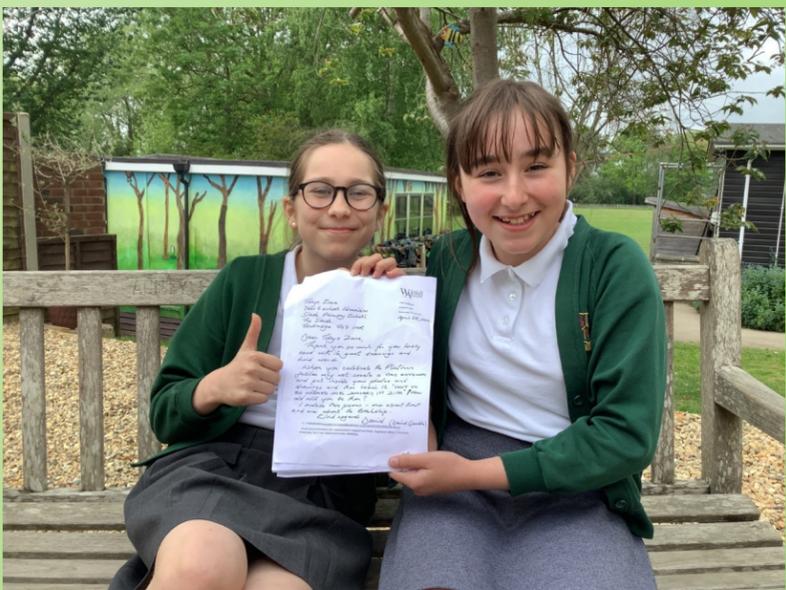




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From the
Headteacher

Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Gosh, where has this week gone!

Well done and huge congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils who this week have completed their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. Yay! All of the children who sat the tests demonstrated a positive 'can do' attitude throughout the week and should be very proud of themselves and their achievements; we are all immensely proud of each and every one of you! Thank you to everyone involved in the planning and running of this week which enabled it to go as smoothly as possible for the children involved. We celebrated the end of the tests by having a surprise 'post SATs breakfast' this morning which was enjoyed by children and staff in equal measure!

As some of you will have read on Twitter, this week saw a return to another of our pre-lockdown routines when we held two live assemblies with children from different year groups coming together in the main school hall. It was actually quite emotional to have a sea of children actually sat in front of me which was the first time that this has happened in a very long time! Monday saw children in years 1, 2 and 3 come together followed by children in Upper Key Stage 2 on Tuesday. Thank you to all children for remembering the expectations we have of them when assembling together in this way and for making it such a lovely experience for all involved. We look forward to welcoming Reception children along in Term 6 too!

In addition to not having had live assemblies another downside of the recent Covid restrictions has been, as you are aware, that parents have been unable to come into school. This means that for some, you haven't been inside the school building all the time your child has been at school with us. Therefore, on Wednesday next week parents of children in Reception and Year 1 have been invited into school to see first-hand what a typical morning in these year groups entails and to familiarise themselves with some of the children's learning experiences. Entrance to this event will be through the main school car park entrance at 9.00 am. We look forward to seeing those of you who have signed up then! Look out for the future date of our annual Open Evening event, which is open to all parents, in next week's newsletter.

At this time of year we are busy planning ahead for September, thinking about classroom organisation and staffing for the start of Term 1. We recognise that this time of change can be an anxious time for some children and parents. Due to the lateness of the resignation date for class teachers (31st May) and the implications of this I am not at present able to share this information with you. We will therefore endeavor to inform you of any changes as early as possible in Term 6, thus allowing time for a smooth transition for all involved. Please be assured as soon as that information is available you will all be the first to know!

As many of you will be aware, this week is Mental Health Awareness Week, an annual event run by the Mental Health Foundation that focuses on improving good mental health across the nation with the theme for this year exploring the impact of loneliness and how we can tackle it. Further information on this including support and resources for both adults and children can be found at: <https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/mental-health-awareness-week>

Finally, good luck wishes to our teams who are playing in the West Kent football finals on Monday morning; come on Slade!

I hope you all have a lovely, safe weekend.

Karen Slade

For Your Diary



Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 16 May - Friday 20 May	End of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) SATs. Parents in Gnome and Sprite class, please refer to email from Mrs Slade sent on Thursday 12 May for more information
Monday 16 May	EYFS Hearing Screening for parents who have requested this service The Road to Culverden - Football Finals Day!
Tuesday 17 May	09:00 - Midday - Matthew Walker Photography visiting Slade to take Class Group Photographs 15:00 - Year 3/4 Tri Golf Tournament
Wednesday 18 May	Current Year R and Year 1 Parent Open Event
Thursday 19 May	Griffin Class Cooking at Tonbridge School (09:15 - 13:00) Judd School Music Concert (Pupils in Sprite Class and Dragon Class)
Friday 20 May	Hydra Class Cooking at Tonbridge School (09:15 - 13:00)

