



# Slade

## Primary School

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From the  
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

This final week of Term 3 has been another busy one with lots of exciting learning happening across the school! Do read on into the newsletter or check out our Twitter feed to find out more about what the children have been up to during the week!

Well done and thank you to all children and staff who participated so enthusiastically in the activities that were planned as part of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme for this year has been 'Growing Together', with '*growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow*' being at the heart of all that has been explored with the children. Also, as part of Children's Mental Health Week, our resident yogi a.k.a. Miss Garrett (a qualified yoga teacher) led yoga sessions for the children in Years 5 and 6 by way of introduction to this form of exercise and the health benefits that it can bring. Read on in to the newsletter to find out more and to see some photos too!

In addition to this weekly newsletter you will all by now have caught sight of our new termly round up of all things physical and active that have been happening across the term here at Slade. Our Year 5 Sports Leaders, with the support of Mrs Ball and Mr. Laws, have taken the lead in ensuring that everyone is kept up to date with all that we've achieved during the term. A special mention to Matthew, their editor in chief, for expertly leading his team of writers and for his own contribution too! If you haven't had time to have a read yet then I would encourage you all to take a look! Well done and thank you everyone!

Well done also and thank you too to our Year 5 Digital Leaders who played a key role in our Safer Internet Day earlier this week and for sharing your videos with all of the classes across the school; I know that we all enjoyed hearing from you! All children were learning how to stay safe online as part of this year's national event, through the theme of '*All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online*' and completed a range of age appropriate activities on this theme during the day. As a follow up, some of you may wish to explore this topic further as a family during the half term break by completing the Kent Children's University Safer Internet Challenge pack, suitable for children aged 5 to 14, and available at this link. <http://www.kentchildrensuniversity.co.uk/cukent/home/kcu-challenges/safer-internet-challenge-2022/> I look forward to hearing how you get on!

This morning we welcomed Tonbridge MP Tom Tugendhat onto our school site! Tom made a fleeting visit down to our Forest School where he was greeted by some of our Year 6 pupils from Hydra Class who were in the midst of their morning forest activities and very keen to demonstrate some of the skills they have recently learned; the Nordic braiding was particularly impressive! Tom was keen to hear of the work that has been carried out to create the outdoor learning space that we have and was also interested in our ideas for future forest school development. Thank you to Miss Hall and Hydra Class for being such good hosts to our visitor this morning. Do look out for photos on Twitter and further on in the newsletter!

Please look out for the parent survey that has been sent seeking your thoughts regarding the wider opening of school with regards to school pick up arrangements moving forward. We would love to hear your feedback please! [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-O4rtzom47TuDL8aBohIUOtojvWxlj8LwmD\\_bv7FUMTNYWElyUTFLMFI5MTgyMjVDMTIYNIFPQS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-O4rtzom47TuDL8aBohIUOtojvWxlj8LwmD_bv7FUMTNYWElyUTFLMFI5MTgyMjVDMTIYNIFPQS4u)

I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 21 February.

**Karen Slade**

# Around School



## Welcome to Slade, Smithy

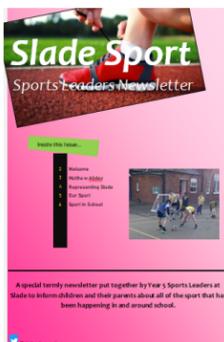
We are all delighted to welcome Smithy to Slade. Smithy has joined Wyvern Class with Mr Osborne and has spent a great first week with us and her new friends in Year 5.

Smithy's family are already familiar with the school as younger sister, Swati, started with us last year. It is a pleasure to be able to see both sisters learning together here at Slade.

Well done on a fantastic first week, Smithy!



## Slade Sport Newsletter



We hope you enjoyed reading the first issue of the Sports Leaders' Termly Newsletter which came out earlier today. The newsletter was completely written by the children themselves with help from Mrs Ball where required. It was packed full of news from in and out of school of the sporting participation by our pupils across Slade.

