Slade
Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 4 November 2022 / Term 2, Issue 1

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Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone from the half term holiday. I hope that you all had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to the busy term ahead.

It has been lovely to have welcomed so many of you here into school this week either as a volunteer on a school visit or attending one of our information sharing sessions. Firstly, thank you to parents in Reception who came to our Phonics Workshop on Wednesday where everyone got to hear all about phonics, including what phonics is and how we teach it in the early years here in school. We hope that you found it both informative and helpful to you as you look to support your child with their early reading at home. Please don't hesitate to contact your class teachers via their email addresses should you have any queries following the session.

Thank you too to parents at the top end of the school who have dropped in at the end of the day this week as we opened our doors to the classes in Years 4, 5 and 6. It was lovely to see the children proudly showing their learning from the year so far with their parents and in some cases grandparents too! There was a super hum of excitement and positivity across the classrooms during all of these sessions! We look forward to welcoming parents of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 next week; a reminder and details of access arrangements will be sent out to each year group prior to each visit. In addition, there will also be an opportunity for all children across the school to bring their books home to share with you later in the term once all drop-in sessions have finished.

Thank you also to those parents who have helped with our visits to Tonbridge School this week, escorting children in Year 2 and Key Stage 2 who had the opportunity to attend the school's current photography exhibition of wildlife. I know that all the children and adults who attended have been captivated by some of the photography on display. Thank you to Miss Taylor for organizing this for all of the children to enjoy and to Tonbridge School for hosting our visits. If you wanted to take a look yourself then the free exhibition runs until Sunday 6 November, details of which can be found at https://www.tonbridge-school.co.uk/post-detail-page/~board/school-news/post/schools-obs-gallery-stages-wildlife-

Do look out for this term's year group newsletters which will all be dropping into your inboxes next week; these are a great opportunity for you to find out more of what your child will be learning throughout this term and offer ways in which you can support your child too. You will have already received this week information from Mr. Duffin, our Maths Leader, regarding the teaching of times tables here at Slade; I would encourage you all to have a read of the information leaflet and view the informative short video too.

In addition, this week has seen staff start planning ahead for Christmas here at Slade, ensuring the return, post-pandemic, of our traditional events and performances for the children in the coming weeks. From nativities, to Christmas jumper days to Carols by Candlelight, all will be taking place this year and all are being planned as live events too! A full breakdown of Christmas Activities including dates and timings will be shared with you at the start of next week in a separate communication so please look out for this to get those dates in your diaries!

A reminder please that in the interests of everyone's safety any access to the school office at the end of the day must be via the main entrance and not through any of the classroom doors. Thank you all for your co-operation with this safeguarding matter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 7 November	Phoenix Class Swimming Bikeability Group 1A, 1B, 1C
Tuesday 8 November	Bikeability Group 1A 14:30: Parent Drop In - Year 3
Wednesday 9 November	Bikeability Group 1B 14:30: Parent Drop-In - Year 2
Thursday 10 November	Sphinx Class Swimming Bikeability Group 1C 14:30: Parent Drop-In - Year 1
Friday 11 November	Bikeability Group 2D, 2E, 2F

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Hippogriff Class, Year 3, Miss Taylor
TUESDAY	Gruffalo Class, EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Pegasus Class, Year 3, Mrs Berrill and Mrs Stephens
FRIDAY	Elmer Class, EYFS, Mrs Pearson

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	Y1-4 French , Y1-6 Football, Y1-6 Gym, Y3-6 Creative Writing, KS2 BSL, EYFS/KS1 Multi Skills
TUESDAY	Y1 Book Club, Y3-6 Cricket, Y3-6 Dance
WEDNESDAY	Y4-6 Yoga, Y4-6 Choir, Y3/4 Basketball, Y2 Singing, Y3-6 Athletics, Y1-6 Art
THURSDAY	Y3 Signing, Y1-6 Basketball, Y2 Football, Y1-2 Dance
FRIDAY	Y5-6 Sports Club, 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:

