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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all remain safe, well and were able to make the most of the bank holiday weekend.

This week, following events that have been observed by the school team and in response to feedback from the school community I find it necessary to write today to remind you of some of the key measures that are in place to ensure everyone remains safe and well throughout the school day, particularly during drop off and pick up times.

Firstly, many thanks to those parents who notified me of the 'near-miss' that occurred outside of school yesterday afternoon. As a result, the local police have been contacted regarding the incident and I am in communication once again with the local traffic enforcement officers requesting their presence around school at the beginning and end of the school day. Please can I reiterate once again the importance of driving with due care and consideration around the school at these busy times. A reminder too that car parking is available at the Lower Castle Field Car Park next to the swimming pool and is **not** permitted on property owned by local residents. This includes opposite the school main entrance, the derelict pub car park in Stafford Road or the car park belonging to Bracketts Estate agents; thank you.

Thank you too for continuing to wear protective face masks at drop off and pick up times and for remaining socially distanced when queueing. A reminder that gathering at the school gate and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is strictly not allowed. Therefore please only arrive at the school gate within your allotted time and leave the vicinity of the school gate immediately after drop off or pick up, being mindful of others when waiting on pavements and footpaths allowing others to safely pass; thank you.

A reminder too that should your child develop one of the recognisable Covid symptoms, including a **high temperature**, they should not be sent to school and you should arrange for them to be tested as soon as possible, notifying us via the school office that this is their reason for absence. In addition, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

Out of school hours results of Covid test results should be reported to the school using the Covid email address: C19@slade.kent.sch.uk

A link to our risk assessment, available on the school website, is here for your information: <https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus+%28Covid%2D19%29+Information&pid=48>

Thank you all for your ongoing support, encouragement, help and co-operation with these safety measures as we work together to limit the spread of the virus and keep all in our school community safe; it is as always very much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

Community Spirit: Children Leading the Way

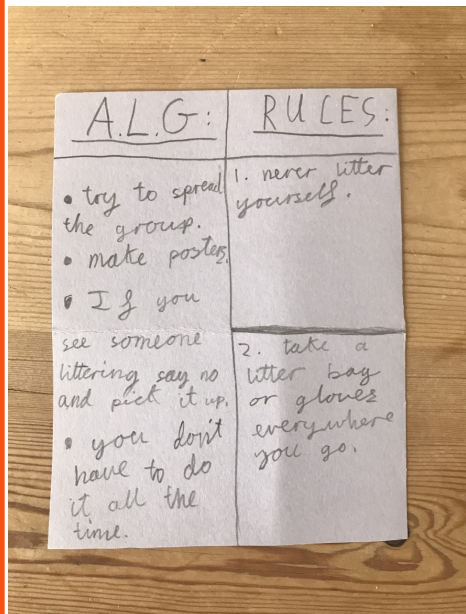
Everyone at Slade is totally heartened when we hear of children at the school who are prepared to do positive things for the environment they live in and enjoy. As we reported last month, litter continued to be a danger to that environment and the animals and people who live and play within it. At that time, we highlighted the work being done by Paul - today, we are really delighted to share the story of Tobias and his sister Joni, who have set about cleaning up - and have enlisted the support of their friends and staff at Slade to help out.

Tobias told the newsletter about the action he has taken, leading to the creation of the Anti Litter Group:

'It all started on the M25 when me and my dad were driving and I noticed lots of rubbish next to me, so I asked my dad why there was so much rubbish on the side of the motorway. He said, "Some people, when they think no one is looking, just throw rubbish on the side of the road but sometimes rubbish just flies out of bins and ends up on the floor or on the motorway." When he told me about this I said, "I feel very sad and angry about this why are people doing this?"

Then it gave me the idea to start A.L.G. It stands for Anti Litter Group. Our goal is to clean up communities and hopefully the world. My mum gave me a litter grabber and I cleaned up some of Margate, Bromley and Tonbridge.

I drew a plan and that Monday I started the group. I got most of my class, Mr Duffin, Mrs Slade, Mrs Garrett and lots of other Teachers to join.'



We are delighted to say that the office staff have also signed up and we have begun to help our own environments by following the rules Tobias has written out to show the positive intentions of the A.L.G.

We are sure that Tobias is keen for as many people as possible to join, or to follow the lead and make a great start to securing a safe, clean environment for everyone to enjoy.



