



Slade

Primary School

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From the
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a super half term break and are looking forward to everything that we have planned for Term 4. I hope too that you all survived the recent storms and avoided any lasting damage to your homes and properties. Here in school we were lucky in the main although did experience a 'Wizard of Oz' moment with one of our sheds and trees! Huge thanks to all of the team who have been involved in the salvage operation this week.

Yesterday we all enjoyed our inaugural 'Who am I?' day, a celebration of all that makes us special and unique. It was so lovely to see all the children and staff represent themselves by the clothes that they were wearing and the objects that they shared. There was a real buzz across the school as all the children learnt of each other's cultures, religions and heritages; do read on into the newsletter to find out more and see some photos capturing this special day.

Huge congratulations to Charlotte and Jake in Year 6 who last weekend competed in the South East athletics regional finals as part of the Kent U11 teams. Kent competed against 6 other counties - Surrey, Sussex, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire. The U11 girls' team came 1st, and the U11 boys' team came 3rd, with both Charlotte and Jake performing and achieving exceptionally well as individuals too! Well done to the both of you; we are all very proud!

Do look out for this term's Year group newsletters which will all be dropping into your inboxes on Monday; these are a great opportunity for you to find out more of what your child will be learning throughout this term whilst offering ways in which you can support your child too. Advanced notice that during this term each year group will be making slight changes to the days on which reading books will be changed, with library and reading books moving to being returned on the same day. Updates regarding this will be provided via the class Teams pages in the coming weeks.

Thank you to our newly appointed Class Reps who met with Miss Garrett and me for the first time this afternoon. Thank you to each of you for stepping into these roles and for the giving of your time in this way; we do appreciate it. The Reps will be sharing feedback from the meeting with their classes including results of our recent parent survey and thoughts on how this information will be used to plan the way forward with pick up arrangements. The Class Reps will be seeking your views ready to feedback to us so please look out for their updates on your class WhatsApp groups; we look forward to hearing your thoughts!

I have sent out an additional letter to you all today outlining the changes in government guidance that took effect yesterday, including the subsequent DfE guidance to schools and the implications here for us at Slade.

We are currently looking to recruit a Midday Supervisor to our growing team of lunchtime staff. More details about this role are available on the Kent teach website at www.kent-teach.com or do come to speak to either myself or Miss Garrett if you want to find out more.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade

Around School



Welcome to Slade

Everyone at Slade is very happy to be welcoming three new children to the school this week.

Firstly, brother and sister Yaseen and Sofia have joined us in Phoenix and Pegasus Class with Mr Duffin and Miss Redden, whilst in Year 1, Pixie Class have said hello to Reuben.

We hope that Yaseen, Sofia and Reuben have all had a wonderful first week. We know that they have settled very quickly to their new environment.



Our warm welcome is extended to the parents and families of Yaseen, Sofia and Reuben, with who we look forward to sharing a long and happy relationship.

Class Reps Update

Further to last week's newsletter, we are very grateful to the parents who volunteered for the vacant Class Rep positions. We are pleased to confirm the new line up as follows:

Elmer: Mrs Amanda Rendle

Gruffalo: Mrs Kate Whitehurst

Pixie: Mrs Emma Pallett

Elf: Mrs Emily Richardson

Gnome: Mrs Lisa Pearson

Sprite: Mrs Amy Packard

Pegasus: Mrs Rachael Hays

Hippogriff: Mrs Hannah Ludwig

Phoenix: Mrs Maria Stolton

Sphinx: Mrs Jo Johnson

Dragon: Mrs Jessica Holland

VACANCY!

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

First Group Meeting

The Class Reps have been engaged in their first meeting this afternoon as they discussed the views of parents and carers on the current collection arrangements at the end of the school day. Thankyou to all of you who completed the recent survey which informed this meeting and will assist us in making future plans.

Parent - Teacher Consultations

The Spring consultations - your chance to touch base with the class teacher on how your child is progressing academically and socially within school are happening soon - on Tuesday 22 March and Thursday 24 March between 16:00 and 19:00. These meetings will continue to be held remotely via Microsoft Teams.