We are very grateful to Matthew, the editor and budding journalist, as well as the contributions from our Sports Leaders in Year 5.

## Class Reps On Board

Thankyou to all of the parents and carers who volunteered to become Class Representatives for their child's class or classes following the launch of the scheme in January. Some classes had multiple parents willing to become this vital link between school and the parent community. Where this was the case parents were very gracious in letting each other take on the role or allowing us to draw names from a hat where there were lots of applicants.

We are therefore thrilled to announce that the following parents will be our very first Class Reps, who we look forward to working with in the new term:



**Elmer: Mrs Amanda Rendle**

**Gruffalo: Mrs Kate Whitehurst**

**Pixie: Mrs Emma Pallett**

**Elf: Mrs Emily Richardson**

**Gnome: Mrs Lisa Pearson**

**Hippogriff: Mrs Hannah Ludwig**

**Sphinx: Mrs Jo Johnson**

**Dragon: Mrs Jessica Holland**

## **VACANCIES!**

This means we are still looking to fill the role of Class Rep for the following classes. Please let us know if your child is in these classes and you would be interested in joining the parents who have already volunteered:

Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Pegasus Class (Year 3, Miss Redden)

Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)

Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)

# Around School



## Children's Mental Health Week

Mrs Knee co-ordinated a week long plan across the school which allowed teacher and children the time to immerse themselves into looking at their own mental health and ways in which we can look after our, and each others wellbeing.



The week started with a special online assembly to introduce the topic and gave the children a chance to do some practical activities such as breathing exercises. The breathing exercises are used during transition times (after break, between lessons etc.)

The real benefit of having a dedicated week of activities is that it has given everyone in school a chance to put aside time to really focus on mental health and to think deeply about that and our general wellbeing. The activities, both the instructional and practical are aimed at equipping the children to deal with being able to talk about mental health and when to recognize when things are not as good as desired either with themselves or their friends and peers.

In Year 1 and Year 4, the children have talked about who they can turn to or what they can do when feeling angry, upset or worried.

Miss Lipman told us, 'We created a well-being well of ideas for everybody to use. We have also created our own support balloons, focusing on who we turn to for help. Finally, today we have watched a video called 'Growth Stories' looking at how to grow emotionally!'

Likewise in Year 1, Elf and Pixie Classes spent time thinking about people who support them when they need help. They too made support balloons by writing the names of all their special people who 'lift the up' when they need help around a hot air balloon before joining the name to show they all work together.



National organisers, Place2Be have a website full of discussion points, videos and ideas for everyone to view, including the Growth Stories videos watched by Year 4. In exclusive interviews with presenter and Place2Be Ambassador Josh Smith, familiar faces from the world of TV, music and sport have shared their stories of emotional growth.

[More > Growth Stories from childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)



The Year 6 classes had a special treat on Wednesday as they took part in a half hour yoga session with Miss Garrett, who is a trained instructor in the ancient form of exercise that focuses on strength, flexibility and breathing to boost physical and mental wellbeing. The children visibly relaxed as they took part, as the pictures here show!



# Slade Sport



## Yeargroup Sports



Following the success of last week's Year 6 mixed class Sports Tournament, Mrs Ball has been taking each yeargroup out this week to take part in various activities such as multi-sports and hockey.

On Wednesday, Year 1 took part in their own multi-sports event which included throwing beanbags, crawling through a tube, shooting for goal, jumping over hurdles and throwing foam javelin darts. We spent some time with Pixie and Elf Classes in the morning to experience the fun and excitement for ourselves:



Then, in the afternoon Sphinx and Phoenix Classes took to the Hockey pitch for their first taste of the sport. They had a fantastic time as the Blue and Red teams won, but everyone shone with new skills and super sports behaviours evident throughout. Special thanks to Kanya who acted as Referee and Scorer.



## Year 3 and 4 Hockey Club

Following the success of the Year 4 Hockey Tournament, Mrs Ball is very pleased to invite all members of Year 3 and 4 to her free Term 4 Hockey Club.

