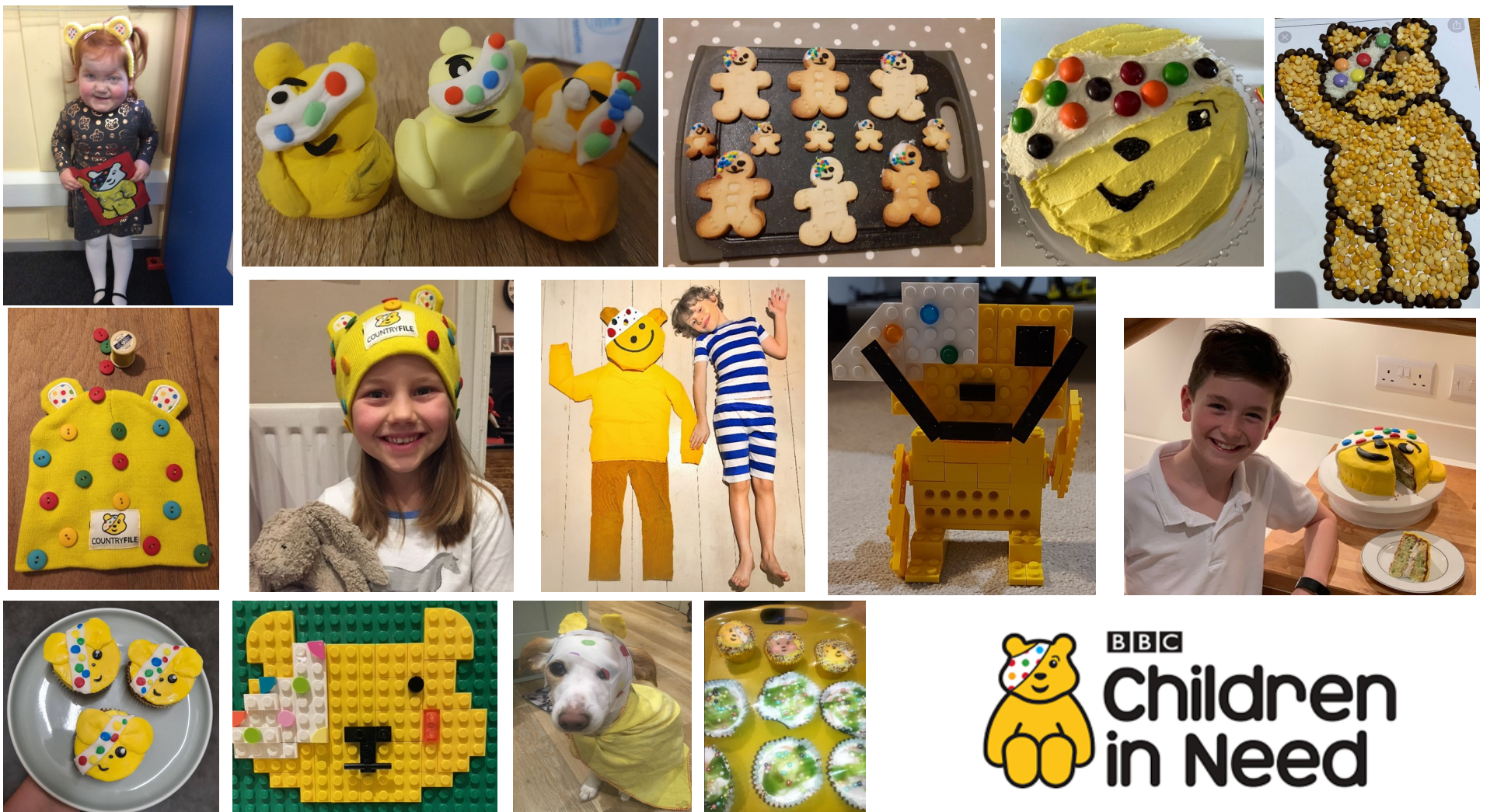
Children in Need: What a Day!



This time last week, we were having fun across the school to help the annual Children in Need fundraising event.

It was brilliant to see so many children in their own clothes to raise money for the charity. Throughout the day, classes throughout the school met via Zoom to share their wonderful Pudsey creations. After the sessions, the other class then voted for their favourite. Both the children and adults were highly impressed with all of the creations and recognised the time that had gone into them. We have included just some of the winners here.

