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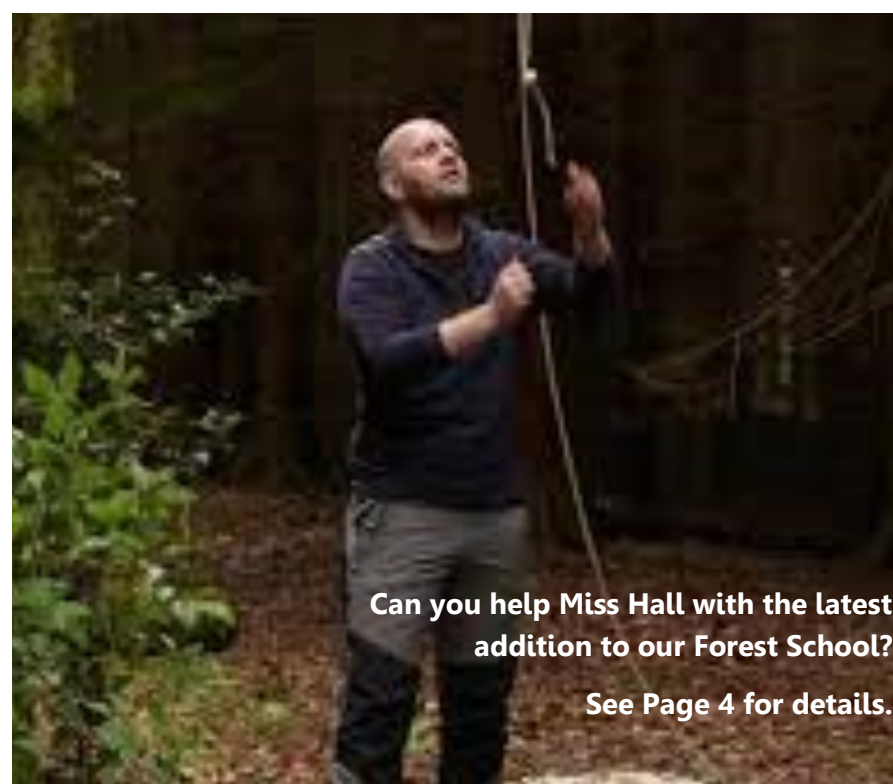
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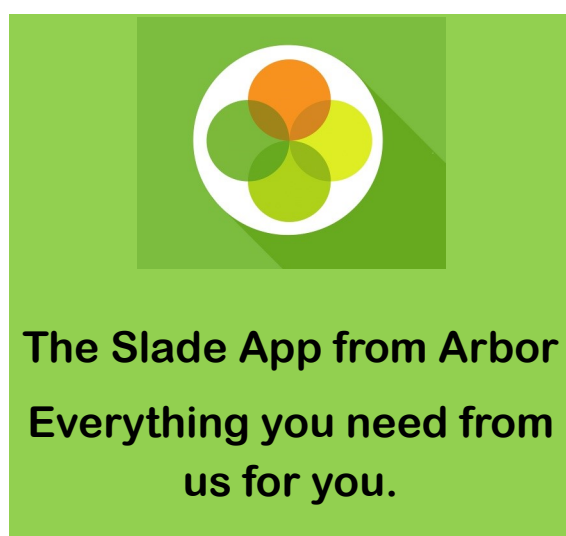
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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen all of the children in school contribute to a collective piece of artwork to be displayed in the entrance hall in the main building. Each of them has drawn their self-portrait using shades of just one colour with each portrait going to be assembled together to create our very own Slade rainbow! This came about following one of our recent whole school assemblies where we explored the theme of being individually different but, just like the colours of the rainbow, beautiful together too! I will share a photo of the finished display once it is complete but there is a sneak preview of what to expect below!

As previously shared, we will be holding Parent Consultation meetings during Week 1 of Term 6, on 8 and 10 June. As in Term 1 these meetings will be held virtually and will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled back into school post lockdown in addition to outlining the next steps for your child with their learning. Meetings will be held on Microsoft teams and can be booked on Arbor as of 5pm on Friday 21 May. Further details regarding booking arrangements and how to access Microsoft Teams will be sent out in a separate letter.

As you are aware, on Monday 10 May the Prime Minister announced that the country will move to Step 3 of the roadmap from Monday 17 May. As a result of this announcement the Department for Education (DfE) has made some minor changes to their guidance for schools. However, the changes made are primarily applicable to secondary schools and the wearing of face coverings in classrooms. There has been no change to the requirement for adults to wear face coverings at drop off or pick up times or when coming onto the school site. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation and understanding with this protective measure. In addition, please remember to queue in single file when waiting at the gates in order to allow others to pass safely on the pavements; thank you.