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)
TUESDAY	Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	Y5/6 Netball , First Class Football, Active Sports Gymnastics, Learn Chess, mSPORTi Multi Sports
TUESDAY	YR/1 Book Club (Lunch) , Y3/4 Board Games , YR-2 Train Club , Gary Marshall Cricket, Dancemode
WEDNESDAY	Y4-6 Choir(Lunch) , Y2/3 Singing , West Kent Athletics
THURSDAY	Y3/4 Cricket (Before School) , Y3 Signing Choir (Lunch) , Y4-6 Dance , Art Trolley, First Class Basketball
FRIDAY	Y5/6 Cricket (Before School) , SAMA Karate

Clubs in Green are Free Clubs with spaces available, Clubs in Red are Free Clubs currently full, Clubs in Black are Paid For , check with organiser for availability

Further Ahead :

Monday 23 June - Friday 27 June	Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Week - More details next week
Wednesday 25 May	Hugh Christie School to visit their new Year 7 pupils currently in Year 6
Friday 27 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 30 May - Monday 6 June	Summer Terms Break - School Closed to all pupils
Tuesday 7 June	First Day of Term 6
Tuesday 7 June - Friday 10 June	KS1 Statutory Phonics Screening - Year 1 KS2 Statutory Times Tables Screening - Year 4 If you have any questions, please contact your class teacher
Thursday 23 June	Sports Day - More information to follow shortly
Friday 10 June	PC Olivia Munday to see Year 6 Pupils as part of Key Stage 2 to 3 Transition
Tuesday 28 June (18:00), Wednesday 29 June (09:30)	EYFS22 Parent Information Meetings - Details in Welcome Packs
Thursday 7 July	Transition Day : Year 6 children to Secondary Schools, Year R-5 to new classes, EYFS22 Children Induction Visit (Further information to follow nearer the time)

All timetabled events and scheduled clubs and activities are subject to short notice alteration, postponement or cancellation and are correct as of the date of this newsletter

Around School



Top Marks, Year 6!

This week has seen the first set of Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) to take place since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's Hydra and Griffin Classes were the lucky ones to sit the series of Maths and English papers from Monday to Thursday. Miss Lidlow and Mrs Burnside lead the whole staff at Slade in congratulating all of the children for their positivity all week as they got to grips with tests in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Maths Arithmetic and two exams in Maths Reasoning. Well done to everyone in Miss Lidlow and Mrs Burnside's classes for giving your best throughout a very tiring week for you.

Now that the SATs are over, for the Year 6 children at least, the fun begins, starting with special cookery lessons taking place at Tonbridge School next Thursday (Griffin Class) and Friday (Hydra). The children will be using the purpose built cooking classrooms at Tonbridge to cook a vegetable curry that they have been planning this term.

Next week sees our Year 2 children from Gnome and Sprite Classes sit their own end of Key Stage 1 SATs. If you have any questions about the series of 'special workbooks' your child will sit, please see the email sent by Mrs Slade on Thursday or contact your class teacher via the class email address.

Solving The Puzzle

Mrs Bowker's new After School Board Games Club for Year 3 and 4 children has proved to be very popular and successful (indeed it is now over subscribed). Along with traditional board games, the children also try their hands at puzzles, including jigsaws.

One such group: Archie, Emilia and Myles have been working together across different sessions to finish this jigsaw puzzle of the planets. Not only have they completed the task they set themselves, they have persevered and used continuous teamwork to be successful. In addition to the pride of finishing the puzzle they have learnt a great deal about the planets as well!



Green and Gold

We are very proud to have been awarded the 2022 Gold Award for Green Travel to and from school by Walk to School and Walk on Wednesday organisers, the KM Charity Team.

Kathy Beel, Education Co-Ordinator for the organisers said of Slade when awarding the prize:

Thanks to your hard work we would like to award Slade Primary School the status of Gold Travel Mark. Slade has done very well with Walk to School this year, in spite of the many challenges. Collectively in Kent, Medway and Bexley pupils have reached over 237,000 green journeys and have taken over 100,000 cars off the road and we still have two months to go till the end of the academic year!

We continue to encourage a greener way of getting to school by walking, riding or scooting to Slade, either the whole way or by parking and striding to school. To assist with this we have invested in new cycle and scooter parking across the school and we are looking forward to further enhancing our green credentials in the coming months. Thankyou to all of our parents who are on board with these initiatives that benefit them, our children and the environment.



News from the PTA



PTA Summer Fête: Saturday 25 June

It's finally back after such a long time, don't forget to put the date in your diary and up on the calendar.

The Amazing Cake Competition will be back so start getting your thinking caps on as this year it's Jubilee theme. Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett will be judging them and can't wait to taste your yummy creations.

We look forward to seeing everyone there, we will be especially pleased to see and welcome parents and children who have joined the school since we were last able to hold the Summer Fête and indeed to everyone who will be joining us in the Early Years Classes from September.

FREE ENTRY!

- CAKE COMPETITION (JUBILEE THEME)
- DJ
- ASSAULT COURSE
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- RAFFLE
- PIMMS SLUSH PUPPIES
- BOOZE BOX MOBILE BAR
- YEAR GROUP STALLS
- 2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE
- GOVERNORS BARROW OF BOOZE RAFFLE
- BEAT THE GOALIE
- ARENA PERFORMANCES FROM THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

AND LOTS MORE!

