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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another fun filled week of learning here at Slade, both indoors and out, with each class having varying degrees of success when dodging the downpours!

In recent days all of the children in school have participated in the Children's Commissioner's survey of childhood, The Big Ask, which is the largest ever survey of children in England. This was an opportunity for the children in Slade to join with children from other schools across the country and anonymously have had their say about what matters to them for their future. Thank you children for using your voice and sharing your thoughts. Further information about the survey, including can be found at: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Well done and congratulations to all those pupils who participated in our Pirate themed day yesterday and shared their artwork on our Twitter Pirate Gallery. Do take a look at our Twitter feed to view the fabulous pirate portraits and see what talented artists we have here in school! Excellent work everyone! Many thanks to Clare and her team in the kitchen for cooking our pirate themed feast enjoyed by all who had a school lunch yesterday. Don't forget that Nourish lunches, cooked on the school premises daily, are available to all children and can be ordered each day; menus and further details are available on our school website.

Yesterday you will have received a separate communication outlining booking arrangements for Parent Consultation meetings, being held on 8 and 10 June, informing you that the booking system will be opening today at 5pm. Further details on how to access Microsoft Teams for the meeting will be sent out in a separate letter soon. I would encourage all parents and carers to take this opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to hear of your child's achievements and progress following their return to school in addition to discussing the next steps for them in their learning.

On Wednesday evening we held the fourth meeting of the full governing body during which we welcomed our two newest governors into their roles. Eleanor Hoyle, newly elected parent governor, and Philip Deakin, co-opted governor from Tonbridge School; thank you both for committing to this role and we look forward to working with you in the coming years. A belated welcome too to Farah Brooks-Johnson, co-opted governor, who joined the board earlier this year in lockdown. A reminder that minutes from all governor meetings and other information regarding the role of the governors in school is available on the school website.

I look forward to seeing many of you virtually next Wednesday evening at 7.30 at this term's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meeting. This is an opportunity for all parents in the school to meet and hear of how the school has benefitted from all fundraising activities to date and to share ideas for raising funds for the future. The link from this meeting can be found on the PTA Facebook page.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



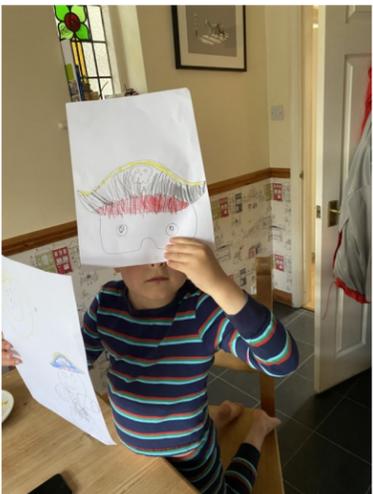
This Week at Slade

Pirate Day Lunch 2021

It was lovely to see so many children across the school enjoying the special mealday from Nourish yesterday.

Mr Nourish put on his hat and sailed in to Slade for the annual Pirate Day Lunch, cooked and served by Clare and her team in the kitchen.

He was joined by his ship's mates, who created pirate art to celebrate. We have been sharing the fantastic pictures sent in for the Pirate Lunch competition on our Twitter feed all week. The Pirate Gallery is completed today as we show off the wonderful pirate hat creations sent in. Thankyou to everyone and to the grown ups for your help and for sending in the pictures.



More from the Pirate Day Lunch on Pages 8 and 9



Around School



Kent Children's Centres
Tonbridge & Malling and Sevenoaks Children's Centres

Half Term Activities
29TH MAY - 4TH JUNE 2021

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
 MAKE A HEALTHY PICNIC TOGETHER AND THEN TAKE IT SOMEWHERE TO ENJOY!
1ST JUNE & 2ND JUNE @10AM VIRTUAL GROUP VIA MS TEAMS

SUNCATCHERS
 LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN SUNCATCHERS
3RD JUNE & 4TH JUNE @10AM VIRTUAL GROUP VIA MS TEAMS

PARK HUNTS
 GO ON YOUR OWN BEAR PICTURE HUNT IN YOUR LOCAL PARK
SWANLEY AND EAST MALLING STARTS 2ND JUNE & TONBRIDGE FROM THE 29TH MAY

SING AND STORY
2ND JUNE @ 1PM AND 3RD JUNE @10AM

BABY TIME
1ST JUNE @ 1PM VIA MS TEAMS

WEDNESDAY WISDOM WORKSHOP
2ND JUNE @9.30 - DENTAL HEALTH

To book email TMCC@kent.gov.uk or SwanleyChildrensCentre@kent.gov.uk
 Phone 03000 418 008
DEADLINE FOR BOOKING 27TH MAY

Holiday Activities

The Tonbridge & Malling and Sevenoaks Children's Centres are pleased to share their selection of activities in the Summer Terms break between 29 May and 4 June.

