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Primary School

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From the Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you joined in at the start of the school day as we celebrated Mrs Dolley's 30 year anniversary as a school Road Crossing Patrol here at Slade Primary School! What an amazing achievement!! Mrs Dolley has been helping our school community cross the road safely, come rain or shine, for more years than some of you have been born! We are so very grateful to you Denise for carrying out this role so diligently for such a sustained period of time; thank you! Also joining the celebrations today was David Weller, Safety Mobility Officer with KCC, who came to see Mrs Dolley on the crossing to present her with a commemorative gift on behalf of the Safer Mobility Team. We all loved celebrating with Mrs Dolley in our Celebration Assembly this morning too. Read on into the newsletter to see some photographs and watch out for a report in our local press too!

This week we have experienced the highest levels of staff absence since the start of the pandemic. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the Slade staffing team who have all stepped up and stepped in to ensure that the absences have not impacted on any of the provision for our children across the school; a huge thank you to each and every one of you for your support this week. To all children, staff, parents and members of the wider school community who are currently unwell we hope that you are soon on the mend and look forward to welcoming you back into school soon.

Thank you to those parents who got in touch following yesterday's reminder regarding the dangerous driving and parking around the school site at the start and the end of the school day; a summary of your comments has been noted and will now be shared with the local PCSO and Traffic Enforcement Officers. In addition, the School Leadership Team are currently in the process of reviewing drop off and pick up arrangements as we begin to plan our navigation out of the current restrictions. As part of this process we will be consulting with all stakeholders with the aim of gathering the views and thoughts of all to inform the way forward; watch out for our survey on this topic in the coming weeks. This will also be the first 'hot topic' to discuss at the first of our Class Rep meetings at the start of Term 4. It's not too late to sign up to represent the views of the parents in your child's class; if this is something that you are still interested in then please do get in touch!

As you are aware, last week we said good bye to Ali Newman as she moved on to Hillview in her role of School Business Manager (SBM.) I am delighted to share that we have successfully recruited to this vacancy and now look forward to welcoming Jill Westwood to our school in this role from the start of Term 5. Jill is an experienced SBM currently working as a School Business Manager in a London Primary. We are excited to welcome Jill to Slade and look forward to working with her as she supports the SLT and School Governors with the strategic financial planning at Slade.

Planning ahead, the dates for the INSET Days for the next academic year 2022/2023 have all now been finalised with the first day of Term 1 for pupils being Monday 5 September 2022. Please do check out the school website for the dates of all other INSET Days for the remainder of the next academic year.

Have a lovely weekend!

Karen Slade

Around School



Congratulations, Denise

Many congratulations to much loved Road Crossing Officer and Teaching Assistant Denise Dolley, who today celebrated her 30th anniversary of safely seeing children and their families across the busy (and getting busier) junction between The Slade and Stafford Road.

Denise's amazing dedication to school life at Slade was marked by Kent County Council, whose Safer Mobility Officer, David Weller, came to present Denise with flowers, a 30 years Road Crossing badge to mark the occasion and very special commemorative glass plate at the road crossing this morning.

Your contribution to Slade is much appreciated by staff, children, parents and the wider community who you have served and helped from 1992 through to the present, and without doubt for a fair few years to come.



From everyone associated with the school, many congratulations and thank you for your continued service in keeping our community safe, Denise.

Year 3 Roman Day

After a two year enforced break, it was lovely to see the team from Living History Workshops in Dymchurch, who joined us on Wednesday for a very special day of fun learning activities for our Year 3 Classes, who explored the lives of the Romans in Britain, which is their topic this term.



The children in Pegasus and Hippogriff Classes performed a human timeline so they could visualize how long ago the Roman era was, they had a fight between Romans and Celts as the Romans began to take control and they recreated an Arena, which they learnt all about events that would take place there such a gladiatorial fights as well as contemporary performances such as love stories acted out in a similar way to pantomimes are today. Finally, the children made their own lunulæ, a metal token worn around the neck which showed wealth and their name.



Slade Sport



Year 6 Hockey Tournament

On Wednesday, the Year 6 classes took part in a 8 team round robin Hockey tournament organised by Fitness and Wellbeing Champion Wendy Ball and supported by the class teachers and assistants.

All of the children had fantastic fun, for many of them it was their first chance to try out this sport and have since signed up for Mrs Ball's Friday morning club. As ever with a sport involving long sticks and heavy balls, there were some cuts and bruises - we hope everyone is feeling fine now!

