



Slade Primary School

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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and managing to keep warm this week!

As you may be aware from media coverage the The National Education Union (NEU) on Monday announced that its ballot of teacher members in England has met the thresholds required to commence industrial action. The first of the proposed dates for possible national and regional action is Wednesday 1 February. A large proportion of our staff team are members of the NEU and therefore it is highly probable that learning will be affected on this and subsequent strike days. Please be assured that I am working closely with our staff union representative to keep up to date with the situation, and will update you with further details as soon as I am aware of any classes that will be affected by this industrial action. I am sorry that I cannot be more specific at this moment in time but am hopeful that I will be able to share more information with you during the coming week.

Parts of the school have today resembled a Slumber-Party with many of the children in Fire House choosing to spend the day in their pyjamas!! What an array of onesies we had!! At the end of each term the winners of the Housepoint Cup get to democratically agree what their collective reward will be for earning the most amount of Housepoints across the term. As Fire House won in Term 2 they decided that they would like to spend the day at school in their pjs! Well done and thank you to Caitlyn and Matthew for organising this with your house members.

Year 1 were out and about at the start of the week as part of this term's history topic with them heading to The Amelia Scott museum in Tunbridge Wells to investigate the history of toys and enjoy a special topic themed workshop. Despite it being one of the coldest days this winter all of the children and adults had a fabulous time learning about how toys have changed and evolved over the years. They even got to enjoy a train ride too! Do check out some of the photos from their trip further on in this newsletter or on our Twitter feed.

Still with Twitter, it was great fun following the Twitter feed on Monday evening, as we were kept up to date with the goings on at the O2 Young Voices Choir concert. Congratulations to all of the children involved who were a credit to the school in both the way that they performed and how they behaved. We are very proud of you all! Well done to all the parents who went along and joined in the fun too! Special thanks to all of the school staff who gave up their evening to accompany the children and special thanks to Mrs Stephens and Mrs Ball for planning and leading the trip. It is all very much appreciated.

Thank you to the parents and carers who ventured out on a chilly January evening to attend the first PTA meeting of 2023. We do appreciate all the time and effort that you put into organising events to raise funds that then enable the purchasing of items for all children in school to enjoy. Do look out for the planned PTA newsletter which will include a calendar of all the fabulous fundraising events that are coming up this year so that you can put the dates in your diaries!

A reminder please that in order to safeguard all children and staff the Deacon House driveway and car park is not for parental parking at any time, even when collecting from Yetis at the end of the day.

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation with this matter.

Finally, a special mention to Ethan, Iris and Ollie on their fantastic sporting achievements last weekend; They all took part in the Kent County Athletics Trials at The Stour Centre in Ashford where they competed in Decathlon events against 90 children from schools across the county. They all finished in the top 10 with third place finishes for both Iris and Ethan, which is amazing when also considering the competition - they presently await details of their inclusion within the Kent representative teams.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.



For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 23 January	Hydra Class Swimming
Tuesday 24 January	
Wednesday 25 January	Invicta Literacy Challenge - Participants aware of details
Thursday 26 January	Key Stage 1 Healthy Eating Roadshow Griffin Class Swimming
Friday 27 January	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin)
TUESDAY	Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)
FRIDAY	Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers)

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	Y1-4 French, Y1-6 First Class Football, Y2-6 Right Step Company, KS1 Multi Skills, KS1 BSL
TUESDAY	Y1 Book Club , KS2 DanceMode, KS2 Marshall's Cricket
WEDNESDAY	KS1 Sports , Y4-6 Yoga , Y4-6 Choir , KS2 West Kent Athletics, Y1-6 Art Trolley, Y5/6 Mindfulness
THURSDAY	Y3/4 Hockey , Y1/2 Signing , Y5/6 Homework , Y1-6 First Class Basketball, KS1 DanceMode
FRIDAY	Y5/6 Sports , YR - 6 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:

Friday 3 February	Year 3 Roman Day Please make sure payment is made via your Arbor Account and make-up consent provided to the school office via form
Friday 3 February	Year 5 Orienteering More details nearer the time
Monday 6 February	Year 6 Hillview School Art Workshop More details nearer the time
Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day 

Around School



Junior Librarians for Term 3

School Librarian Caroline Mawson has enjoyed getting to know the new School Librarians as they have joined her in working in the library over the last couple of weeks. The librarians help out in vital jobs in the library which helps keep it running successfully and with efficiency.