This week, Miss Garrett and I have been busy interviewing for a range of vacancies here in school as we plan ahead for September. This has included thinking about classroom organisation and staffing for the start of Term One. We recognise that this time of change can be an anxious time for some children and parents. Due to the lateness of the resignation date for class teachers (31st May) and the implications of this I am not at present able to share this information with you. We will therefore endeavor to inform you of any changes as early as possible in Term 6, thus allowing time for a smooth transition for all involved. Please be assured as soon as that information is available you will all be the first to know!

A reminder that our final INSET Day of the year is on Friday 11 June when staff will be undertaking training in 'Talk for Reading'. School will therefore be closed to pupils on this day.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade

The Slade Rainbow takes shape





This Week at Slade

Pirate Day Lunch 2021

Thursday 20 May

Our Head Cook, Clare and her team from Nourish Contract Catering, invite every child at Slade to a special mealday next Thursday, 20 May.

In a change to the menu, Clare will be cooking up special ship's snacks as Nourish celebrate their annual Pirate Day Lunch.

There will be Burgers, Pasta or Jacket Potato with vegetables for the main course, followed by desserts of jam, fruit, yoghurt or the classic Captain Nourish's Biscuit.

The special mealday is open to all: If your child is in EYFS or KS1, they just turn up without packed lunch and say 'Pirate Lunch Please!' when asked at registration. It's pretty much the same in KS2 (the only difference being that the parents have to hand over £2.20 in silver coins for the privilege, via your ParentPay account of course - this is a socially distanced non cash contact ship after all!)



Competition

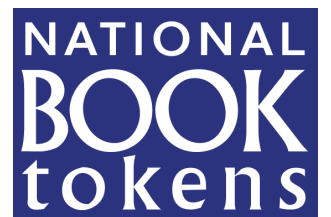
It wouldn't be special mealday without a competition. This year, Clare is challenging the children to design and make a pirate hat. We will feature the best in next week's newsletter and they will also win a prize, courtesy of Nourish Contract Catering. **Please do not bring the hats to school, send photographs to us instead.**

We would love to see your best pirate pictures as well. If you are stuck for things to do in the expected rain this weekend, why not put together some pirate art at home? Send in a photograph of your picture or creation and we will share with 960 Twitter followers next week.

Please send pictures of your hats or artwork (no children's faces for social media please) to office@slade.kent.sch.uk

National Book Tokens £5000 Prize is Back

Last year, we were national winners and the very lucky and grateful recipients of the annual £5000 book tokens award to spend on books for the school.



That money was spent on 'developing a love of reading across the school', something that is close to the heart of all of the staff at Slade, including librarian Caroline Mawson, Mrs Slade, Miss Garrett and our English lead, Miss Redden.

It is also the main mission of the organisers, National Book Tokens, who say on their website:

'A good school library isn't just important for academic achievement. Reading for pleasure also improves children's wellbeing – something our children need now more than ever before.'

Could we win again? All you have to do is visit the website and vote!

[More > Competitions, the work of National Book Tokens, and to nominate Slade for the £5000 prize](#)



Around School

Visits to School

As visitors to school will know, our reception area is not an open plan, well ventilated space with room to socially distance safely!

As a result, we continue to ask that coming to visit the school office remains by appointment only, unless in an emergency.

Please telephone or email ahead, it is more than likely that your question can be answered this way. Please also make sure that your child comes to school at drop off time, on time, with everything they need for their day, including Forest School clothing, PE Kit and, if desired, their lunch box and water bottle. There has been an increase of visitors bringing in these items later in the day.

Please just ask or refer to this newsletter for Forest School days for the following week.

If you do have to attend the office, please remember to wear a face covering and to maintain a 2 metre distance from other visitors or staff.

Forest School



Can You Build It?

As part of the growing Forest School at Slade, we have purchased a six metre circular shelter for the children to use during their woodland sessions.

The shelter will need to be attached to a ridgeline high enough to go over a fire pit and it will need to be able to be easily taken down (using some kind of pulley system) when there are high winds forecast.



Miss Hall is asking our families and friends through the newsletter if they can, or know anyone who would be able to, help her construct the shelter.