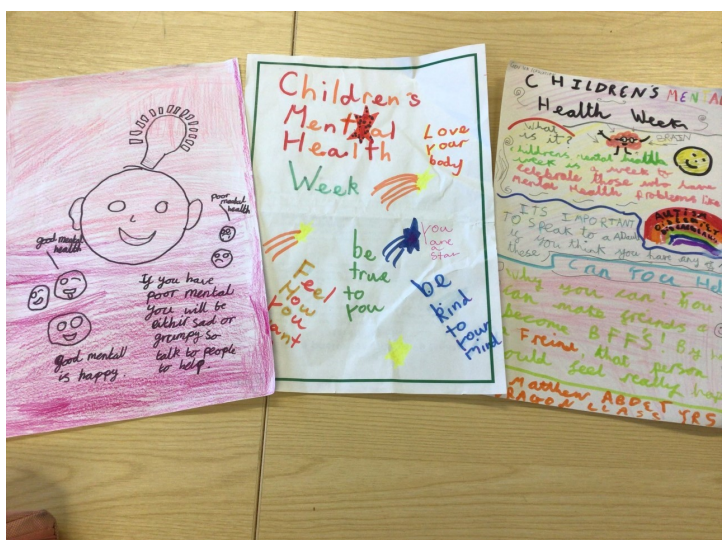
Overall the Blue and Orange teams won and were presented with medals to celebrate their successes. We see Blue team here with their prize at the end of the day.



A very special mention should be made to William in Griffin Class, who represents Tunbridge Wells Hockey Club, based at neighbours Tonbridge School, who in addition to playing his part for his own team also used his experience and knowledge of the sport to referee one of the pitches. We were fortunate to witness William's calm and informative refereeing style as he kept good charge of the matches, whilst explaining clearly to the players what his decisions were and why. This in turn will help those children to play successfully in the future as they begin to understand and play to the rules more often. Thankyou and well done, William.



There will be similar sports tournaments for the other yeargroups across the school next week. Find out what is going on by following our Twitter feed.



Mrs Ball would also like to thank the children and parents who have put together, or assisted with posters for next week's Children's Mental Health Week, a competition run by Slade Sport, some of which are pictured here.

We look forward to seeing your entries next week.

Children's Mental Health Week takes place next week and is featured on page 5 of today's newsletter.

Children's Mental Health Week

7- 13 February

At Slade, we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week from Monday 7- Friday 11 February and the theme this year is 'Growing Together'.

'Growing Together' is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

This week aims to help children and young people to explore what it means to grow together.

Many thanks to Mrs Knee for co-ordinating this incredibly important week of activities for the children at Slade.

If you have any questions about any topic that may arise, or need to talk with someone following discussions at home, please let us know via the class email address, office@slade.kent.co.uk, or through our Family Liaison Team flo@slade.kent.sch.uk



Each year group will complete some activities during the week around this theme and there will also be a virtual assembly from Place 2 Be, who are the organisers of the national event.

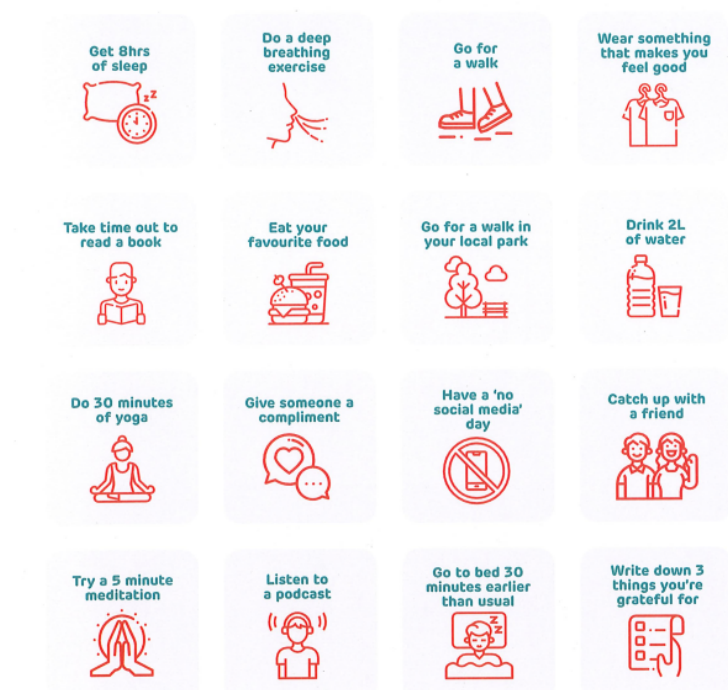
Place 2 Be have also recently set up a new website full of practical advice and tried and tested tips for parents and carers from child mental health experts on a variety of topics. Just click on the link below to see everything they have on offer:

[More > Parenting Smart from Place2Be.org.uk](#)



WELLBEING CHALLENGE

Make wellbeing a priority during Children's Mental Health Week and take on a Wellbeing Challenge. How many wellbeing actions can you tick off in a week?



In preparation for Mental Health Week, we would like to share with you the Wellbeing Challenge, which we shall also be undertaking during school time.

All of the sixteen ideas on the challenge sheet here are ways of improving or upkeeping a sense of happiness and wellbeing in all of our lives; children and adults included.