The librarians this term are:

Year 3 - Sid, Scarlett, Jiwon and Imogen

Year 4 - Chloe, Eleanor, Emilia and Jennifer

Year 5 - Bea, Zak, Tobi and Sophie

Year 6 - Nylah, Tapasya, Jacob and Zi



Dance Day Meal



Thankyou to all of the children who ate from the Nourish special mealday menu yesterday. Across EYFS and KS1 93% of children had a school dinner which included Hokey Cokey Hot Dog, Macarena Macaroni and Jiving Jackets. The menu was prepared by Helena and her team in the kitchen for School Census Day where the number of Universal Free Meals (those provided by Government for children in EYFS and Key Stage 1) are measured to make sure that the budget provided to schools is appropriate.



Kent Police Community Voice

My Community Voice is a new and exciting two-way messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves.

Kent Police Youth Engagement Officer Toni Matthew wrote to us this week saying, 'My Community Voice is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts sent by Kent Police, share information and most importantly, it allows you to tell the police about issues that are affecting you.'

You will be able to play an active part in police appeals as well as being kept up to date with what is happening in your local area.

Unlike social media, My Community Voice is a secure and personal messaging system that allows you to determine what type of alerts you receive and how.

If you are passionate about your neighbourhood and want to have your voice heard, then sign up to My Community Voice via the QR code.'



My Community Voice allows you to comment by clicking the 'reply' link within a message. This will be sent back to the person that posted the alert. All emails are read and actioned.

Sign up today to start getting alerts about the matters that mean the most to you such as community safety, anti-social behaviour, including speeding and many others. Kent Police are committed to engaging with communities, **understanding what's important to them**, increasing trust and confidence and helping to protect people from harm. Police, partners, and the public working together can build resilient and safe communities, and both reduce and prevent crime. Sign up to My Community Voice now to keep up to date with what is really happening in your area.

You can email for more information via: www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

This service should not be used as a crime reporting tool. Please use www.kent.police.uk/report or in an emergency, if a crime is in progress or life is in danger, call 112 or 999.

Young Voices 2023



KS2 Choir at The o2

What a night it was at Greenwich's o2 Arena on Tuesday as schools across the country and beyond took part in this year's Young Voices concert. As well as schools from the South East, London and the rest of England, there was a group of singers from a school in Switzerland!

The Slade contingent was made up of 40 members of the Key Stage 2 Choir who have been building up to this event in their weekly sessions with Mrs Stephens and Mrs Luffingham, both of who are very proud of all of the children who have been practising so hard in recent weeks either side of their Christmas performances in December.

There were over 8000 children in the o2, with Slade giving it all as you would expect, helping to create a great vibe and atmosphere all night long. In addition, we were treated to the sight of the whole event being enthusiastically signed for BSL users in the performances.

As well as the planned songs from the 8000 strong choir brought together for the night, the children had the chance to sing alongside music legend Heather Small, which brought a tear to many eyes with everyone singing along to 'Proud' amongst other hits such as 'Moving On Up'



Another highlight of the night, was a performance from star violist, Anna Phoebe, who performed an amazing set for the audience. Her show was capped off with a corroboration with Beat Box outfit and Young Voices regulars, Urban Strides.

Anna Phoebe and Urban Strides, YV2023 Preview via YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lx_jZfzf_lg



Out and About



Year 1 Visit to Tunbridge Wells

On Wednesday, we saw our first yeargroup trip out of school of the year as Year 1 classes Pixie and Elf took the train down to Tunbridge Wells to visit the Amelia Museum which allowed us to learn more about our topic of toys.

Everyone had a great time on their first school trip out by firstly walking along to the railway station to catch the train - spotting lots of the landmarks and characteristics of Tunbridge that we have been looking at in class as well.

