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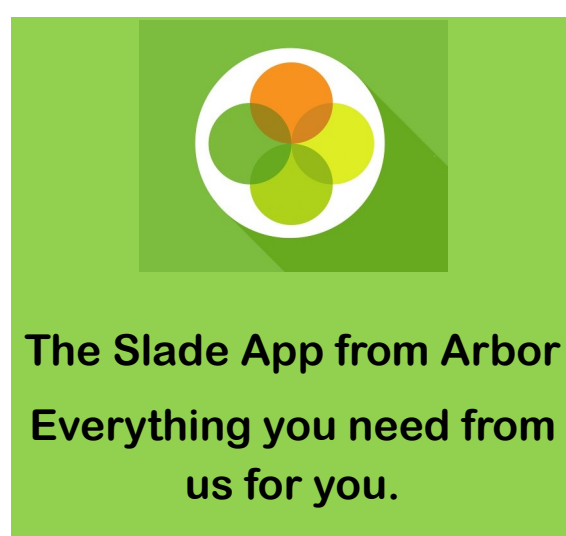
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Slade Primary School Newsletter 2020/21 Term 5 Issue 6 / Friday 28 May 2021





From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 5!

May I start by taking this opportunity to thank all children, staff, parents and governors for the part that you have all played in ensuring that school has remained fully operational since we returned from lockdown in March and for helping to keep our school community safe this term; we all need to celebrate the fact that all class bubbles have remained open during this time! Well done and thank you everyone. Thank you too for your ongoing support, encouragement, patience and understanding as we have continued to operate with Covid restrictions in place; we do recognise the impact that these restrictions have on your daily lives and are grateful to you for the changes that you have made, thank you.

Well done and thank you to all of the children who performed at our Spring Concert which this year has been held virtually! Hopefully you've all received the link earlier today and plan to take the opportunity to watch the talented children that we have here at Slade. It's been lovely to hear and see the classes across the school viewing the concert together; Thank you to all those parents who supported their children with the technical side of things, uploading their videos, and for continuing to support your children with their music tuition. Many thanks too to Mrs Stephens and Mrs Luffingham for creating this musical extravaganza for us all to enjoy!

In September, we are delighted to welcome Alison Burnside to our teaching team and in to the role of Key Stage 2 Class Teacher. Alison will already be known to many of you as her children previously attended Slade; we look forward to welcoming her back in to the school community in her new role. Alison will be in and around school during the coming weeks getting to know children and staff at some of our transition events. In other staffing news, we look forward to welcoming Amy Packard to our team of midday supervisors from the start of Term 6; it was lovely to have Amy in school earlier this week getting to know the children with whom she'll be working. Welcome to the family both!

Many thanks to parents, staff and governors who on Wednesday attended the virtual 'Parent Teacher Association' (PTA) meeting. The PTA continues to make such a positive contribution to so many aspects of school life whilst raising amazing amounts of money, even during lockdown. Minutes from the meeting outlining all the fundraising ideas have been circulated to you all earlier today so please do take time to have a read.

A reminder that during the May half term holiday school is still required to support the NHS Test and Trace process, and fulfil necessary contact tracing responsibilities when notified of any positive Covid test cases. Therefore, please would you ensure that you inform us of a positive case if symptoms have occurred within 2 days of your child being in school. Updates need to be emailed to c19@slde.kent.sch.uk Further information as to what steps to take should you or your child develop symptoms during the holiday can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>. Thank you for your help in continuing to keep all in our school community safe.

I hope that you all get to enjoy a relaxing half term break.

P.S. Don't forget to sign up for parent consultation meetings if you haven't already done so!

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

Green Peony, A Blue Peter Winner!

Tonbridge is in safe hands with the environmental care being carried out by the children at our school.

Peony, in Year 1, was so proud to receive her first Blue Peter badge recently.

The Blue Peter badge is an award given by the BBC children's television programme of the same name for those appearing on the show, or in recognition of achievement. They are awarded to children aged 6 to 15, or to adults who have been guests on the programme.

Peony's mummy, Emily, explains the fantastic work and effort Peony put in to receive her extra special badge:

'She wrote a lovely piece during lockdown about how we look after our environment by eating less meat, walking to school, growing our own food and particularly helping to keep the town clean and litter picking on a regular basis. Peony asks to take the litter picker every dog walk and we regularly bring home a bag full.

She sent her letter along with photos of her cleaning up rubbish and the bags we filled to Blue Peter and she received her badge! The green badge.

She is so pleased with herself!'

And rightly so! Peony, everyone at Slade is incredibly pleased for you in receiving this award and proud of the effort you have gone to in order to earn the coveted Blue Peter Badge.



Forest School



Woodland Timetable for Term 6

From Term 6, this information will also appear on our Online Diary of Events.

