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The Slade Olympics continued today with Year 2 playing Foot Rounders

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From the Headteacher

Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite rain stopping play at the start of the week Slade Olympics eventually got off to a flying start when the sun finally came out! It has been great to see children from across the school having fun in the sun whilst also having a competitive experience too as classes in each year group compete against each other for points! Each year group is taking part in a variety of team events as well as some more traditional individual Sports Day events. I do hope that you have been able to keep up to date with the action which has been captured across the week on our Twitter feed. We look forward to seeing the rest of the children having their opportunity to become Olympians in the coming week! Look out for more updates in next week's newsletter.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have already generously donated to the PTA fundraiser, raising funds to refresh the markings on the school playground. The children have all been excited to view the design options available, with each class contributing to the re-design process by sharing their thoughts as to what they would like to see created. From a traditional hopscotch to sports pitches to even a daily mile route there's lots to choose from and something for everyone! Therefore, the more money we raise then the more markings we can have! Details of how to donate to support the school with this project, and to read more of planned fundraising activities, can be found on the PTA Facebook page; thank you to everyone involved in organising these events; we really do appreciate everything you are do for us as a school.

Following on with the fundraising theme, we will be holding a non uniform day on **Friday 16 July** for children in Years R-5. Children will be able to wear their own clothes to school for the day and make a voluntary contribution to the fundraising for the privilege of doing so! More details to follow nearer the time. Year 6 will be enjoying their planned activity week and wearing their own clothes to school throughout the week so no donation required!

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have been busy working on the class and staffing arrangements for September. A separate letter has been sent out earlier today outlining any changes, notifying you who your child's class teacher will be and informing you of some of the planned transition arrangements for the term. Information regarding classes for next year has been shared with your children this afternoon. If you have any queries regarding arrangements for September then please talk to your child's current class teacher in the first instance.

Children in Hippogriff Class today were also informed that Mr Clarke will be leaving Slade at the end of this term as he heads off to university to start his journey to train to become a primary school teacher. In addition, children lower down the school were told that Miss Paige will also be leaving in July as she too starts her teacher training at Dunton Green Primary School. Good luck and best wishes to you both as you embark on this next stage of your chosen careers and thank you for all that you have done during your time here at Slade.

Finally, please look out on Monday for a letter from Simon Griffiths, Chair of Governors, providing a link to the annual governor survey which seeks parental feedback on life at Slade. Your views are important to us so please do take time to complete the survey if you can; thank you.

Take care, stay safe and be kind x

Karen Slade



This Week at Slade

Slade Olympics Underway

The Slade Olympic fortnight is up and running after a rained delayed start.

This week has seen the start of the team events. On Tuesday Year 1 avoided the showers and Elf and Pixie Classes took part in a team game this afternoon which involved collecting different sized balls for different points. After a number of competitions Elf class beat Pixie class 202 points to 195. It was a closely fought match with all the children trying their best to gain points for their team.



In the Wednesday afternoon sunshine, Year 3 took to the field for a series of football and rounders matches. It was Mr Louth who took the bragging rights as his Pegasus Class swept to victory over Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill's Hippogriff Class. All of the matches took place in a friendly and sporting way. The class teachers are proud of the effort of both classes.



Thursday saw Phoenix and Sprite playing bench ball, football and netball (above). Again, the children were quick to make sure that they were showing the Olympic values of Respect, Excellence, Friendship, Inspiration, Determination, Equality and Courage. Each yeargroup will be selecting a child who has shown each of these values during the events. The winners will be announced in a Celebration Assembly once the final events have taken place.

This morning, it was Year 2's turn. They played a superb game of Foot Rounders, which we hope you can imagine - it certainly sounds like lots of fun. Despite the rain clouds the game proved an instant hit with the children and with Miss Taylor and Miss Redden alike!



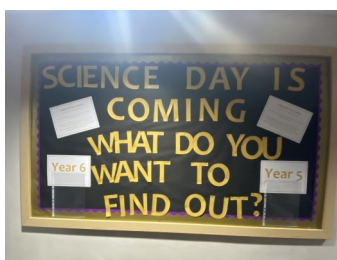
Next Week sees the end of the team sports, with Year 5 playing on Monday and Year 6 on Tuesday. In the event of bad weather, the events will happen on the next available day.

Please make sure that the children bring in a full water bottle, sunhat and PE kit if it is not already in school and to remember to apply sun lotion at home in the morning if the weather is expected to be sunny.

