



# Slade

## Primary School

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# From the Headteacher

## Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Reception children have been having a cracking time this week as they have been joined by 5 new feathered-friends! Reception children (and staff!) have been very egg-cited as the 5 duck eggs that have been incubating in Elmer Class since Monday have now hatched! Well done to all of the Reception children who have been caring for our feathered friends so splendidly this week. I am delighted to share these photos of Duckling Ringo and his siblings!



Huge congratulations to our Key Stage 2 girl's football teams who represented the school in the first tournament of the season on Wednesday, with both teams qualifying with ease for the finals in May! All in the squads were a credit to the school in the way that they performed and conducted themselves throughout. Thank you and well done all! Thank you too to the staff for organising and to all of the parents who went along to support. Photos and further information about the event follow in the newsletter.

Well done and huge congratulations too to our Trampolining Squad who also had an excellent time at their first competition, also held on Wednesday, coming second in their team event! Well done girls for representing the school so magnificently and for performing so well! Thank you to Mrs. Ball and Samantha Roberts for your support on the day too. Definitely a Winning Wednesday here at Slade!

Following on from my newsletter update last week regarding the invasion of the Ukraine, schools across the county are now working together, under the guidance of the Kent Association of Head Teachers (KAH) to provide practical and financial support in response to the current humanitarian crisis. The following link is to a letter from KAH which outlines practical ways to provide support and get involved should any families wish to do so:

[Kent Association of Headteachers Letter, March 2022](#)

Yesterday I wrote to parents of Reception classes regarding changes that are being made to collection arrangements at the end of the day for Reception children with effect from Monday 14 March. The changes to be made are part of our wider opening plan and have been devised following consultation with staff and parents. Thank you to those parents who responded to our survey and to the class reps for your feedback from your classes too. Plans for changes to arrangements in other year groups will be shared and rolled out over the next 3 weeks of term so please do look out for these in the coming weeks.

A reminder that there is still time to book for Parent Consultation meetings, being held on 22 and 24 March, using the online booking system. I would encourage all parents and carers to take this opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to hear of your child's achievements and progress in addition to discussing the next steps for them in their learning. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office should you have any queries with how to access the online booking system.

Finally, on a personal note, this morning I tested positive for Covid-19. I will therefore, in line with government guidance, be self-isolating and working from home in the coming days. I look forward to being back in the school building and seeing you all when my period of self-isolation comes to an end.

**I hope you all have a lovely, safe weekend.**

**Karen Slade**



# Around School



## Welcome To Slade, Hadassah

We would like to offer a very warm welcome to Hadassah who joined Slade this week in Pegasus Class with Miss Redden in Year 3.

We have seen how quickly Hadassah has settled in with her new friends, we hope that you have had a lovely first week at school.

Our welcome is of course extended to Hadassah's family, with who we look forward to a long and happy relationship.



## Forest School Date Change: Gnome Class

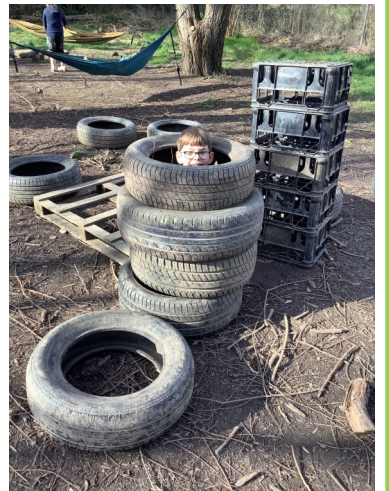
Due to teacher unavailability, Gnome Class will be visiting Forest School on Wednesday 23 March rather than the previously advertised Thursday 24 March.

A reminder also to parents in Year 6 of the new dates for next week's advertised events due to a postponement of the first Griffin Class Bikeability session in February:

**Monday 14 March - Griffin Class (Mrs Burnside) Bikeability Level 2: Children in Group D**

**Monday 14 March - Hydra Class (Miss Lidlow) Forest School**

**Tuesday 15 March - Griffin Class (Mrs Burnside) Forest School**



## British Sign Language Week: 14-20 March

Next week is British Sign Language Week, which we are pleased and proud to be supporting here at Slade, home of our fantastic Titans Class children and staff.

Along with Teacher of the Deaf, Jayne Laker, Teaching Assistants Alex Taylor and Charlotte Havering have put together a series of activities for each class across the school to engage with to further enhance the awareness of sign language for the whole school community.

The Titans Team will be visiting classes to spend time with the children to help with questions that they may have as well as having prepared short videos for the classes to watch across the week.

We will keep you up-to-date on everything going on via our Twitter feed and of course a round up in next week's newsletter.

Sign Language Week is organised by the British Deaf Association, for more on this special week and on their work generally, take a look around their website using the link below.



[More > Via bda.org.uk](https://bda.org.uk)

## Lost Property

If any of these items belong to you, please contact the school office for safe return.