If you are someone who would be able to help with this, we would love for you to contact us with your contact details via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

More > [Video Instructions for setting up a ridge line for large shelters via YouTube](#)



Woodland Timetable for Next Week

Monday : Gnome (Miss Taylor), Dragon (Miss Meers), Pixie (Miss Elliott, Mrs McFerran)

Tuesday : Gruffalo (Mrs Hitchcock)

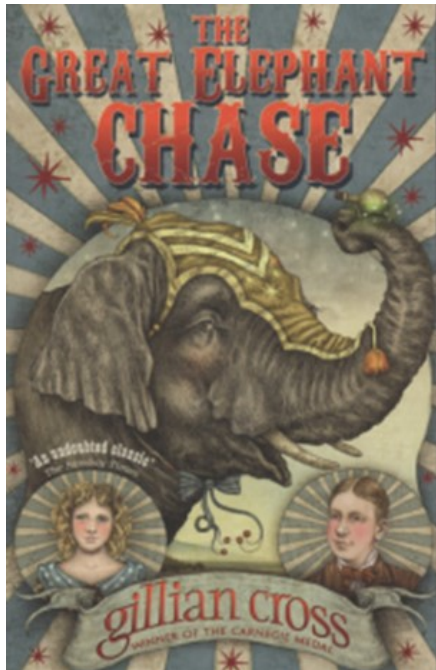
Wednesday : Sphinx (Miss Lipman), Sprite (Miss Redden)

Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

The Great Elephant Chase, by Gillian Cross



Tad and Cissie are on the run with Khush the elephant.

Clammy-fingered, steely-eyed Hannibal Jackson will do anything to capture the animal. Maybe even kill ...

Staying ahead means being faster and smarter-but how do you hide an elephant? Especially one with a mind of its own.

Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week

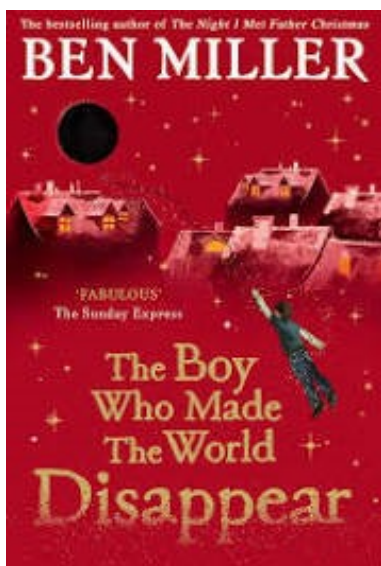
Ben Miller

Actor and comedian Ben Miller is this week's Author of the Week. Miller (right) was first known to audiences on Channel 4 as part of a comedy duo with Alexander Armstrong and has since acted in films and appeared in all genres of TV programme, including the role of the much loved detective, Richard Poole, in the BBC comedy drama Death in Paradise.



It maybe a little less known, but Ben Miller is also an extremely popular and successful author, with a series of novels published over the last decade, with this week's free to listen to story from The Literacy Trust being one of the latest.

The Boy Who Made The World Disappear is described on the Waterstones website:



'Stories are often about a good person who does a Bad Thing, and this is no exception ...' Harrison tries his best to be good. He doesn't steal, he always shares with his sister and he never cheats at board games, but Harrison also has a BIG flaw ... He can't control his temper!

So when he's given a black hole instead of a balloon at a party, Harrison jumps at the chance to get rid of everything that makes him cross. But when it's not just things he hates that are disappearing into the black hole but things he loves, too, Harrison starts to realise that sometimes you should be careful what you wish for..

An out-of-this-world adventure about twists of fate, time travel and troublesome black holes, Ben Miller's stunning storytelling is brought to life with beautiful illustrations from the bestselling Daniela Jaglenka Terrazzini.

Ben has filmed a video for the children to watch and there is also a question and answer session to read where he names his recommended reads and answers other questions from The Oak Academy.

Watch, Read, Listen and Do with the Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week:

[Meet Ben Miller and listen to his Book of the Week](#)

[Visit the Free Library](#)



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.

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
Monday 10 May	After School Tuition: Elf and Griffin Classes	Selected Children 
Tuesday 11 May	Open Events and Kent Test Sessions: Maidstone Grammar School for Girls	
Wednesday 12 May	Football Coaching in the June Holiday: Tonbridge Angels FC	
Thursday 13 May	Pirate Day Special Menu	
Friday 14 May	Safety in Action	Year 6 Parents 
Friday 14 May	After School Tuition: Elmer and Gruffalo Classes	Selected Children 
Friday 14 May	Year 6 Activity Week	Year 6 Parents 

More > Follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/SladePrimarySch>


COVID-19: Important Information

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 website
- 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.

Please contact the class teacher via the class email address if you have any questions about this home learning.



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 17 May	
Tuesday 18 May	
Wednesday 19 May	
Thursday 20 May	
Friday 21 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 Please see letter sent via Arbor this morning (Friday 14 May)
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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