The Olympics will be completed on Thursday and Friday with the Individual Races. The races have been designed to minimise multiple contact with equipment. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 safety risk assessments in place across the school, we are not able to welcome in parents and carers for these events.

The classes in each yeargroup are either representing Green or Yellow; the points awarded throughout the Olympics will be totalled to provide one winning team who will be announced as soon as possible.

Science Day



The Olympics will take a break on Thursday as Science Day is celebrated across the school. As part of this special day of learning, the children will be trying to find out 'Why Rainbows exist' and will also take a look at some unsung heroes, those women in science through the years.



Around School

Going Green in Gruffalo

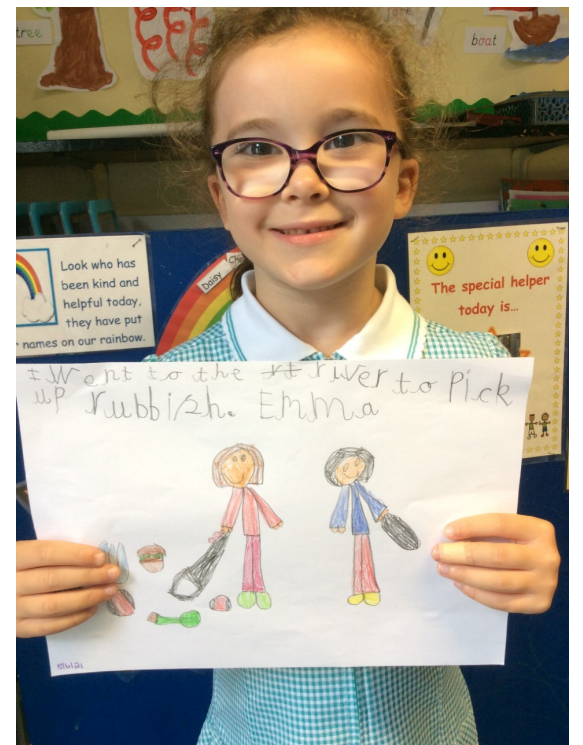
Continuing a very positive environmental theme developing in the newsletter, Mrs Taylor has talked to Gruffalo Class in EYFS about the litter picking she does.

The next week one of the class, Emma, drew as her holiday news, this super picture of her with her mum - again litter picking, this time along the river.

Thanks to Emma and her mum, the riverside walk was a cleaner more pleasant walk. Well done and thankyou Emma.

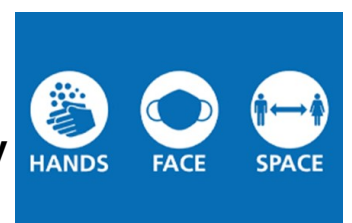
We are very proud of the litter picking going on by the children at Slade, we just wish there was no litter for them to pick! Can you think of different ways to persuade people not to drop their rubbish in a safe and appropriate place in the first place?

Gruffalo Class have also developed another environmentally friendly idea recently by starting their own compost bins for our fruit waste.



COVID-19: Important Information

We have recently had a number of questions about what to do if a child exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19.



Current guidance suggests that any one of the main symptoms which are a high temperature (warm to touch, you do not need to have registered a temperature using a thermometer), a new continuous cough or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child will be absent from school because of any one of these symptoms, make sure that:

- **The child stays at home and does not attend any other place out of the household. This applies to everyone in the household including siblings who should not attend school. Telephone 111 if you are unsure if this applies to you**
- **Get a PCR Lab COVID-19 test for the symptomatic person, via the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website, telephoning 119 to organise a couriered test package or visiting the Test Centre opposite the school. You should not use the Lateral Flow Test for people who are showing symptoms.**
- **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**

Source: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Woodland Timetable for Next Week