Please make sure that your child has their Forest School clothing with them to change into on each of their Woodland Session days.

Monday 7 June, 21 June, 5 July, 19 July: Gnome, Phoenix, Dragon

Tuesday 8 June, 22 June, 6 July: Gruffalo

Wednesday 9 June, 23 June, 7 July, 21 July: Sprite, Sphinx

Monday 14 June, 28 June, 12 July: Elf

Monday 14 June, 28 June: Griffin, Hydra

Tuesday 15 June, 29 June, 20 July: Elmer, Pegasus, Hippogriff

Wednesday 16 June, 30 June, 14 July: Pixie, Wyvern

More > [All school events are included on our online diary via the school website](#)



Around School

We are on the final bend of another remarkable year at Slade. We wouldn't have got to this point without the support of everyone at home and in school, so thank you again! The teaching teams are looking forward to Term 6 and are keen to share here, the topics that their yeargroups will be looking at as we head for the summer holiday.

EYFS Year R: Growing and Moving On

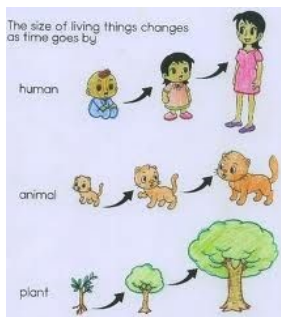


We will be starting with The Very Hungry Caterpillar, and enjoying watching our own caterpillars grow and change into butterflies (hopefully!). We will then be designing bikes when we read Mrs Armitage on Wheels, and finishing the Year with some Pirate fun.



Year 1: By The Seaside

We will explore how the seaside landscape and some of the sea creatures are different from other places and talk about what things people do to enjoy themselves at the seaside. Also, we will be focusing on how our seaside holidays have changed since the 1970's.



Year 2: Animals, Humans and Plants

During the final term, Year 2 will cover two more themes in Science. These are Animals including Humans and Plants. They will also come up with ideas for a puppet and make these in Design Technology. Finally, Geography will provide the opportunity to compare another country to the UK.

Year 3: Earthquakes, Plants and Creating a Vlog

Next term our Geography topic will be all about Earthquakes. In Science, we will be learning about plants and using the outdoor environment as much as possible to investigate different plants. We will also have a focus on Computing and will attempt to create a vlog on a subject of our choice!

Year 4: Living Sustainably

Year 4 are going to be delving into world of sustainability as we learn about how we can live more sustainably; we will also be using persuasive writing and adverts in our English lessons to encourage others to do likewise. In science, we will be getting out the circuits as we study electricity.

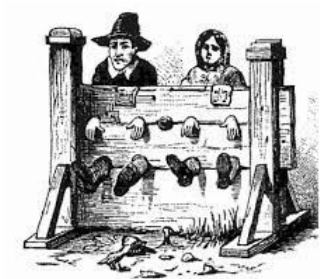


Year 5: The Mayans

In Term 6, Year 5 will be learning about the Mayans and thinking about how the ancient Maya changed the way the people lived.

More > [The Ancient Maya via the BBC Bitesize Website](#)

Year 6: Crime and Punishment



In Year 6, we are all hoping to make the last term for our children leaving us in July for their new Secondary Schools as fun and as memorable as possible. We are particularly looking forward to our Activity Week between 12 and 16 July. The children will also have their induction day at their new schools which is an important and exciting step for them all.



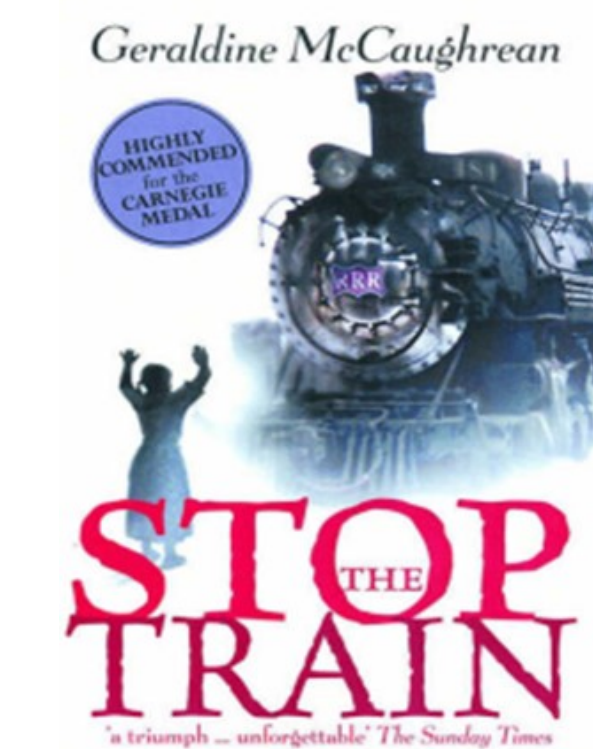
In our topic, we will be exploring and investigating crime and punishment throughout history.

Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

Stop The Train, by Geraldine McCaughrean



It is 1893 and Cissy and her family, prepare for business alongside the Red Rock Railroad track.

But the railroad company wants to buy the land for itself - and when the settlers refuse to sell, the railroad boss swears his trains will never stop in Florence again.

So, Cissy, her friends, family, and neighbours resolve to stop that train.

Book Donations - Thankyou

We are lucky to have been in receipt of many book donations this term by generous parents, carers and friends of Slade. The donations will be to the benefit of children across the school.

Particular thanks to Joanna Russell and to Alice Scambler for their very kind donations, from everyone at school and especially from Mr Osborne and Miss Garrett, who have let us know about your gifts this week.

Oak Academy Literacy Trust Author of the Week

Derek Landy



The Literacy Trust have another free to listen to book this week. Hosted on the Oak Academy Free Library website, you can access the spoken version of Skulduggery Pleasant by this week's Author of the Week Derek Landy, by clicking on the link below.



The Skulduggery Pleasant series of books has its own website; they entice you to listen by saying:

One formidable teenage girl, one well-dressed skeleton detective and a cast of magical characters both good and evil come together in Derek Landy's Skulduggery Pleasant series. Will evil win the day? Will Stephanie and Skulduggery stop bickering long enough to stop it? One thing's for sure: evil won't know what's hit it. Buffy meets Dr Who meets Ghostbusters in this thrilling book series.

Derek Landy was born in Lusk, near the Irish capital, Dublin and has won the Red House Children's Book Award.

[Derek Landy Interviews and Listen to Skulduggery Pleasant](#)

[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.

96.6
%

Attendance
This Year.

97.3
%

Registers are taken 10 minutes after the school gates close for your child's yeargroup.

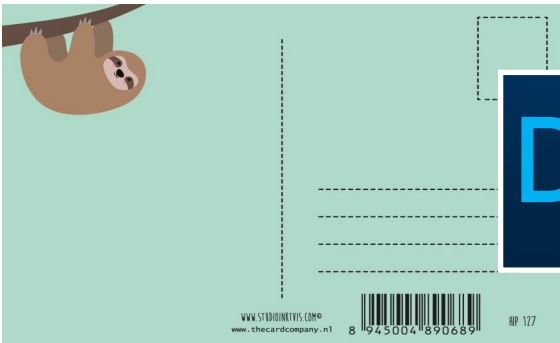
It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class and to prevent unnecessary crossing in to bubble groups by adults escorting late children.

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](#)











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.

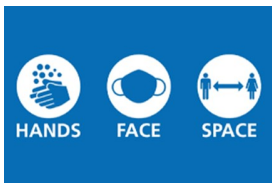
All we ask is one thing: please take the time to read emails sent to you, we try to make sure that everything you are sent relates to your child, so nothing is irrelevant. If you would like further information on any email we send, please contact the class teacher or the school office for assistance.

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 24 May	Teacher - Parent Consultation Error: Double Booking or No Parent Attending	Selected Parents 
Monday 24 May	Year 6 Leavers - GDPR Consent Request	Year 6 Parents 
Thursday 27 May	Parent - Teacher Consultation - Accessing Your Meeting via Microsoft Teams	All School 
Friday 28 May	Year 6 Leavers Questions	Year 6 Parents 
Friday 28 May	EYFS Newsletter	Year R Parents 
Friday 28 May	PTA Meeting Minutes	All School 
Friday 28 May	Virtual Spring Concert Stream 	All School 

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 primary schools is 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](#)



For your Diary

Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June	Summer Terms Break School Closed to all pupils
Monday 7 June	First Day of Term 6
Tuesday 8 June	Parent - Teacher Consultation Evening Book via the Arbor App, correctly made bookings will receive an automatic confirmation email
Wednesday 9 June	Year 6 Safety in Action Day Please make sure you have replied with your consent form
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 .
Thursday 10 June	Parent - Teacher Consultation Evening Book via the Arbor App, correctly made bookings will receive an automatic confirmation email
Friday 11 June	Teacher Training (INSET) Day School Closed to all pupils

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound remain suspended
TUESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound remain suspended
WEDNESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound remain suspended
THURSDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound remain suspended
FRIDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound remain suspended

Further Ahead :

Monday 14 June	Class and Group Photographs Matthew Walker returns to school for these annual pictures
Monday 21 June	Hillview School For Girls Visit to Year 6 to see their new Year 7 children
Thursday 1 July	Science Day at Slade
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 14 July - Friday 16 July	End of School Year Reports Released
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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