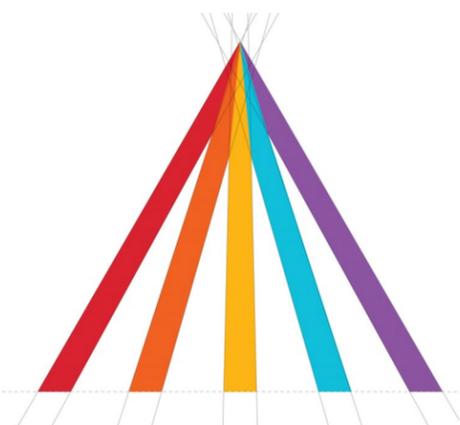
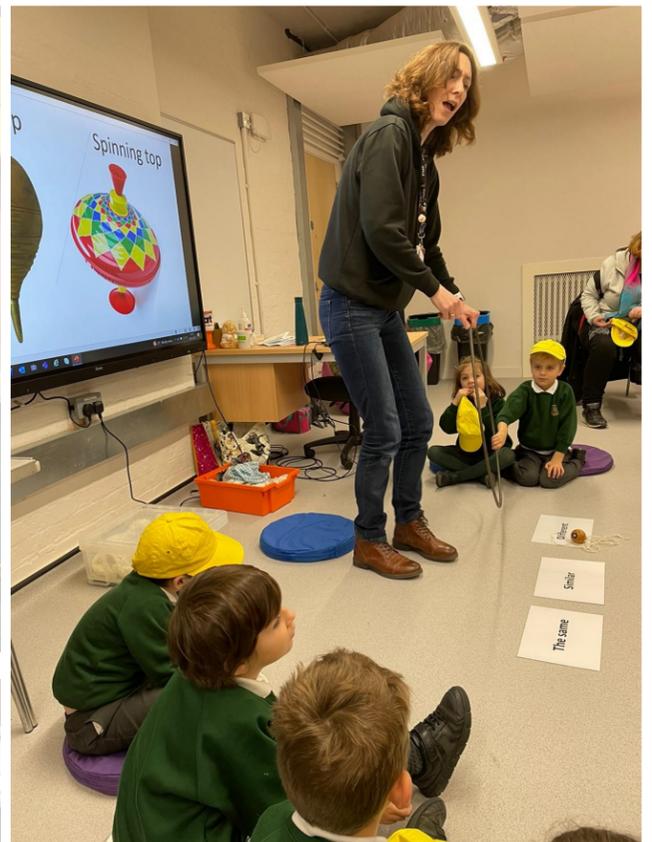
Each class had time in the Toy Workshop provided by the Amelia Museum, which allowed each of the children to see real toys from across the ages including cuddle bears, spinning tops and hoops. They were able to group the toys after deciding which were the same to the toys that they recognise from today, which were similar and which were completely different.

Emilia decided that her favourite was 'Sweaker' a cuddle bear from the 1930's who travelled with an evacuee child from the large towns to the countryside during World War 2.

Furthermore, the children were able to visit the attached library and read and colour in there while the opposite class were enjoying their workshop. The staff at the Amelia were very impressed by the engagement shown by all of the children as well as their behaviour all day.

Lastly, the Year 1 classes were able to explore the museum, which allowed them the chance to open drawers to the past, to try on costumes from the ages and find out a little bit more about the history of Tunbridge Wells.

During all of this they enjoyed lunch together and the trip back to school; Sophia from Elf Class told us that she loved being on the train journey being able to talk to all of her friends as they sped through the West Kent landscape.



More from The Amelia Museum, Tunbridge Wells: <https://theamelia.co.uk/>

Slade Sport



National League Trust U11 Cup

On Thursday we were proud to send two teams to Longmead, the home of National League South team Tonbridge Angels, to take part in the first stage of the National League Trust Under 11 Cup. This tournament is by far the biggest competition we have sent teams to and shows how far we have grown on varied sports fields, halls and pitches in the past 3 years.

The National League Trust supports community programmes at clubs who are members of the three divisions of the National League. This support comes in the form of grant aid and development advice. The aim is to encourage every National League club to become involved in their community.