# Around School



## Internet Safety: TikTok, A Parents Guide

OpenView Education are a dedicated team of theatre professionals, educators and subject specialist with a focus on providing theatre based training in Anti-Bullying, Internet Safety and Wellbeing for students of all ages.



Associate Members of the **Anti-Bullying Alliance** and **CEOP Ambassadors** (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command), OpenView integrate role-play, puppetry, forum-theatre and a high energy delivery to create powerful learning experiences.

They have provided Slade with their latest parents guide to Internet Safety. This guide is for parents concerned by the use of the popular TikTok app. OpenView say: 'From working in person with hundreds of schools each year, we understand the challenges that schools face around TikTok, that's why we have created this short TikTok guide for parents and carers. It outlines the steps that parents can take to help keep their children safe while using TikTok.'

We have added the link to the growing Internet Safety section on the school website, and attached it here for you to

[More > Via openvieweducation.co.uk](#)

## Keyboard Players

If you are a keyboard player you may be interested by a local family selling this digital piano, described by the current owner:

**YAMAHA Digital Piano P-45B with 88 weighted keys for sale £275**

In very good condition and perfect working order. Includes stand + manual + original box.

For more information email Ralph [ralphruge@hotmail.com](mailto:ralphruge@hotmail.com) or ring 01732 605231.



## Red Nose, Red Clothes: Friday 18 March

**Next Friday is Red Nose (Comic Relief) Day. We are joining schools up and down the UK to turn smiles into something incredible for those who need it most. To help with awareness of this event, we are encouraging children at Slade to swap green for red, for just one day. All children are welcome to come to school in anything a red colour, including the traditional red noses!**

However much you can spare, your sponsorship money will help tackle poverty, take action against violence and bring an end to discrimination – in the UK and across the world.

We are fundraising, using an online donation page available below, for Red Nose Day because:

- £5 could pay to get 20 meals to vulnerable children and families in the UK
- £10 could provide 20 reading books for children in community learning centres in Northern Uganda, where free pre-school services are very limited
- £20 could provide a supportive coffee morning for families in the UK to share advice on caring for their child's mental health

Don't forget to tick the Gift Aid option, if you can, so Comic Relief can claim an extra 25% from the government.



[More > Slade's Donation Page via justgiving.com](#)



# Slade Sport



## Kent Schools Trampolining Championship

On Wednesday morning, we walked away with a superb second place in the team event at the Kent Schools Trampolining Championships, held at the Jumpers Rebound Centre in Gillingham, home of the Jumpers Trampolining Club.

The competition was incredibly tough, but our team of Francesca in Pegasus Class, Momo and Charlotte (both of Griffin Class) successfully showed their abilities in front of the judges and the rest of the competitors in the hall to eventually take second place on the podium.



The girls had to perform a strict routine, set down by the competition organisers which included ten moves, where no 'extra in between' bounces are allowed. So the competitor has to move seamlessly between moves, remembering the next one well in advance whilst not 'drifting' away from the centre of the trampoline at any time.

Scores were given for the neatness of the execution and the movement around the trampoline, called Horizontal Displacement.

Congratulations to Francesca, Momo and Charlotte for an outstanding achievement - bearing in mind the little, if no, time that they had to practice on a full sized trampoline.

Mrs Ball would also like to give special thanks to Mrs Roberts for accompanying the girls to the tournament.



## James Runs London

Everyone at Slade would like to congratulate James in Griffin Class for his recent athletics achievements.

On Saturday 26th February James represented Tonbridge Athletics Club at the National Cross Country Championships held at Parliament Hill in London. He was competing in his first National event for the u13 boys team and it was a hilly, extremely muddy and rather challenging 3km course.

He came a very respectable 319th with his team coming 9th overall. James still has another two years of competing in this age category and is already looking forward to running even faster in 2023!





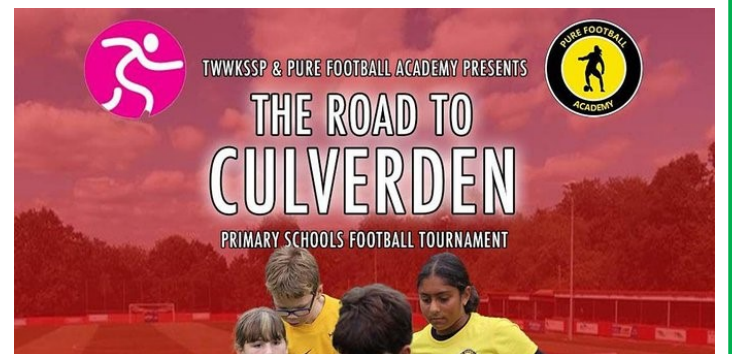
# Slade Sport



## Girls On The Way to Culverden!

Mrs Ball and Mr Duffin had the pleasure of taking two girls football teams to the Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells schools football tournament at Hayesbrook School on Wednesday evening.

The tournament has the title of 'Road to Culverden' as Wednesday's set of matches were the qualifying rounds, aiming to reach the final of the cup, to be held at Culverden Stadium, home of Tunbridge Wells FC.



