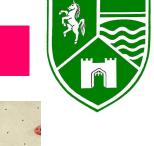


# Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 3 February 2023 / Term 3, Issue 4





# Karen Slade



#### Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a different sort of week but still another busy one here at Slade which has included welcoming visitors into school for some of our year groups. On Thursday we welcomed the team from Stradbrook dentists into our Key Stage 2 classes for a session on dental hygiene, with children learning the best and most efficient way to brush and clean their teeth. I'm sure that your children will be keen to show you too if they haven't already done so! The children were also thrilled to receive their goody bag of dental products for all of the family to enjoy too! We look forward to welcoming the team back to our Reception and Key Stage 1 classes in the coming days; thank you to the team at Stradbrook and to Mrs Hitchcock for organizing.





Today, Year 3 embraced their 'inner-Roman' as they enjoyed a day of role play and drama as they explored in more detail their topic for this term. The children enjoyed working with our visiting theatre company 'Living History', recreating Roman battles and performing in amphitheatres! It has been great to see (and hear!) the work that the children have produced during this 'hands on' experience throughout the day. They really are now our Roman experts!

Congratulations and well done to our January Daily Mile Challenge winners who, as a result of their achievements with their running this month, were nominated for the amazing reward of a visit to the Chimera Climbing Wall in Tunbridge Wells. And what a great time was had by all! Do check out the photos further on in the newsletter; a huge well done to all of the children for challenging themselves on the wall with some making the climb to the top! Thank you to Mrs Ball for providing the motivation to all the runners this month and for organizing the reward too. We're now all looking forward to welcoming Key Stage 1 winners of the running challenge to their runners' breakfast on Monday morning!

Yesterday we bid farewell to Christina Ekperigin, Family Liaison Officer, after nearly 5 years of working here at Slade. Christina is leaving us to spend more time with her family whilst continuing to complete her degree course too. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all in the Slade community to publicly thank Christina for all that she has done during her time with us and for the difference that she has made to the children and families with whom she has worked. With all good wishes to you Christina as you begin your next chapter with your own family.



Thank you to our Class Reps who came into school on Tuesday afternoon for the first meeting of 2023. It was great as always to catch up whilst hearing your thoughts and feedback on this term's 'hot topic' of Reading Diaries. It was great to hear your ideas and suggestions; we look forward to continuing to work with you on this topic in the coming months. Further information regarding the re-introduction of a reading diary as an additional form of communication about your child's reading progress will be shared with you at the start of Term 4, so do look out for this information.

Finally, all the very best and good luck to our girls' football team who tomorrow take on St. Augustine's (Tunbridge Wells) in the finals of the U11 Primary School Horsepower Cup, playing at 1pm at Longmead Stadium, the home of Tonbridge Angels. I'm sorry that I'm unable to be there in person to cheer you on but will be keeping up to date with your progress on our Twitter feed. Go Team Slade!

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade.

# For Your Diary



# Next Week:

Day	Event		
Saturday 4 February	National League Trust Cup Final: Longmead Stadium - See Page 5 for full details		
Monday 6 February - Friday 10 February	Children's Mental Health Week - See Page 8 for full details		
Monday 6 February	Hillview Art Workshop for Year 6		
	Online Safety Assembly for EYFS, Year 1,2,3		
	Hydra Class Swimming		
Tuesday 7 February	E-Safety Day		
	Online Safety Assembly for Year 4,5,6		
Wednesday 8 February	Judo Competition - Participants aware of details		
Thursday 9 February	Year 5 Prevent Training		
	Griffin Class Swimming		
Friday 10 February	Sports Leaders Conference - Participants aware of details		
	Last Day of Term 3		

# **Forest School Next Week:**

MONDAY	Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs Knee)		
TUESDAY	Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)		
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY	Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)		
FRIDAY	Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth)		

# **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:

Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February	February Break - School closed to all pupils	
Monday 20 February	Spring at Slade! First Day of Term 4	
	Hydra Class Swimming - This is the last session	
Thursday 23 February	Hydra Class Swimming - This is the last session	
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day	
Friday 10 March	Sports Relief Mini Mile	

# Around School



### Springtime at Yeti's

The booking window for securing a place at Yeti's Breakfast and After School Club for Term 4 will be open on Monday 6 February at 20:00.

We have returned to an evening opening due to popular demand by users of the provision, thankyou to everyone who offered feedback on this.



To book places for Yeti's, you need to log in to your SCOPAY account (Wraparound is not yet booked via Arbor) and make sure that the account is topped up with the amount required to book. If paying by credit or debit card, the system will not allow bookings until the account has been topped up and we ask that childcare and Government voucher payers make sure that they have enough funds in advance where possible as well.

If you have any questions about this, please address them to School Business Manager, Jill Westwood, through the School Office email address.

Term 4 runs from Monday 20 February to Friday 31 March inclusive, with no planned closure days.

### **PTA Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the PTA meeting held on Thursday 19 January are now available to read on the school website. The meeting included a debrief on the activities of Term 1 and 2 as well as a look ahead at the term ahead.