Thankyou to everyone for your generous donations. Through our Just Giving page, we raised a fantastic £740!!!



Live Science in Dragon

Thankyou to everyone involved at neighbouring Tonbridge School, for producing a wonderful live science event, beamed into Dragon Class in Year 5 this week. Class teacher Miss Meers:

On Wednesday, Dragon class watched a live Science show transmitted from Tonbridge School. The theme of the show was 'fire' which linked to our science topic 'Materials and their Properties' The children were amazed by some of the experiments, which included one of the boys holding fire in his hands!



Welcome to Slade

We are lucky to be joined by a few new faces in the last month. Everyone at the school would like to extend a big welcome to Ronnie, Eliz, Tuana, Momo, Tolu and Atulya, we hope that you have settled well in to your new classes. That welcome is extended to the families of the children with who we look forward to a long and happy relationship.





Around School

NHS Flu Immunisation Visit

We are pleased to say that the Kent Community Health team are back at Slade next Thursday to administer the annual Influenza immunisation spray. We are grateful to everyone who has consented online, the team look forward to meeting your child. If your child is absent because of a 14 day self isolation notification, the team will be back, date to be confirmed, to carry out the immunisations to this group. If your child is absent for any other reason, we will give details of how to still receive this protection in next week's newsletter.

Lost any Uniform?

We have a number of items of lost property, in particular jumpers and cardigans that have been handed in to the school office. To comply with COVID-19 safety protocol we do not at present have the Lost Property buckets out on the playground where these items are usually taken.

If you believe any of the lost items may belong to your child, they will be stored outside of the school office on dry days for you to take a look. Please note the office is still closed to visitors and we ask that you do not come to school to look at the uniform collection if you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms.

A number of the items have been purchased at the PTA second-hand sales, but have not been relabelled to reflect the present owner's name. Please make sure to label every item of clothing with your child's name to prevent items becoming lost.



PTA Sales

On the subject of uniform, the PTA are still taking second hand uniform sales via email.

PTA Chair Kerry Taylor-Smith says, 'We are continuing to trial a new way of selling uniform; Its all of good quality - no stains/tears - we wouldn't give you anything we wouldn't buy ourselves! If you'd like to place an order, please email sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk with the item, size and quantity, along with your child's name and class along with your mobile number - this will allow us to message you in order to make payment online via SumUp.' Items will be quarantined in accordance with current guidelines before being sent home with your child. Please confirm likely delivery date with the PTA as the current lockdown has delayed the sorting of orders.

The PTA will announce dates for their next playground sale as soon as it is safe to do so. There are no dates for this as yet but please be aware that this is unlikely to be for some time.

Thanks from Forest School



As highlighted in last week's newsletter and via our Twitter feed, progress on our brand new Forest School is gathering pace. Miss Hall, the teacher leading the project is keen to repeat her thanks to all of the parents and staff who have provided time, ideas or donations as we set up. We hope that all of the children who have visited Forest School have had a good time.

In addition to our volunteers, everyone at Slade is grateful to the local companies who have given us their support with very generous free products.

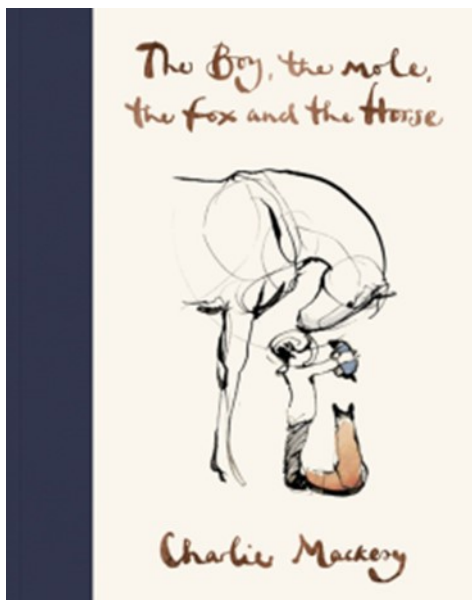
B&Q Tunbridge Wells donated sacks of bird feed and some bird feeding accessories and Broadview Gardens in Hadlow have donated a Bird feeding station. If you need anything for your garden or you are improving your home during lockdown, do please consider shopping with these retailers.