Bookings can be made via email: tmcc@kent.gov.uk or by telephone through Kent County Council at 03000 41 80 08.

KCC are pleased to give details below of the many services they provide for children and young people and for their parents and carers.

More > [Education and Children Services](#) from kent.gov.uk

Parent - Teacher Consultations

The booking window for your chance to speak with your child's class teacher about their progress, targets and everything else in between is open from 17:00 today (Friday 21 May).

Bookings are made via the Arbor App for the consultation evenings, between 16:00 and 18:30 on Tuesday 8 June or Thursday 10 June. The meetings will be held through Microsoft Teams, so can be accessed anywhere with internet connection and a compatible device or computer.

The class teachers look forward to seeing all of our parents and carers at the summer consultations.



Forest School



Summer Clothing at Forest School

The weather is getting warmer (wetter, but warmer!) and Miss Hall would like to remind parents that there are some subtle changes in the suitable clothing for Forest School. She says:

'Now that the weather is getting warmer the children can wear a thinner pair of long trousers or leggings and a long-sleeved t-shirt. They will always need to come prepared with waterproofs and wellies. Trainers will be fine for dry days. On hot days please make sure to put on a long-lasting sunscreen before they come into school and provide a sunhat.'



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 and Mrs Berrill)

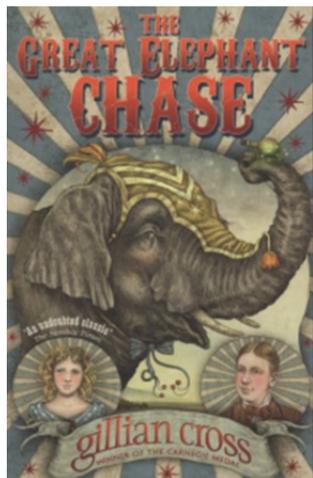
Wednesday : Phoenix (Mr Duffin), Wyvern (Mr Watts)

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.

Book Donation - Thankyou

Everyone at Slade, in particular English leader Miss Redden, Mrs Pearson and Librarian Mrs Mawson, would like to say a big thankyou to parent Sam Kington, for a very generous donation of reading scheme books for the children in EYFS and Key Stage 1.

This donation will help give more children access to reading material as we continue our joint efforts with parents and carers to foster a love of reading for pleasure as well as wellbeing and academic progress.



Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week

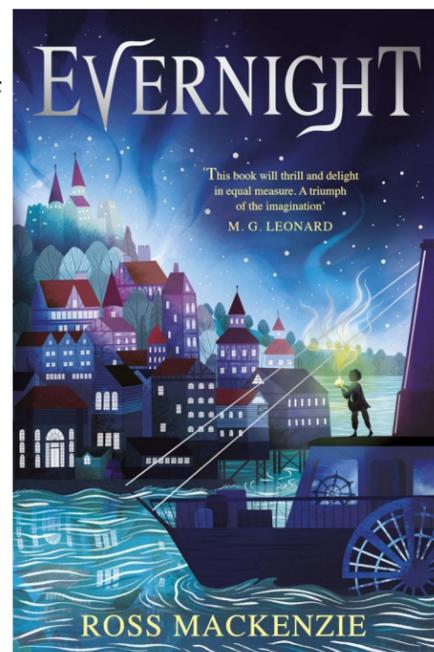
Ross MacKenzie

Thousands of years ago, the Evernight came to the Silver Kingdom and turned everything to darkness and chaos. It was only defeated thanks to the skill and bravery of the Witches. But now the Evernight is about to return, released by the evil Mrs Hester, and the only spell that might stop it is lost, deep below the great city of King's Haven.

Let this week's Literacy Trust Author of the Week, Ross MacKenzie take you on a fantasy ride to King's Haven by reading his book, Evernight, free of charge via the Oak Academy Library.

Ross was born in Glasgow, and has been fascinated by the magic of stories for as long as he can remember. He scribbled his first "book" – an illustrated story about a hungry crocodile called Colin – in a smuggled school jotter when he was seven.

He studied graphic design at college, moving on to work as a page designer for a national newspaper. He continued to write in secret, until his first book was published in September 2010. He is pleased to welcome new readers to his world!



[Read Evernight and watch and read interviews with Ross MacKenzie](#)

[Visit the Free Library](#)

The word 'attendance' is written in a playful, colorful font where each letter is on a separate small card with a different color and a small dot above it.

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.

96.8%

Attendance This Year.