Thankyou to Tobias for sharing the story of the beginnings of his Anti Litter Group and to his mum, Caitlin, for interviewing him for the newsletter and for this great photograph of the ALG in action, this time on the North Kent Coast in Margate.

Forest School



Woodland Timetable for Next Week:

Monday : Griffin (Mr Osborne), Elf (Mrs Hill), Hydra (Miss Lidlow)

Tuesday : Pegasus (Mr Louth), Elmer (Mrs Pearson), Hippogriff (Mrs Stephens & Mrs Berrill)

Wednesday : Phoenix (Mr Duffin), Wyvern (Mr Watts)

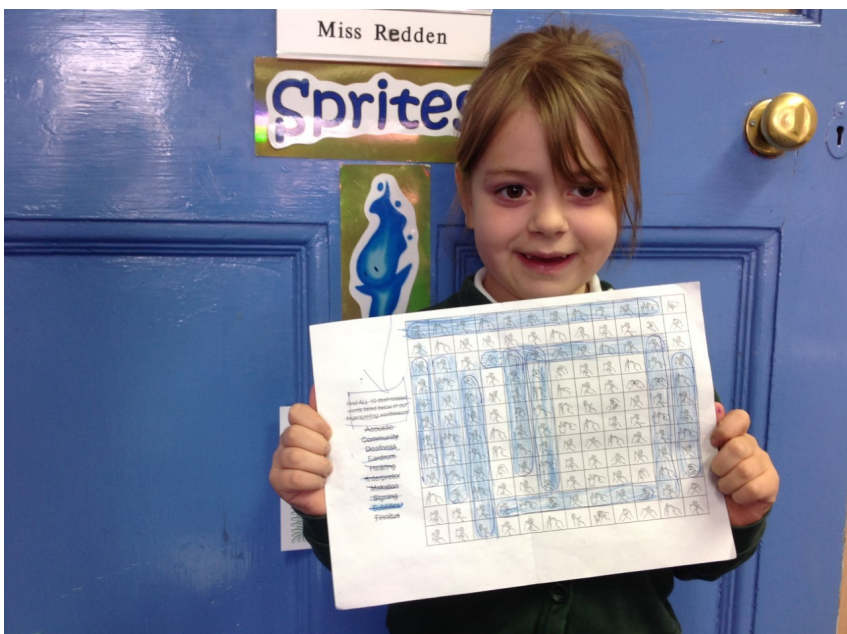
Deaf Awareness Week at Slade

Nationally, this week has been Deaf Awareness Week. We are pleased and proud to have played our part at Slade throughout the week as our super students in Titan Class and the team behind their success in our Hearing Impaired Provision have taken centre stage.

Across the school, our classes have been learning all about deaf awareness, to complement the knowledge they already have and use after learning and playing alongside the children from Titans every day.

In addition, everyone has been contributing to a new display in school to celebrate deaf culture, through an artwork which will take pride of place in the office entrance area. As soon as this display has been completed, we will share pictures with you here and on our Twitter feed. The artwork concentrates on key words within the awareness that we have been learning this week:

Identity, Communication, Sign Language, Community, Deafness, Hearing Aids, Kindness, Unique, Inclusion, Expression, Visual, Acceptance, Equality, Patience



Sprite Class have been taking part in Deaf Awareness Week just like classes across the school.

In Year 2, the children completed a word search of the key words they have been learning using the British Sign Language alphabet.

They have continued to practice some sign language with their friends, this is in addition to the words and phrases they already use across Slade and in our assemblies.

They have also been carrying out artwork, which will be added to the special display going up in school to celebrate deaf culture and how we recognise that at Slade.

More > [Find out more about Deaf Awareness Week via the Deaf Council website](#)

More > [Learn more about British Sign Language via British Sign website](#)

Deaf Awareness Week



Deaf Awareness Week at Slade

We are so fortunate at Slade to be able to rely on lived experience when we plan how to communicate an awareness of the needs of the deaf and hearing impaired community to the rest of the school. Teaching Assistants Mrs Sturmey and Miss Havering have written their own accounts for the newsletter this week:

I am Mrs Sturmey, a Teaching Assistant at Slade.

I am Deaf.

When I was growing up I didn't know another person, other than my brother, who wore hearing aids. Being deaf has at times been hard but also wonderful, why? British Sign Language (BSL) is one of the most beautiful visual languages there is and now it is easier for anyone to learn it.

Deaf awareness week is more than being able to communicate with Deaf people, it is about how to support people with any form of a hearing loss. This past year has been challenging for many people, but people with a hearing loss that rely on seeing peoples faces and lips it has been incredibly hard.