Tuesday 15 November	Parent Drop-In: EYFS Classes
Wednesday 16 November	EYFS23 Open Morning: FULLY BOOKED
Wednesday 23 November	EYFS23 Open Morning: FULLY BOOKED
Thursday 8 December	Year 5 Visit to The Judd School Primary Music Concert Year 5 Parents: Please make sure you have completed the attendance sheet via https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-O4rtz0m47TuDL8aBov8CyGViH9NFlnjtLW2ZevpUNUpaOEtROUNBVlQwQUk0RjZRQUpRQ1RMNy4u
Friday 16 December - Tuesday 3 January	Christmas and New Year Holiday School Closed to all pupils
Wednesday 4 January	First Day of Term 3

Around School

PTA Firework Evening

Everyone at Slade is looking forward to the return of the PTA Firework Evening from 17:30 on Friday 11 November.

This is an all-ticket event for all adults and school aged children, tickets can be purchased via the link below; Preschool aged children and younger are free to attend, and don't require a ticket.

https://sladepta.sumupstore.com/product/adult-or-school-aged-child-fireworks-ticket

Once purchased you will receive an email confirmation which you can show at the entrance gate on the night. No paper tickets will be issued. Tickets will remain on sale until the morning of Friday 11 November.

Please bring cash on the night....all stalls and activities will be priced between £1-£2.50, so start collecting those pound coins and 50p pieces!
Looking forward to a fabulous evening with you all.

Gates open at 17:30 and the fireworks display will be at 19:00.

DJ Matt will be entertaining us on the playground before the display and there will be hotdogs, candy floss, glow sticks, glitter face painting, hot drinks and the fabulous Booze Box.

Looking After The Slade

We are keen for all of our children and their families to enjoy the fireworks, however we do understand that these events can be disruptive to the local community and in particular our near neighbours in Hildenbrook House and along Stafford Road. If you are coming along for the evening, please be considerate of all of the Slade community - if you need to bring a car, park responsibly in the Castle Fields parking and please do not gather close by to neighbours property before or after the gates open and close. A reminder that smoking (including e-cigarettes / vaping) is not permitted on school premises, which includes the pathways leading to the entrance gates. We thankyou for your understanding and cooperation in being good neighbours.

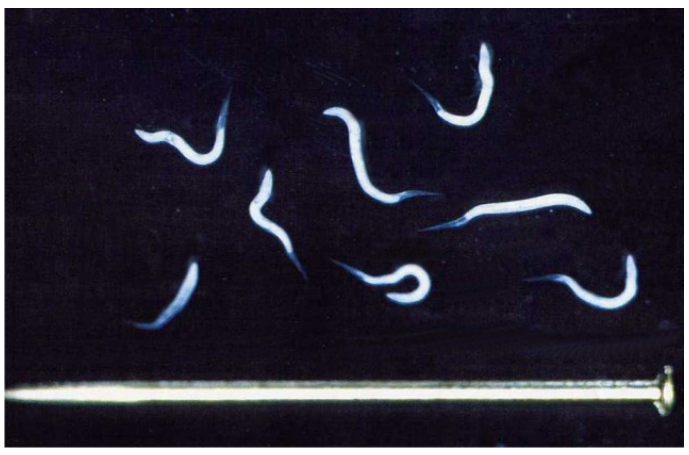
EYFS Phonics Talk

Thankyou to the parents and carers of children in Gruffalo and Elmer Class who were able to attend the guide to phonics learning meeting on Wednesday, we hope you found it useful.

If any parent, particularly in EYFS and Year 1 has any questions about this learning in school and how you can support your child at home, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher via the class email address (full list of which appeared in our last newsletter.)

Around School

Threadworm



We are aware that there have been a couple of cases of Threadworm in school recently.

Threadworms (pinworms) are tiny worms in faeces. They're common in children and spread easily. You can treat them without seeing a GP.

The NHS website has lots of information on the condition which will help if your child is showing symptoms of Threadworm or you are concerned in anyway.

The NHS guidance on Threadworm is that children do not need to be off of school or nursery.

For more information about Threadworm, what to look for and how to treat the condition from the NHS website:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/

Our Changing Times (Tables)

We are to have launched changes to the teaching and learning of times tables at Slade.

Our Maths Leader, James Duffin, is pleased to explain:

'We have put together a guide for helping your children learn times tables at home; and a short video presentation that goes into more detail behind the logic to the new approach and how it will be administered.