97.3%

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](#)

WISE Women in STEM

WISE, whose goal is to increase the participation, contribution and success of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are running an interactive online session designed to raise awareness of the brilliant variety of STEM roles available out there, with a view to encourage more girls to pursue STEM subjects and careers. The event will be held on Thursday 3 June, aimed at girls aged 11-19.

The event is open to all, so if you know of any girls with an aspiration in STEM.....or even those who don't know it's the industry for them yet, do take a look at what is on offer and to book:

[More > Find out about WISE, the online event and to book via wisecampaign.org](#)



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 17 May	The Hayesbrook School: School Day and Term Dates Consultation	Year 5 and Year 6 Parents 🌟
Monday 17 May	Open Events and Kent Test Sessions: Invicta Grammar School	🐦
Tuesday 18 May	Pirate Art	🐦
Wednesday 19 May	Pirate Art	🐦 🐦
Wednesday 19 May	Helping Children with Reading	Year R and Year 1 Parents 🌟
Thursday 20 May	Pirate Art	🐦 🐦 🐦 🐦
Thursday 20 May	Jammy Fractions	Year 1 Parents 🌟
Thursday 20 May	Parent - Teacher Consultations	All School 🌟
Thursday 20 May	Free School Meal Vouchers	Eligible Parents 🌟
Friday 21 May	Year 6 Activity Week	Year 6 Parents 🌟
Friday 21 May	Celebration Assembly	🐦

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](https://www.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



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

The recommendations from the DfE with regard to provision in school are largely unchanged from Stage 2 of the roadmap.

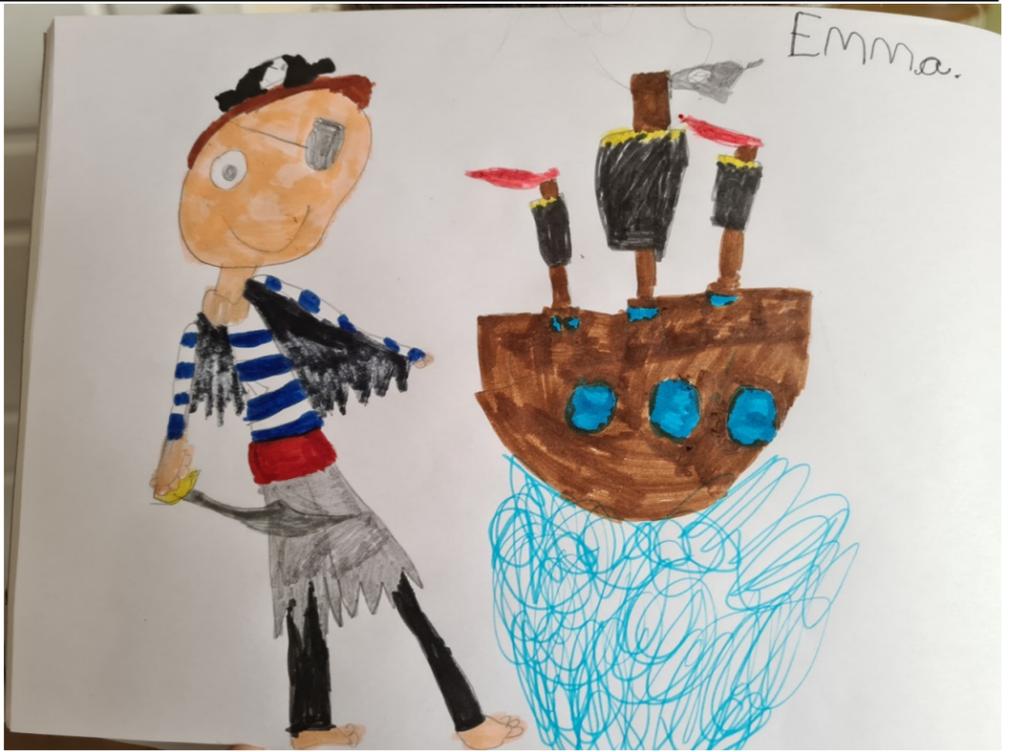


Please make sure you are aware of the current regulations and laws to keep yourself and your family safe as well as respecting our request to maintain a 2 metre distance between yourself and other families when walking to and from school as well as wearing a face covering when waiting at the school gates.

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



Pirate Lunch Gallery





Nourish Pirate Lunch





For your Diary

Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 24 May	
Tuesday 25 May	
Wednesday 26 May	Year 6: Hugh Christie School visiting Slade to see new Year 7 Children
Thursday 27 May	Year 6: Deadline for returning consent form for Safety in Action See letter sent Friday 14 May
Friday 28 May	Last Day of Term 5

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 :

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 make sure you have replied with your consent form
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

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