The club will happen each Wednesday in Term 4 after school, with collection at 16:20.

If your child would like to reserve a place on this club, please email Wendy Ball via [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk) to book.

## Your Name on The TeamSlade Kit

We are looking for any parents who may have a company that would like to sponsor or contribute towards purchasing a new kit for our children to wear at sporting competitions.

We are hoping for kits for the football, netball and athletics teams.

If you or your company would be interested in this then please email Wendy Ball via the office: [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk).



# Reading Corner

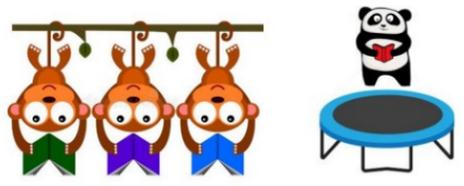


## Random Reading Spot: Fun February Competition



**'Random Reading Spot' Competition 2022**

Find a random spot and get reading. The more extreme the better!  
Will it be upside down, in a box, balancing on gym equipment or on a trampoline?



Remember, be sensible, be safe and ask permission before getting started.  
Send a picture, before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February, to [Office@Slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Office@Slade.kent.sch.uk) for your chance to win a reading prize.  
Good Luck!

Reading is the Key that Makes Learning Possible is the phrase that dominates our reading book area in the main corridor leading to the school hall.

Reading for Pleasure is the basis of this and something that we are all keen to encourage at Slade. This can be a book from school, but is more probably a magazine, a recipe, a website or a book from home or the library.

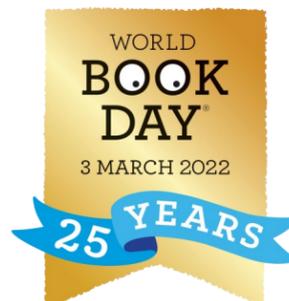
Even more fun is finding somewhere crazy to do that reading! Find the most fun or unusual spot and take part in our February competition, ask an adult to take a photograph of you and send it in to us via the school office before Friday 25 February and stand a good chance of winning special reading prizes.

[office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk)

## World Book Day: Thursday 3 March

World Book Day celebrates its 25th birthday this year and Miss Redden has plenty of exciting plans on how the children will be able to enjoy the day in school.

**A date for your diary though as we will also be dressing up on Thursday 3 March - using a book character as the theme. We look forward to seeing all of the costumes!**

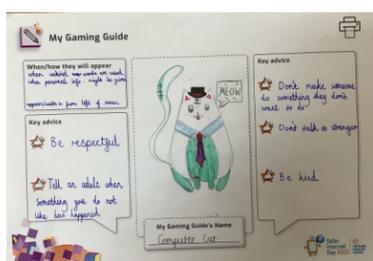


## Safer Internet Day

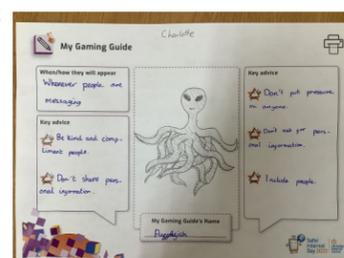
Tuesday was international Safer Internet Day. Each class across the school had a range of age related activities linked to the topic Exploring Respect and Relationships Online.

Kent Police have provided us with lots of fantastic resources that can aid conversations about online safety at home. The resources, again divided up into different ages are available via the Online Safety pages on the school website.

[More > Online Safety from Kent Police via the school website](#)



We visited Hydra Class to see their activity, which involved creating a Gaming Guide. The children invented a character which would 'pop up' on screen if there was a danger or inappropriate behaviours. This, with key advice, allowed the children to think about and use safe online behaviour and to recognize where there are unseen dangers.



# Forest School



## Tom Tugendhat visits Forest School

Hydra Class were joined by a special guest during their morning Forest School session today.