The booking window will open via your Slade Arbor account from Midday on Monday 28 February.

You will need to log on, choose the day then the time that you would like to book - please also make sure that the attending parent has a tick beside their name to ensure you receive acknowledgement of your booking. There are enough slots for each family, who are restricted to booking one session only. If you require two bookings, you will need to write to the class teacher to arrange a suitable time to have that second consultation in due course. Instructions on how to access the meetings will be made available nearer the time.

Who Am I?



Yesterday, we held our first ever Who Am I? Day - a special event designed for the children and adults in school to show each other clothing or an item which helps to describe them and their cultural background, be that their family's ethnicity, religion or history, or their main passion in life which shows what they do and love outside of school.

Over the next two pages we are proud to share with you some of the pictures we took across the day, including this piece by Victoria in Sphinx Class, who along with mum and Teaching Assistant, Mrs Vokes, came to school in their traditional Burmese outfits:

Hello, I am Victoria. I am half Burmese and half British. My mum was born in Mandalay, Burma. She speaks fluent Burmese language. In this photograph we are wearing our Burmese traditional clothing. My one is from the ethnic group called Shan in Burma and my mum is wearing traditional Burmese costume made with cotton and embroidered with handmade beads. You can also see that I am wearing traditional Burmese sun protection paste called Thanaka. Thanaka is a paste made from ground bark of tree. It is a distinctive feature of the culture of Burma.

I will always be proud of who I am.



In Gruffalo Class Mrs Satbhai wore her North Indian suit, whilst the children represented different nations with different clothes, from left to right: The British Queen, An angel from Russia and their very own 'Baby Bok' from South Africa.

Here we see a traditional Nepalese dress from Year 1:



In Elf Class, we were treated to the worldwide mix of cultures that make Slade wonderful. Here the children are taking their place on the class map mat!



From West to East: The United States of America, The United Kingdom, Italy (and Nepal) and two representing Russia. Also in Elf Class, teacher Mrs Hill made her own Great British skirt, whilst celebrating her Sussex roots by wearing the shirt of Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club.



Who Am I?



In Griffin Class we learnt about dress from across the world and why special objects mean different things to us all:



Leila described why her Christian religion was so important to her after bringing in her brooch of Jesus. She told us that her belief gave her comfort that when people are sick or die, that they are being looked after even though they are no longer with us on Earth.



Luca brought in a Fez from Egypt. His granddad was from the North African country where he once went on a journey to find the Egyptian Gods. On the journey he found a shrine to one of the Gods. On the journey, Luca's granddad wore a fez every day, which is why one is passed down the family through the generations now.



In addition to Luca's Egyptian outfit, Griffin Class are lucky to have a range of cultural backgrounds to share.

Here we see children rightly proud of their roots from Spain with a Flamenco dress, traditional Indian outfit and hoera voor 'oranje' uit Nederland!

We were pleased to say that Anshika also took the opportunity to show us the Henna patterns used in India at weddings and other festivals (right)



Lilianna and Milo in Sphinx Class are both very proud of their family connections to Poland and both sported their Polska shirts for the day.

Dragon Class had an extra special treat, with a range of food from all over Europe and further afield being brought in for tasting, this was featured on our Twitter feed yesterday. As well as this, they were fortunate enough to learn all about the fantastic South American country of Brazil. Isabella was born and spent her early years in Brazil before joining us at Slade. She designed her own carnival dress used for the famous festivals as well as a replica of the country's flag:



Who Am I?



This beautiful Batok Sarong was handmade in Indonesia.

Olivia in Phoenix Class wore it to show how happy and proud she is of her family connections to Indonesia.

The four girls are representing (Left to Right) Sudan, India, India and Burma. The Sudanese fabric is the traditional fabric worn by brides in Sudan.



The puppets are from Indonesia and are called Wayang or Wajang which means shadow. Shadows from the puppets are created by lighting a screen from behind. They were first used in the 10th Century in Indonesia.



The teachers and other adults around school were pleased to also share their cultural stories:



Bonnie Mrs Catternach from Scotland



England Rugby fan and Cook, Miss Sturme



Liverpool fan, sports teacher and historically from a line of fruit farmers in the local area
Mr Osborne



Mrs King of Lightning Squad, and Australia!