We are all absolutely delighted to say that both squads (Year 4 and the other in the tournament for Years 5 and 6) both qualified for the finals in spectacular fashion, with only one defeat in 8 games between them.

The main aspect of the girls in both teams play was their teamwork. They have been training together at school and carried on the team spirit through the matches at Hayesbrook. Playing as a team, rather than relying on one individual performance. It was this that saw them victorious against teams from (Year 4) Hilden Oaks, St Johns School and St James School and for the older yeargroups vs Yalding, Hildenborough, Chiddingstone and the Slade double against St Johns in Tunbridge Wells. The only reverse came against favourites Claremont School.

After the 'round-robin' format, the top two teams from each group of four teams (there were 2 groups for each year) qualified for the finals day. In both cases, the Slade teams qualified for finals day; the Year 5 and 6 team in second place and the undefeated Year 4 team in first place.



Congratulations to all of the girls who took part and many thanks to all of the parents who helped by taking the teams to Hayesbrook, and offered great support to the girls in every match.

Full details of the squad line ups and pictures from Wednesday's tournaments involving our girls football teams and trampolining event appeared in full on our Twitter feed from the events. Follow us [@sladeprimarysch](https://twitter.com/sladeprimarysch) to avoid missing anything from school.

It is the boys turn next week in their own equivalent tournament with the aim of reaching the same finals day at Culverden Stadium in May. We wish good luck to all of our players for a super tournament.





# Slade Stats



Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 08:50 and after lunch in the afternoon.

Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

Attendance Target

97.0%

Attendance This Week

95.2%

Attendance This Year

94.1%

Registers are taken 10 minutes after the school gates close at 08:50.

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.

Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

Pupils Late This Week

17

## Attendance Matters

### Procedure if your child is unwell

If your child is not well and not able to come to school then we ask that parents telephone the school office on 01732 350354 **everyday** of their child's absence. With the current COVID pandemic, please follow government guidelines, but please still let us know if your child will be absent from school. If they are having to self-isolate but are well, then they will need to be taking part in home learning.

Please see below some guidance from the government regarding illness and your child's education.

<https://www.gov.uk/illness-child-education>

### Procedure for appointments during school hours

If you have to take your child out of school for **any** reason, including a medical, dental, school visit appointment. Please could you inform the school office **prior** to the appointment along with any supporting evidence of the appointment.

This is so that we can authorise the absence where we can and your child is not marked as unauthorised in our register. Please see below guidance from the government regarding school attendance.

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

# 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 March	This Week at Slade	
Monday 7 March	Plastic Bottle Collection	All School 
Monday 7 March	Teaching in Gnome Class	Gnome Class Parents 
Tuesday 8 March	Parents Meeting re Residential at Carroty Wood	Year 6 Parents 
Tuesday 8 March	Hockey Club Cancellation	Year 3 and 4 Parents 
Wednesday 9 March	Trampoline Finals: On the Way	
Wednesday 9 March	Trampoline Finals: Performances	
Wednesday 9 March	Trampoline Finals: Medals	
Wednesday 9 March	Trampoline Finals: On the Podium	
Wednesday 9 March	Walk on Wednesday WOW!	
Wednesday 9 March	The Road to Culverden	Year 5 Parents
Wednesday 9 March	Hugh Christie School Experience Afternoon	Year 5 Parents 
Wednesday 9 March	Girls Football Squads	
Wednesday 9 March	Girls Football Results	
Thursday 10 March	EYFS Collection Arrangements	EYFS Classes Parents 
Thursday 10 March	Zoom Link for Carroty Wood Meeting	Year 6 Parents 
Thursday 10 March	Red Nose Day: Friday 18 March	All School 
Friday 11 March	Carroty Wood Presentation	Year 6 





Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 14 March - Friday 18 March	British Deaf Association Sign Language Week See Page 3
Monday 14 March	Swimming Lesson - Pegasus Class, Year 3, Miss Redden Bikeability - Griffin Class Group D, Level 2
Tuesday 15 March	
Wednesday 16 March	
Thursday 17 March	Swimming Lesson - Hippogriff Class, Year 3, Mrs Berrill and Mrs Stephens NCMP and Vision Screening - EYFS Year R and Year 6 Children
Friday 18 March	Red Nose Day - Wear Red for Comic Relief. See Page 4

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Lidlow)
TUESDAY	Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	EYFS Classes, Elmer and Gruffalo (Mrs Pearson and Mrs Hitchcock)

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 Year 5 and 6 Hockey, Next Thing STEM, SAMA Karate

Further Ahead :

Thursday 24 March	Year 1 Dinosaur and Fossil Workshop Consent and Payment should be made via your Arbor account
Tuesday 22 March and Thursday 24 March	Parent - Teacher Consultations
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
Monday 2 May	National Holiday - School Closed to all pupils
Monday 9 May - Friday 13 May	KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) - Year 6
Monday 16 May - Friday 20 May	KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) - Year 2
Tuesday 17 May	Matthew Walker Photography - Class Photographs
Friday 27 May	Last Day of Term 5