The National Curriculum states that children are expected to have recall of their multiplication and division facts up to the 12 times table by the end of Year 4. We have put in a more structured system in place to help children learn these facts. Each year group from Year 2 to Year 4 will have a times table to learn each term. This is set out in the table sent home via Arbor email on Thursday.

This approach will allow teachers to make greater connections between the different times tables and will hopefully ensure that children have embedded their learning and have instant recall of these facts. It also allows for the revisiting of times tables at different points.

In addition to his, children in Year 1 will learn how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Children in Year 5 and 6 will continue to learn their times tables, as they supplement much of their maths learning in Upper Key Stage 2.

This term we will be looking at making changes to the way we use Times Tables Rock Stars as a resource in school. If you have misplaced your child's log in details, please get in contact with the class teacher via the class email address who will be able to provide them for you.'

For more information: https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/7bbcec33-ced8-458a-87ad-b48882bf625f

You must be logged in to your child's Slade Teams account to be able to successfully view this video.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Out and About

Natural History Wildlife Photography Exhibition

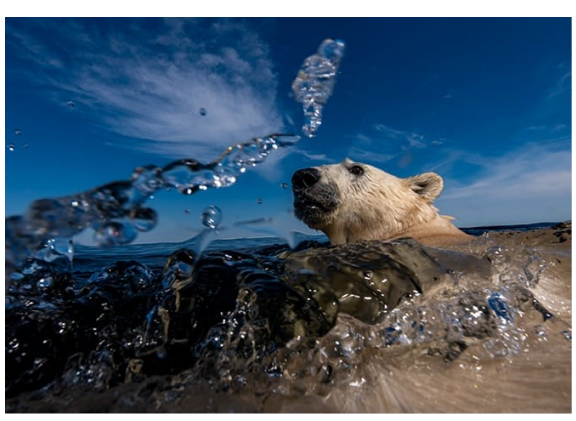
This week, classes from across Year 2 and all of KS2 have been visiting the Old Big School Tunnel Gallery at Tonbridge School this week to see The Natural History Museum's Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition.

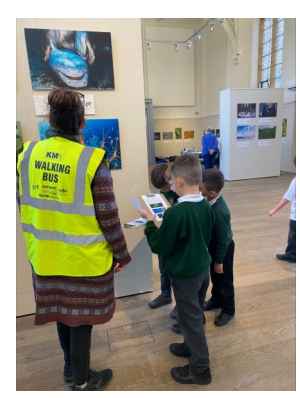
This exhibition has been showcasing the world's best nature photography and photojournalism for more than 50 years, with this exhibition being the 57th edition.

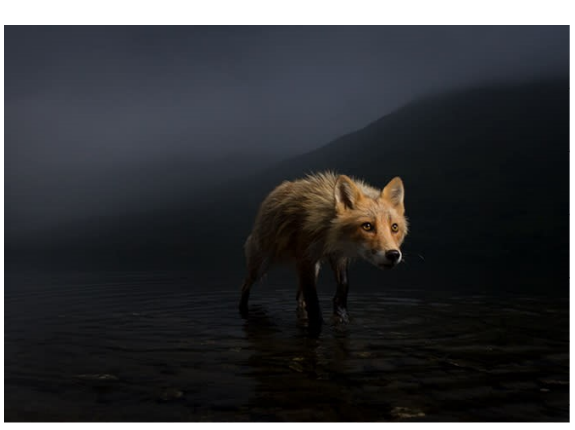
Miss Taylor has organised the series of trips to the exhibition; celebrating the power of photography and the wonders of the natural world which explores a planet under pressure. This spectacular show comprises of 100 winning photographs and an accompanying video.

Attracting over two million visitors annually worldwide, Wildlife Photographer of the Year is renowned not only for its compelling imagery but also for the quality of its interpretation. The exhibition sparks a global conversation about sustainability and the conservation of wildlife - it challenges and encourages people around the world to consider their responsibility to protect our planet's breath-taking biodiversity.

We are thrilled that our children have been able to take part in this conversation, which we hope they may have continued at home. Our thanks to the gallery staff at Tonbridge and to the parents who were able to walk the children to the venue which made the visits possible.