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

Monday 28 June: Elf, Griffin, Hydra

Tuesday 29 June: Elmer, Pegasus, Hippogriff

Wednesday 23 June: Pixie, Wyvern

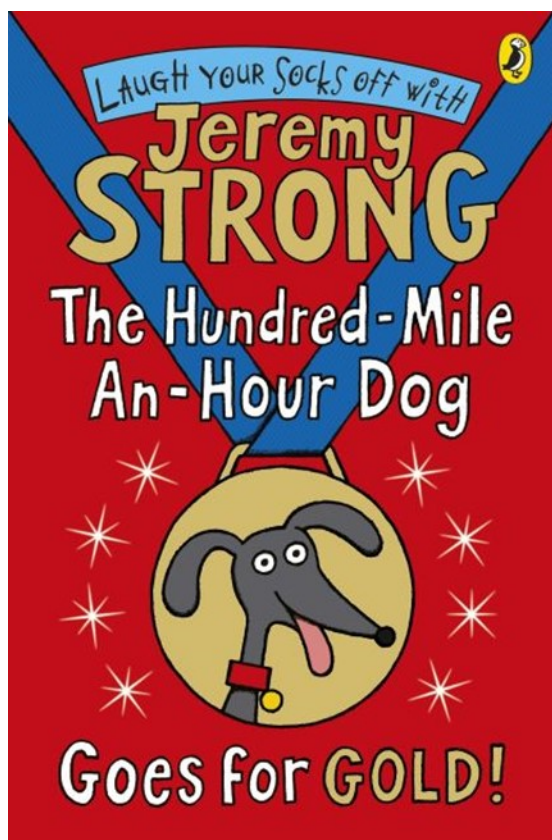
[The Woodland Timetable is also on our online calendar](#)

Reading Corner



Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog Goes for Gold, by Jeremy Strong



Mrs Mawson has entered into the Slade Olympic spirit with her choice of Book of the Week.

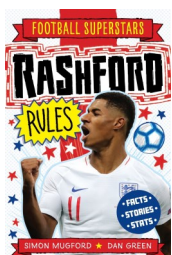
From 'The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog' to karate princesses and hot cross bottoms, there's a Jeremy Strong story to suit every child's sense of humour. Jeremy's readers range from 7 to teen, perfect for fans of Roald Dahl and Andy Stanton.

Guess what's coming to town! The Animal Games! There'll be show-jumping for horses AND rabbits, and discus for dogs - so of course I have to enter Streaker. Mum says a CARROT is more obedient than my dog, but I think she can do it - Streaker can go for GOLD!

Award-winning Jeremy Strong has written many wacky books for children aged 7 to teen, including 'My Dad's Got an Alligator' and 'My Brother's Famous Bottom'. Most of which are illustrated by Nick Sharratt, who also illustrates for Jacqueline Wilson! 'The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog' is back causing more chaos and getting into more trouble in 'The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog', 'Lost! The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog', 'Wanted! The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog', and 'Christmas Chaos for the Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog' - guaranteed to have you laughing your socks off!

Oak Academy Literacy Trust Authors of the Week

Dan Green and Simon Mugford



This week's Authors of the Week continue our sporting special. Dan Green and Simon Mugford have written a book all about football and socially campaigning superstar, Marcus Rashford. You can read the book for free by visiting the Literacy Trust Oak Academy free library.

In the exclusive interview this week, you can find out how the duo create the books about all your favourite players in an exclusive video with Simon - and stay to the end to see Dan show you how to draw the brilliant Belgian midfielder, Kevin De Bruyne (right).



There are also drawing activities, reading recommendations and a Q&A!

Furthermore, For more footie-themed book recommendations and your chance to WIN a copy of *Rashford Rules* among others, please visit [Words for Life](#).

Visit the [National Literacy Trust website](#) to win a copy of Marcus Rashford's book *You are a Champion: How to Be The Best You Can Be* and access to an exclusive interview with Marcus!

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

[Read Rashford Rules and see the fun stuff from Dan and Simon](#)

[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

Attendance
Target.

97%

Attendance
This Week.

96.5
%

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

Pupils late
this week.

10

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.