I am lucky to have the best of two worlds, I have wonderful friends who are Deaf themselves and when we meet up I use BSL with them, I don't wear my hearing aids as I have no need to 'hear' them. Also I have wonderful hearing friends and work colleges who know how to include me in the conversations and support me when I am not able to fully understand what it being said.

I have been working at Slade Primary School for nearly 3 years now and I am proud to be part of a wonderful community that not only support Titans children (Hearing Impaired unit) but all children and promote equality for everyone.



What is Deaf Awareness Week?

Deaf Awareness Week is a national week of celebrating deafness.

Deaf Awareness Week is important to everyone because it encourages every individual to be aware of living with deafness and the challenges. Deaf people use sign language every day as it is their first language to communicate with others but they face barriers daily because not everything is accessible for them such as wearing masks as deaf people rely on lip reading. Also when train announcements are made and the deaf person cannot hear and needs information to be able to understand.



As a deaf person myself, I face challenges every day but I don't let it stop me. Being at Slade as a deaf TA has been wonderful but also challenging working with both deaf and hearing children. This is because it is important for me to understand what is being said but I always make sure the children are looking face to face to me or ask them to repeat what they say so I can understand them.

In Sprite Class every week myself and Mrs Martin teach the children different topics of sign language and it is amazing to see that the children are intrigued and involved in learning the language. We make it fun too where we ask the children to guess what sign has been signed to see if they remember and whether it is correct. They absolutely love it and it makes me feel so happy and proud of the children for learning the beauty of sign language.

Charlotte Havering

Sprite Class

Huge thanks to Mrs Sturmey and Miss Havering for their words this week and also to Mrs Martin for putting together the stories and pictures that we have used in this week's special newsletter and for the information that has fed into our Twitter output through the week.



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.

97.3
%

Attendance This Year.

97.4
%

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.

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Tuesday 4 May	Deaf Awareness Week	
Wednesday 5 May	Deaf Awareness Week: Communication	
Wednesday 5 May	Favourite Books	Gnome Class 
Thursday 6 May	Lightning Squad Progress Reports	Selected Children 
Friday 7 May	After School Tuition	Selected Children 
Friday 7 May	Lightning Squad Information	Selected Children 

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COVID-19: If Your Child Shows Symptoms: Update



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

- **Stay at home, do not attend 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, via the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website, let us know you are taking a test**
- **If the test comes back with a positive result, inform school immediately so we can invoke suitable measures. This can be via email if out of office hours, during the weekend or in the holidays: C19@slade.kent.sch.uk**

Any individual or group sent a 10 day self isolation notification should continue their home learning via the familiar Microsoft Teams page, accessible though the school website and Teams App.



Despite recent relaxations as part of the Government’s roadmap, most COVID-19 restrictions are still in place in Tonbridge, the rest of Kent and across the whole of England.

Please make sure you are aware of the current regulations and laws to keep yourself and your family safe as well as respecting our request to maintain a 2 metre distance between yourself and other families when walking to and from school as well as wearing a face covering when waiting at the school gates.

More > [The latest COVID-19 Regulations from the Government ‘Roadmap’ out of Restrictions](#)



For your Diary

Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 10 May	
Tuesday 11 May	
Wednesday 12 May	
Thursday 13 May	
Friday 14 May	

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 5
TUESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 5
WEDNESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 5
THURSDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 5
FRIDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 5

Further Ahead :

Friday 28 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June	Summer Terms Break - School Closed to all pupils
Monday 7 June	First Day of Term 6
Wednesday 9 June	Primary School (EYFS21) Reallocation Offer Day More information on what to do once an offer has been received is on the admissions section of the school website .
Wednesday 9 June	Year 6 Safety in Action Day More information will appear nearer the time
Friday 11 June	Teacher Training (INSET) Day - School Closed to all pupils
Monday 14 June	Class and Group Photographs Matthew Walker returns to school for these annual pictures.
Thursday 8 July	Kent Year 7 Induction Day Year 6 children should receive information about various events on this day from their allocated Secondary School
Thursday 8 July	EYFS21 New Intake Settling In Sessions
Wednesday 21 July	Last Day of Term 6

All events are subject to alteration, postponement and cancellation due to at time COVID-19 protocols.
Updates are sent via Email, appear here each week and on the school website diary: [slade.kent.sch.uk](https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk)

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