Let us know if your child has benefited from carrying out any of the ideas suggested by Place2Be and how it helped, the chances are there are lots of other children who will have felt the same and will be comforted to know that their friends and peers use similar ways to make themselves feel good.

PTA News



Thankyou, Kerry

Jo Johnson, PTA Chair

Unfortunately Kerry has had to step down from the PTA as chair for personal reasons. This does mean I will be stepping up to chair for the rest of the academic year. Please watch this space and also over on our Facebook page as we have lots planned, so let's hope that Covid stays away and we can do all of these exciting things.

I would like to say a Big thank you to Kerry for amazing job she has done over the last few years especially in these crazy times to keep the PTA going to raise money for the school to help get resources for our children's learning. We both thank you for your continuous support,
Jo.

New Events from Minutes of last meeting

Quiz – Virtual, can be slotted in around other events in the programme. Put this in for end of February/start of March. EH to consider timing and speak to committee.

World Book Day – previously did a costume donation sale. PTA agreed this would be a good idea to explore.

Egg Hunt – similar to Halloween event. ParentKind has a lot of materials to support the event. Considering Friday event at the end of term 4. Timings to accommodate wraparound care and clubs. Previously sold tickets to gauge numbers. All prizes the same, tickets at £2.50. Agreed 1 April date.

Summer Fête – Saturday 25 June. Intention is to use model from last fete. Each year group runs a stall. Need refreshments, drinks and food, (plus PTA jolly jar tombola?). Previously parent run BBQ. Have a year 2/R parents who might be able to do a pizza pop up and mobile bar.

Film night – originally planned 2 events for KS1 and KS2 in 2019, snacks and drinks were to be provided. Needed film licence and use a DVD. £5 charge. Possibly in term 5. Will need risk assessing nearer the time, as children are still in year group bubbles; could have the film running in 3 classrooms for example but we all hope this won't be needed.

End of term discos – need to come back to planning this closer to the time.

If you are able to assist with any of these events, or would like further information please contact Jo Johnson or any member of the PTA, or visit their Facebook page, searching for Slade PTA.



A full set of minutes were sent via Arbor on Thursday 3 February and are available on request by emailing office@slade.kent.sch.uk at any time.

Dear Parents and Carers
















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.

For your convenience, in each newsletter we include this reminder of everything sent out in the current week:

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Tuesday 1 February	Update Letter	Wyvern Class 
Wednesday 2 February	Year 3 Roman Day	
Wednesday 2 February	Year 3 Mixed Media	Year 3 Classes 
Wednesday 2 February	Year 1 Vehicle Making	Year 1 Classes 
Wednesday 2 February	Year 6 Hockey	
Thursday 3 February	Drop-Off and Collection at Slade	All School 
Thursday 3 February	Children’s Mental Health Week Posters	
Thursday 3 February	Earth and Air Home Clothes Reminder	Earth and Air Houses 
Thursday 3 February	PTA Minutes	All School 
Thursday 3 February	Class Reps at Slade	All School 
Friday 4 February	Virtual Athletics Success	
Friday 4 February	Celebration Assembly	
Friday 4 February	Denise Dolley, #LollypopLegend	

For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 7 February - Friday 11 February	Children’s Mental Health Week - See Page 5 
Monday 7 February	Swimming Lesson - Hydra Class, Year 6, Miss Lidlow - Last Session
Tuesday 8 February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 9 February	
Thursday 10 February	Swimming Lesson - Hippogriff Class, Year 3, Mrs Berrill and Mrs Stephens - First Session
Friday 11 February	Last Day of Term 3




Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)
TUESDAY	Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)
FRIDAY	Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Lidlow)

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	First Class Football, Active Sports Gymnastics, Learn Chess, mSPORTi Multi Sports
TUESDAY	Gary Marshall Cricket, Dancemode
WEDNESDAY	West Kent Athletics, Wendy Ball Sportshall Athletics
THURSDAY	The Art Trolley, First Class Basketball and Netball
FRIDAY	Wendy Ball Hockey and Netball, Next Thing STEM, SAMA Karate, mSPORTi Football

Further Ahead :

Monday 21 February	First Day of Term 4
Monday 21 February	Pegasus Class First Swimming Lesson - Available for consent and payment now via Arbor
Monday 21 February - Monday 28 February	Bikeability - Griffin Class
Thursday 24 February	Who Am I? - Please see email sent on Tuesday 26 January
Tuesday 1 March	Secondary School National Offer Day (Year 7 Intake for September 2022)
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day - More details to appear next week 
Thursday 10 March	Year 6 Residential Trip Parent Meeting 16:30
Tuesday 22 March and Thursday 24 March	Parent - Teacher Consultations - Further information will appear nearer the time
Friday 1 April	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 4 April - Monday 18 April	Easter Break 
Tuesday 19 April	First Day of Term 5 - Summertime at Slade! 
Tuesday 19 April	EYFS22 Primary School Year R Intake National Offer Day If you have applied for this intake, please await further information on the next steps