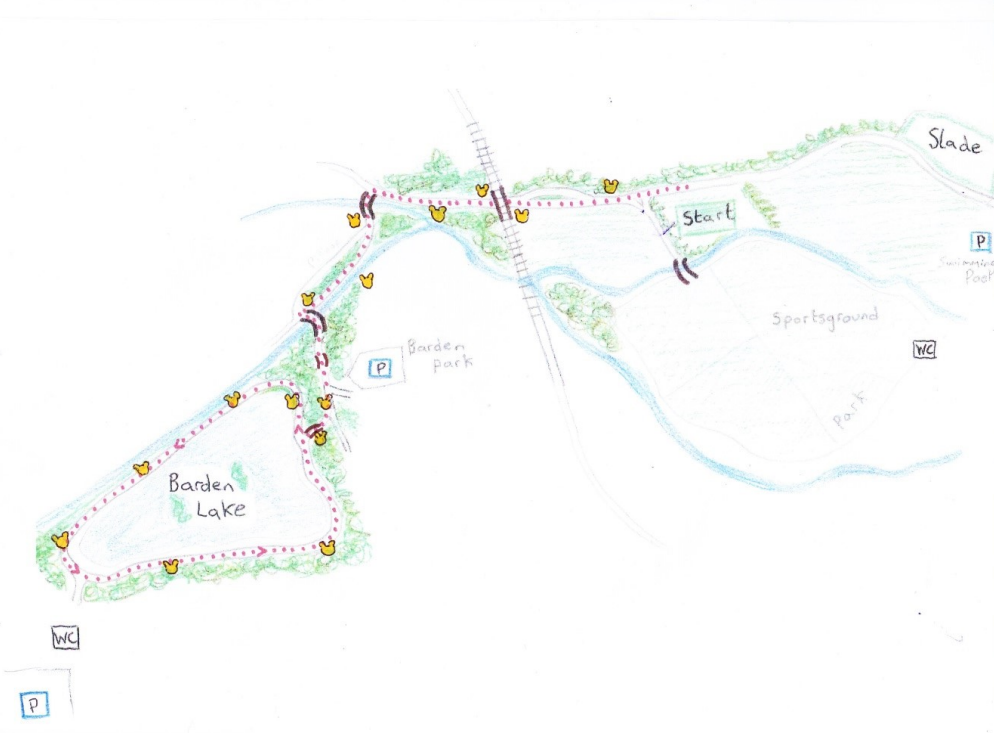
Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 21 June - Friday 25 June	Slade Olympics	
Monday 21 June	Pupil Premium Funding	Selected Parents 
Monday 21 June	Secondary School Reallocations	Year 6 Parents 
Monday 21 June	Kent Music Survey	All School 
Tuesday 22 June	Year 5 Science	Year 5 Parents 
Tuesday 22 June	KCC Letter re Secondary Transfer (EHCP)	Selected Parents 
Wednesday 23 June	Class Mixing in KS1	EYFS and Year 1 Parents 
Thursday 24 June	EYFS Class Settings and Further Information	New EYFS21 Parents
Thursday 24 June	Year 6 RE Subjects	Year 6 Parents 
Friday 25 June	2021/22 Class Settings	Year R - Year 5 Parents 

Join Us on a Slade Bear Hunt: Tomorrow at Barden Lake

Kerry Taylor-Smith, PTA Chair

Join the PTA at the park tomorrow, Saturday 26 June from 2pm as we follow the map around Barden Lake, hunting for images of Slade Bears along the way.

Starting at Deacons Field (near Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Club), then follow the map around Barden Lake and back again spotting Slade Bears along the way. Each bear has a flag and a letter – identify which country the flag belongs to and solve the anagram for your chance to win a £10 Creams voucher.



There will also be refreshments and a cake sale. Entry forms and map are available to download here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sladepta/files>.


This event is free, but all donations to the Perfect Playground drive are much appreciated <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/perfectplayground>.

See you there!



For your Diary

Next Week :

Day	Event
Saturday 26 June	PTA Slade Bear Scavenger Hunt See Page 7
Monday 28 June 	Slade Olympics - Year 5 Team Events Please Remember: PE kit with appropriate footwear, water bottle and sun hat.
Tuesday 29 June 	Slade Olympics - Year 6 Team Events Please Remember: PE kit with appropriate footwear, water bottle and sun hat.
Wednesday 30 June 	Slade Olympics - EYFS Team and Individual Events & KS1 Individual Races Please Remember: PE kit with appropriate footwear, water bottle and sun hat.
Thursday 1 July	Science Day See Page 3
Friday 2 July 	Slade Olympics - KS2 Individual Races (See Page 7)* Please Remember: PE kit with appropriate footwear, water bottle and sun hat.

** In the event of bad weather, the events planned will be rearranged to the following day.*

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 :

Tuesday 6 July	Deadline for Ordering Class Photographs Orders can be made after this date but will incur delivery charges
Thursday 8 July	Kent Year 7 Induction Day Most of these events are now cancelled. Please check with your allocated secondary school for details and for their planned alternative arrangements
Monday 12 July - Friday 16 July	Year 6 Activity Week
Wednesday 14 July - Friday 16 July	End of School Year Reports Released
Friday 16 July	Non Uniform Day - Donations for the Perfect Playground Fundraising Appeal See Mrs Slade's notes on Page 2 and PTA News on Page 7
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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