REFRESHMENT STALLS WILL HAVE CARD MACHINES BUT PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING CHANGE FOR THE OTHER STALLS

ON THE SCHOOL FIELD | **SAT 25TH JUNE** | **12-3PM**


SLADE SCHOOL

MONIES RAISED GOES TOWARDS OUTDOOR LEARNING AND REGULAR PTA DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL TO ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE OF EVERY CHILD

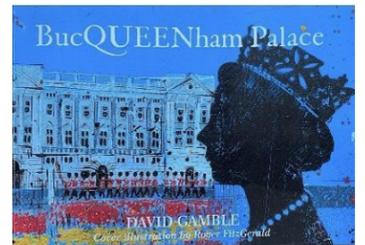
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Reading Corner



An Author Writes Back..

When Year 6 Librarians Zara and Tilly wrote to author David Gamble to thank him for his donation to every primary school in Kent, a copy of his book **BucQUEENham Palace**, they did not expect a reply - but this week, that is exactly what they received!



We were lucky enough to be there when the girls opened their post, and it was a real delight to see how happy they were to receive the bundle of papers, just for them.



Included was a note of gratitude that the children at Slade had enjoyed his book, along with some fun suggestions on how we could continue to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee such as creating a time capsule of memorabilia including some of their own artwork to be buried until the year 2100!

They were also sent copies of two of David's poems: One all about the County of Kent and one entitled 'The Bookship' which they enjoyed reading.

A big thankyou to David for his kind letter and gifts and well done to Tilly and Zara, whose own idea it was as Year 6 School Librarians to write a note of thanks along with the artwork they had produced, inspired by David's book.

In next week's newsletter we will be sharing all of the exciting events that will be happening in school during our special Jubilee Week, which will take place from the following Monday, 23 May.

Buster's Star Reader of Term 4

Mrs Mawson has had the pleasure of awarding the special award for Buster's Book Club Reader of the Term.

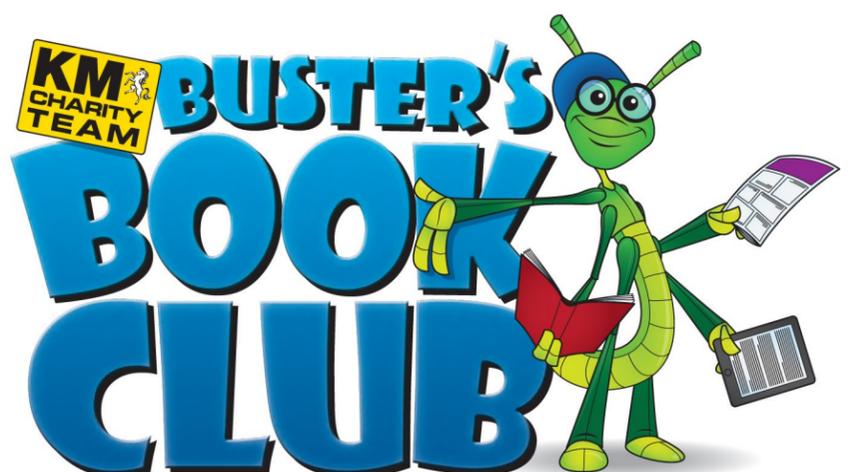
The Spring winner is Jack in Pegasus Class, many congratulations Jack.

Mrs Mawson, assisted by class teacher Miss Redden, explained why Jack was such a worthy winner:

'Jack is so enthusiastic about reading in class, in a group in pairs or on his own. He has made so much progress with his home reading and regularly shares the new learning he has acquired from the books he has read. A deserved winner, well done, Jack.'

Jack was presented with his certificate during Celebration Assembly this morning.

Other nominees, each of who also deserve special congratulations for their love of reading and how they use their enthusiasm to benefit their wider learning are: Zahra (Griffin Class), Greta (Gruffalo Class), Isaac (Elmer Class), Thomas (Sphinx Class), Jackson (Wyvern Class) and Mia (Pixie Class).



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

94.2%

Attendance This Year

94.8%

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

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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
Sunday 8 May	Judd Music Concert: All Ticket	Sprite and Dragon Parents 
Monday 9 May	Today at Slade	
Monday 9 May	Judd Music Concert Tickets	
Tuesday 10 May	Reminder: Change of Day for Y4-6 Dance Club	Y4-6 Dance Club Attendees 
Tuesday 10 May	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 10 May	Yeargroup Assemblies: Together Again	
Wednesday 11 May	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 11 May	Year 6 Film Afternoon	Year 6 Parents 
Wednesday 11 May	Cardboard for the Vikings	Year 3 Parents 
Thursday 12 May	Today at Slade	
Thursday 12 May	Year 6 Cooking at Tonbridge School: Griffin Class	Griffin Class Parents 
Thursday 12 May	Year 6 Cooking at Tonbridge School: Hydra Class	Hydra Class Parents 
Thursday 12 May	Important message from Mrs Slade: KS1 (Year 2) SATs	Year 2 Parents 
Thursday 12 May	Green and Gold!	
Friday 13 May	Today at Slade	
Friday 13 May	Celebration Assembly	