Miss Hall, Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett were pleased to host local Member of Parliament, Tom Tugendhat, and to show him the fantastic facility we have at Slade as well as explaining the benefits of Forest School for the children throughout the school. Mr Tugendhat was impressed with the Forest School and took time to speak with the children as they went about their activities. He described the site as 'very cool' and it was clear that he could see and understand the value of the opportunities and learning that the children gain whilst spending time in Forest School.



## Term 4 Timetable

Tuesday 22 February - Elmer and Gruffalo Classes (EYFS, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Hitchcock)

Thursday 24 February - Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs McFerran)

Friday 25 February - Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

Monday 28 February - Gnome Class (Year 2, Miss Taylor)

Tuesday 1 March - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Wednesday 2 March - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Miss Redden)

Friday 4 March - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Monday 7 March - Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)

Tuesday 8 March - Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Wednesday 9 March - Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)

Friday 11 March - Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers)

Monday 14 March - Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)

Tuesday 15 March - Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Lidlow)

Friday 18 March - Gruffalo and Elmer Classes (EYFS, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Hitchcock)

Monday 21 March - Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs McFerran)

Tuesday 22 March - Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

Thursday 24 March - Gnome Class (Year 2, Miss Taylor)

Friday 25 March - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Monday 28 March - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Tuesday 29 March - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Miss Redden)



# 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
Monday 7 February	This Week at Slade	
Monday 7 February	Sprite Class Teaching Update	Sprite Class
Monday 7 February	Year 1 History Topics	Year 1 Classes
Monday 7 February	Nourish Menu Alterations	All School
Tuesday 8 February	Safer Internet Day + Kent Police Resources	
Wednesday 9 February	Walk on Wednesday WOW!	
Wednesday 9 February	Year 1 Multi Sports	
Wednesday 9 February	Year 4 Hockey	
Wednesday 9 February	February Free School Meals Vouchers	FSM Eligible Children
Thursday 10 February	Support Balloons in Year 1	
Thursday 10 February	Year 6 Residential Trip	Year 6 Classes
Friday 11 February	Phonics Play	Year 1 Classes
Friday 11 February	Sports Leaders' Newsletter	All School
Friday 11 February	Bikeability Groups and Dates	Griffin Class
Friday 11 February	End of School Day Collection Survey	All School
Friday 11 February	Tom Tugdenhat visits Forest School	

## Who Am I? Thursday 24 February



Don't forget that after the February break, on Thursday 24 February, we are hosting a very special cultural day at Slade.

We are inviting each child and adult in school to celebrate who they are by wearing clothes or bringing in an item which represents their culture or faith.

The aim of the day is to celebrate our differences and have the opportunity to learn from each other about the cultures and religions that make our school wonderful.

Please make sure that an adult at home is aware of any precious, sentimental and important items that may be brought into school for this day.

# For Your Diary



## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 14 February - Friday 18 February	February Break - School closed to all pupils
Monday 21 February - Monday 28 February	Griffin Class Bikeability - Please refer to earlier email for exact dates for your child
Monday 21 February	Swimming Lesson - Pegasus Class, Year 3, Miss Redden - First Session Please make sure consent and payment has been made via your Arbor account
Tuesday 22 February	
Wednesday 23 February	
Thursday 24 February	Who Am I? Cultural Day - See Page 8 Swimming Lesson - Hippogriff Class, Year 3, Mrs Berrill and Mrs Stephens
Friday 25 February	

## Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	EYFS Classes, Elmer and Gruffalo (Year R, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Hitchcock)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs Stephens)
FRIDAY	Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

## 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 Year 3 and 4 Hockey
THURSDAY	The Art Trolley, First Class Basketball and Netball
FRIDAY	Wendy Ball Hockey and Netball, Next Thing STEM, SAMA Karate

## Further Ahead :

Tuesday 1 March	Secondary School National Offer Day (Year 7 Intake for September 2022)
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day - See Page 7 
Thursday 10 March	Year 6 Residential Trip Parent Meeting 16:30
Thursday 17 March	Vision and NCMP Screening - EYFS and Year 6
Thursday 24 March	Year 1 Dinosaur and Fossil Workshop
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