Mrs Slade in the Sky Blue of home city Coventry, with the tee-shirt of the Sky Blues, Coventry City FC



Other football teams represented included Crystal Palace, Arsenal, Maidstone United, Manchester United, Tottenham, Millwall and local team Tonbridge Angels.

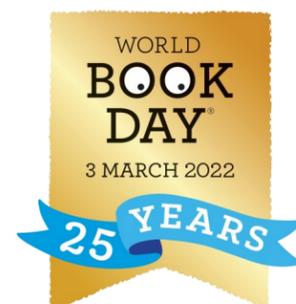
Reading Corner



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!



Random Reading Competition

Thankyou for the entries into the random reading competition held over the February break, closing today. The entries are being judged by Miss Redden and the Senior Leadership Team next week, with prizes to be awarded next week.

Healthcare

COVID-19 VACCINE INFO



Covid-19 vaccinations for clinically-vulnerable 5 to 11-year-olds

NHS Kent and Medway

The NHS in Kent and Medway is now offering the Covid-19 vaccine to eligible children aged five to eleven years-old who:

- are at higher risk from coronavirus due to **underlying health conditions** or
- share living accommodation, on most days, with someone who has a **weakened immune system**

You can find more information about this here:

[COVID-19 vaccinations: A guide for parents of children aged 5-11 at high risk.](#)

If you have an eligible child, you will be invited to bring them to have the vaccine by their GP practice, a local vaccination service linked to their GP practice, or the NHS School-Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS).

Parents can either book an appointment directly with their GP, or use this link to book in with any provider: <https://lvs.healthit.org.uk/patheks>. Eligibility will be checked at the venue.

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 21 February	This Week at Slade	
Monday 21 February	Bikeability	Griffin Class
Monday 21 February	Bikeability Update	
Tuesday 22 February	Bikeability: New Dates	Griffin Class
Wednesday 23 February	Dinosaur and Fossil Workshop	Year 1
Wednesday 23 February	Bikeability Group A and B	
Thursday 24 February	Who Am I? Staff	
Thursday 24 February	Who Am I? Slade by Numbers	
Thursday 24 February	Who Am I? Objects	
Thursday 24 February	Who Am I? Food	
Thursday 24 February	Road Crossing	All School
Friday 25 February	Important Update from Mrs Slade	All School
Friday 25 February	Celebration Assembly	
Friday 25 February	Parent - Teacher Consultations	All School

PTA Meeting

The PTA are holding their first meeting of the spring next Thursday evening and will no doubt be discussing plans for a summer of fundraising fun for all of the children at Slade amongst lots of other topics.

PTA chairperson, Jo Johnson would like to invite all parents to the virtual meeting, held via Zoom from 19:30 on Thursday 3 March. We particularly look forward to seeing any new parents, or anyone who has thought about helping out with the PTA efforts, but has been unable to find an existing member to speak with whilst around school.

To join the meeting, just use this access link or code from 19:30 on Thursday:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338242867?pwd=MTRKR1drSFo5ZFZSNUMzTTA2SDJTZz09>

Meeting ID: 823 3824 2867 Passcode: 4x6X25

For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 21 February - Monday 14 March	Griffin Class Bikeability - Please refer to earlier emails for exact dates for your child
Monday 28 February	Swimming Lesson - Pegasus Class, Year 3, Miss Redden
Tuesday 1 March	Secondary School National Offer Day (Year 7 Intake for September 2022) Follow instructions in offer letter. Questions should be addressed to your allocated school or to the KCC Admissions Team via 03000 41 21 21
Wednesday 2 March	
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day - See page 7 Swimming Lesson - Hippogriff Class, Year 3, Mrs Berrill and Mrs Stephens PTA Meeting from 19:30 - See page 8 on how to join the Zoom Event
Friday 4 March	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Gnome Class (Year 2, Miss Taylor)
TUESDAY	Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)
WEDNESDAY	Pegasus Class (Year 3, Miss Redden)
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

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 :

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 - See Page 3
Friday 1 April	Last Day of Term 4
Friday 1 April	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
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