More > www.diy.com the B&Q website

<http://broadviewgardens.co.uk/>

Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse *by Charlie Mackesy*

A lonely boy meets a mole who loves cake. Together the two friends set out on an adventure. A fox and a horse soon join them. This is a book about friendship and the importance of kindness, with wonderful illustrations.

A beautiful book to be treasured.

Find out more and to order a copy > <https://www.charliemackesy.com/>

Marcus Rashford Launches Book Club for Children

Following the success of his campaigning for Free School Meals, footballer Marcus Rashford (right) has this week launched his own book club with the aim of helping all children enjoy the escapism of reading. As you know we share these goals here at Slade and are thrilled everytime one of the children shares their happiness about reading.



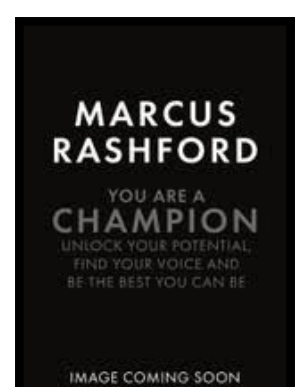
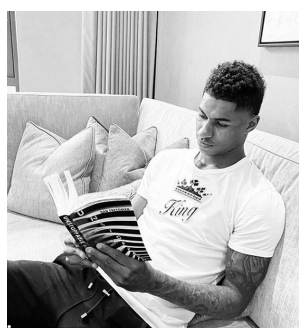
Rashford is working alongside Macmillan Children's Books in promoting reading for pleasure and to increase literacy across the school ages.

Marcus spoke at the launch on Tuesday: 'I only started reading at 17, and it completely changed my outlook and mentality.' He said reading shouldn't be for "just those that can afford it. I wish I was offered the opportunity to really engage with reading more as a child.

The project opens with the publication in May 2021 of a book aimed at KS3 children, before two fiction books are released for readers (and those who might now call themselves non-readers!) aged 7 and above.

The 23 year old striker is keen that children from all backgrounds can enjoy the books - leading to writing themselves, he told the Macmillan website:

'My books are, and always will be, for every child, even if I have to deliver them myself. We will reach them. Let our children read that they are not alone and enable them to dream. Equip them for obstacles and adversities they might face. Allow them to relate to characters by making sure people of all race, religion and gender are depicted correctly and representative of modern society. No matter where you grow up, talent should be recognised and championed. Under the Marcus Rashford Book Club young writers, illustrators and creatives will be seen and they will be offered a platform to shine.'



More and to order a copy of 'You are a Champion' > [PanMacMillan](#)

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attendance

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%

Attendance
This Year.

97.5
%

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](#)



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
Monday 16 November	Invicta Christmas Bauble Competition	Year 5 & Year 6 Girls 
Monday 16 November	Launch of Friendship Week	
Monday 16 November	2019/20 EYFS Tapestry Files	Year 1 Parents 
Tuesday 17 November	West Kent Families Magazine	
Monday 16 November or Tuesday 17 November	Tapestry Download File	Year 1 Parents  email
Wednesday 18 November	14 day COVID-19 related self isolation notification	Selected Children 
Wednesday 18 November	COVID-19 +ve case in school community	Selected Children 
Thursday 19 November	NHS Flu Immunisation Update	Selected Children 
Thursday 19 November	Home Schooling via Teams	Selected Children 
Thursday 19 November	The Microsoft Teams App	All School 

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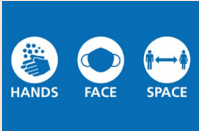
COVID-19

You will be aware that we were notified of our first positive COVID-19 case this week. Thankyou to all of the parents and children of the group concerned for their support and for complying with the government rules concerning children with symptoms and for abiding by the 14 day self isolation period. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 1 December.

If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19 you should:

- Stay at home, do not attend school or any other place out of the household. This applies to everyone in the household. Telephone 111 if you require advice
- Get a COVID-19 test for the symptomatic person, these are currently being organised with a quick turnaround, via the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website
- If the test comes back with a positive result, inform school immediately so we can invoke suitable measures

The group concerned are currently being provided with home learning via the Teams page, please contact the class teacher via the class email address if you have any questions about this home learning.