Projects range from music, dance and other arts activities, encouraging volunteering, work with young people not in education or training (NEETs), helping disability groups to play sport, and creating educational initiatives for both adult and children – including literacy and numeracy programmes. There has been work with isolated community groups, green projects, information about healthy eating and lifestyle, and working in partnership with schools to deliver football coaching and other initiatives.



The teams played in a round robin tournament yesterday against local sides: Royal Rise, St Augustine (Tunbridge Wells), Bidborough, Pembury, Hildenborough and East Peckham. Some sides had girls and boys teams, while others played a mixed team. Our teams were over at Longmead for the whole day as the competition took place across 6 hours of play on Tonbridge Angels new for this season 3G pitch which has allowed them to increase their community reach and to see girls and boys from across the area get to play on the pitch of their local heroes.

The Slade Boys team played well throughout, but fell short of making the next stage of the cup. They found themselves half way up the standings in 6th place. Congratulations to Ethan, Ollie, Spencer, Jacob, Jackson, Tobias, Jake and Peter for representing themselves and Slade so well during each match.

Regular readers with a good memory will recall that our girls team is something very special and are current Tonbridge and West Kent champions. They continued this excellent form at Longmead as they made it through to the final of the cup, finishing in 1st place overall on Thursday. We are incredibly proud of all of the girls for this achievement a year on from their previous best. Our team line up from Year 4-6 competed against sides, some of which included mainly Year 6 boys and was: Sophie, Olivia, Victoria, Tapasaya, Emi, Keeva, Mia-Rose and Harriet. They are now through to the final where they will play the second placed team, St Augustine from Tunbridge Wells. This will be held back at Longmead on Saturday 4 February (details to be confirmed) before Tonbridge Angels National League South match versus play off hopefuls Worthing FC. We will issue details on how to watch the girls as soon as we have it.



Catch Tonbridge Angels in action in the next few weeks with Jay Saunders' team in action at Longmead Stadium in Kent derby action versus Dover Athletic on Tuesday 24 January (kick off 19:45), next Saturday, 28 January against Braintree and the big game with Worthing on Saturday 4 February (kick off both 15:00) Children under 12 years old gain free admittance to Angels matches when accompanied by a paying adult. More details: <https://www.tonbridgeangels.co.uk/>



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

95.4%

Attendance This Year

94.4%

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

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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](https://twitter.com/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 16 January	Today at Slade + cold weather reminder	
Monday 16 January	Hearing Screening from Kent School Health	EYFS Parents
Monday 16 January	Year 1 DT	Year 1 Parents
Monday 16 January	Primary School Applications Deadline	
Monday 16 January	Gruffalo Class Forest School Highlights	Gruffalo Class Parents
Monday 16 January	Badminton Festival Action	
Tuesday 17 January	Today at Slade + Young Voices 2023	
Tuesday 17 January	On the Way: Young Voices 2023	
Tuesday 17 January	Arrival at the o2	
Tuesday 17 January	Young Voices Collection	Participants Parents
Tuesday 17 January	Rehearsal Action	
Tuesday 17 January	Raving Teachers	
Tuesday 17 January	Sprite Class Forest School Highlights	Sprite Class Parents
Wednesday 18 January	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 18 January	Year 1 Arrival in Tunbridge Wells	
Wednesday 18 January	Toy Workshop at the Amelia Museum	
Wednesday 18 January	Homeward Bound!	
Wednesday 18 January	Dance Day Menu	
Wednesday 18 January	Dance Day Menu	
Thursday 19 January	Today at Slade + National League Trust Cup	
Thursday 19 January	Arrival at Longmead	
Thursday 19 January	Enjoying the Dance Day Menu	
Thursday 19 January	EYFS Hearing Screen: Additional Message from NHS Kent School Health Team	EYFS Parents
Friday 20 January	Today at Slade	
Friday 20 January	Maths Newsletter	All School
Friday 20 January	Maths Newsletter and Lucas the Winner!	
Friday 20 January	Thankyou to our Parents and Carers	
Friday 20 January	Celebration Assembly	