Forest School

Amendments to Forest School Diary

Due to the fantastic set of new events planned in Term 2, we have had to amend the Forest School Timetable significantly. Please see the changed dates below. The full list of Forest School sessions can be found on the School Diary on our website and daily at 07:15 on our Twitter feed.

A full Christmas Events Diary Dates list will be published and sent out early next week as we look forward to lots of festive fun in and around school.

Monday 7 November - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Friday 11 November - Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

Thursday 24 November - Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

Friday 25 November - Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)

Monday 28 November - Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)

Tuesday 29 November - Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs Knee)

Friday 1 December - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)

Friday 2 December - Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)

Monday 5 December - No Forest School Planned

Tuesday 6 December - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill)

Wednesday 7 December - No Forest School Planned

Thursday 8 December - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Monday 12 December - No Forest School Planned

Tuesday 13 December - Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)

Wednesday 14 December - No Forest School Planned

Thursday 15 December - Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

We apologise for any inconvenience these changes will cause and hope that the children continue to enjoy the rich and varied events planned across the term.

Working at Slade

Administrative Assistant with Finance Focus

Jill Westwood, School Business Manager

We are excited to be expanding our administration team with a new position.

We are looking for an passionate, enthusiastic & organised person to be our new Administrative Assistant (with finance focus), to provide support to the School Business Manager & SLT in financial and administrative functions.

The new Administrator will be part of the support team in the main office 5 days a week in the afternoons. Please don't hesitate to contact me in the school office if you have any questions about the vacancy.
The closing date is Monday 7 November at midday.

KENT-TEACH.COM

For more information and to apply via kent-teach.com:

Administrative Assistant (Finance Focus)Administration at Slade Primary School, Tonbridge (kent-teach.com)

Slade Stats

Attendance

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.

The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted.

Attendance Target	97%
Attendance This Week	95.9%
Attendance This Year	96.1%

Punctuality

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	18

Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup winners are announced each Friday live from the normal celebration assembly via our Twitter feed which also includes the weekly winners of our Pupil of the Week prizes from the EYFS and KS1 Golden Book and KS2 Diamond Book as well as the champion house from the weekly totting up of Housepoints from across KS1 and KS2.

Follow us to find out more @sladeprimarysch.

Dear Parents & Carers

Our Communication to You

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 24 October	Riverside Court Thankyous	
Monday 24 October	October Break Flu Clinics	All School
Monday 24 October	Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Year 4 Parents
Monday 24 October	Changes to Forest School Dates: Week 1 of Term 2	Year 1 and 2 Parents
Monday 24 October	EYFS Newsletter	EYFS Parents
Monday 24 October	Year 6 Secondary School Applications	Year 6 Parents
Monday 24 October	Year 6 Leaving Events (Consent)	Year 6 Parents
Tuesday 25 October	Dancemode Classes	
Wednesday 26 October	Year 6 Secondary School Applications	
Thursday 27 October	Job Vacancy at Slade	
Friday 28 October	Parent Donations to School: Thankyou	
Friday 28 October	EYFS Classrooms: An Update from Mrs Slade	EYFS Parents
Monday 31 October	Afternoon Collection from Pixie Class	Pixie Class Parents
Monday 31 October	Today at Slade	
Monday 31 October	Term 2 Parent Drop-In for Year 5 and 6	Year 5 and 6 Parents
Monday 31 October	The Judd School Music Concert	Year 5 Parents
Tuesday 1 November	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 1 November	EYFS Phonics Meeting	EYFS Parents
Tuesday 1 November	PTA Fireworks Evening: Tickets	All School
Tuesday 1 November	Pixie Class Forest School Highlights	Pixie Class Parents
Tuesday 1 November	Kent Community Health Screening Letter	EYFS and Year 6 Parents
Tuesday 1 November	Bikeability Groups and Dates	Bikeability Participants
Wednesday 2 November	Today at Slade	
Thursday 3 November	Today at Slade	
Thursday 3 November	Times Tables Learning at Slade	All School
Friday 4 November	Today at Slade	
Friday 4 November	Gnome Class Forest School Highlights	Gnome Class Parents
Friday 4 November	Celebration Assembly	