Friendship Week

United Against Bullying

All week at Slade, we have been taking part in global Friendship Week which this year has been themed around 'United Against Bullying'. We started the week by taking part in Odd Socks Day to celebrate our differences.



Friendship Week ties in with our anti bullying messages and organised nationally by the Anti Bullying Alliance.

The ABA's main vision is to stop bullying and to create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. Here at Slade we are fully supportive this vision.



Learn more about the work of the ABA > <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

See our Anti Bullying Policy via the official website > [Slade Primary School Policies](#)

As the week progressed, the children spent time with their classmates understanding what bullying is and the role we can all play in stopping it.

Miss Lidlow has been finding out what has been going on across the Slade bubbles.

EYFS:

In Reception, we talked about being friends with everyone and how important it is to be kind. We then drew a picture of our friend and wrote their name. We read lots of stories about friendship too, including Lost and Found and The Littlest Dinosaur. We thoroughly enjoyed wearing odd socks and had lots of discussions about how we are all unique and different. Not one person had the same socks on!

Pixie:

In Pixie class we made a wonderful friendship flower where the children thought very carefully about what makes a good friend and how they work together to make the flower complete.

Sprite:

Sprite Class have talked about what makes us different and the same and how this should be celebrated. We compared the meaning of friendship with that of bullying and how to recognise both. After that, we read the book 'Giraffe is left out' to see how a book character dealt with challenges around friendship. We have also been learning a song which include parts about friends.



Hippogriff:

In Hippogriff class, we have been thinking about the part we can play to help prevent bullying. We discussed the theme of 'United against bullying' and shared ideas about what we can do. Each child created a puzzle piece with a word that reflected the part they wanted to play. Our pieces fit together to form Hippogriff's united against bullying picture.



Sphinx:

As part of friendship Week and especially Odd Sock Day, Sphinx Class have been discussing what makes everybody different. We have thought about a world where everybody was the same and how boring this would be, we agreed that differences between everybody are something that we should celebrate. On Tuesday, we had a lesson on cyberbullying, we looked at different scenarios that could happen online and what we would do to keep ourselves and others safe online.

Dragon:

In Dragon class, we have been learning all about how we are all different and unique and we have been celebrating how brilliant that is! We have talked about treating everyone equally in spite of our differences and what we can do if we feel we are being bullied or we know someone who is.

Wyvern:

Wyvern have been doing some work on kind words/phrases. Mr Watts has been teaching the class to understand that their words matter – they can make or break someone's day. Wyvern spent some time thinking about each other's strengths and positive features.

Year 6:

In Year 6, we have been focusing on the difference between banter and bullying both in person as well as online. We have been discussing and debating how far is too far when we make a joke. What some might think is 'just a joke' can cause hurt to others. We have also been thinking about how to deal with these situations.

Thankyou to all of the children and adults in these classes for sharing their experiences of Friendship Week at Slade. Many thanks to Miss Lidlow for organising the events across the week and for putting this important message together for the newsletter.



For your Diary

Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 23 November	School Open Unless you received 14 day self isolation notification on Wednesday 18 November
Tuesday 24 November	School Open Unless you received 14 day self isolation notification on Wednesday 18 November
Wednesday 25 November	School Open Unless you received 14 day self isolation notification on Wednesday 18 November
Thursday 26 November	School Open Unless you received 14 day self isolation notification on Wednesday 18 November
Thursday 26 November	NHS Childhood Influenza Immunisation Day All children are eligible and are advised to have the flu spray vaccine. Please make sure you have returned your online consent form.
Friday 27 November	School Open Unless you received 14 day self isolation notification on Wednesday 18 November

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 2
TUESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 2
WEDNESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 2
THURSDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 2
FRIDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 2

Further Ahead :

Tuesday 1 December	Return to school for pupils receiving 14 day self isolation notification without developing symptoms of COVID-19
Friday 18 December	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January	Christmas Break School Closed.
Monday 4 January	First Day of Term 3
Friday 15 January	Closing Date for Applications for starting Primary School in September 2021 <u>Child born 01.09.2016 - 31.08.2017? Apply here.</u>
Tuesday 9 February	E-Safety Day
Friday 12 February	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February	February Break
Monday 22 February	First Day of Term 4

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