The attendees also took a look at funds and expenditure and the wish list of items requested by the school such as ICT kit for classrooms.

It was a busy and informative meeting which ended with the appointment of Gemma Miller as co-Secretary. Congratulations and thankyou to Gemma for taking on this role.

The date for the next meeting will be advertised in a future newsletter.

PTA Minutes via the school website

### E-Safety Day: Tuesday 7 February

Next Tuesday is Internet Safety Day, held across the globe to promote safer use of online tools especially for children.



Here at Slade, we will be joining in with activities happening through the school.

We will cover the events next week, but as a preview we are grateful to our Year 5 and 6 Safeguarding Champions for organising a lot of the learning including in the younger years a board game called 'Can you help me please?' to be played in small groups and in Key Stage 2 collating information which will help to answer the question of the day, 'What issues really matter to children?'

Keep an eye out on our Twitter feed on Tuesday for more activities and a Safer Internet Day video to watch concentrating on celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

# Supporting Slade



### Football Final Fever Heats Up!

We are all looking forward to tomorrow afternoon, when our U11 Girls Football Team will be competing in their biggest event to date by taking on St Augustine's Catholic Primary School (Tunbridge Wells) in the regional final of the National League Trust Cup, sponsored by Horsepower.

The big match takes place at Longmead Stadium, home of Tonbridge Angels FC with a 13:00 kick off, however there is a whole day of fun planned from 9 in the morning!

Saturday is Football is for Everyone Day at The Angels, when the 1st team entertain Worthing FC. However the day is not just about the 1st team but is where diversity across the community is celebrated.

Starting at 9:00am there will be an Inclusivity Tournament followed by a disability match between Angels and Worthing.

At 13:00 is when the Slade girls come onto the pitch in their cup final, the winners going through to the next stage of the competition with ultimately a chance to play at Wembley in May. This will be the curtain raiser to the National South fixture against Worthing which kicks off at the traditional time of 15:00.

Afterwards, socialising will continue in the Angels Marquee.

Tonbridge Angels invite everyone along to their Football is for Everyone day on Saturday and provide the following timetable on their website:

'Specific timings for the various events are as follows:- The Football for Everyone Tournament starts at 9:00am and runs through until 1:00pm with 30' for each match. At 1:00pm the Horsepower Cup U11 Tournament will take place and at the same time on a separate area of the pitch there will be an exhibition of disability football with a 7 a side Angels side playing a Worthing Disability side. These matches will all conclude by 1:30pm after which the Angels and Worthing 1st teams will commence their pre-match warm ups for the National South fixture at 3:00pm.

The Tea bar will be open from 9am for hot and cold drinks and food while, The Angels Sports Bar will open at 12:00pm and The Angels Marquee from 12:30pm. .

Turnstiles will be open at 9:00am and if people want to stay for the entire day including the Angels v Worthing National League South game, we'll charge them when they arrive, and give them a ticket. Following the conclusion of the diversity tournament at 1:30pm the fans will be invited to leave via the exit at the north end of the ground, unless they hold a ticket. If they did not purchase a ticket upon entry but wish to stay, they should exit the ground at the north end and re-enter via the turnstiles, paying on the way back in.

Tea bar will be open from 9:00am for hot and cold drinks and food, while the Angels Sports bar will open from 12:00pm and the Angels Marquee Bar from 12:30pm.

Interested in playing for Fans for Diversity FC and showing your support for inclusivity in football? Then please email <a href="mailto:ross.bennett@tonbridgeangels.co.uk">ross.bennett@tonbridgeangels.co.uk</a> and you could be involved in what is going to be a special day.

Whether you are involved in playing or just supporting, we hope you can be with us for the whole or at least part of the day to help make the occasion special for everyone. '



If you are planning on staying for the day, tickets for Tonbridge Angels v Worthing can be bought in advance via tonbridgeangels.co.uk: <a href="https://tonbridgeangelsfc.ticketco.events/uk/en/e/tonbridge\_angels\_vs\_worthing?">https://tonbridgeangelsfc.ticketco.events/uk/en/e/tonbridge\_angels\_vs\_worthing?</a>
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Adult £15.00, Concession 65+ £12.00, 12-17 year old accompanied by adult £6.00, Under 12 accompanied by adult - FREE!

# Supporting Slade



### **Meet our Green Team!**

Looking forward to the National League Trust cup tomorrow at Longmead Stadium as part of Tonbridge Angels 'Football is for Everyone' day, we caught up with our squad to preview the match and find out from them all about their football

favourites!

#### Emi

Position: Goal, Defence or Midfield

Favourite Player: Aaron Ramsdale

Play for: Tonbridge Invicta

Looking forward to: Playing the match



#### Harriet

Position: Striker

Favourite Team: Arsenal

Favourite Player: Gabriel Jesus

Play for: Rusthall

Looking forward to: Just playing - I always enjoy playing football



#### Keeva

Position: Up Front

Favourite Team: Tottenham

Favourite Player: Harry Kane

Play for: Tonbridge Invicta

Looking forward to: the game as it will be fun, I love to play football all of the time.



#### Mia

Position: Midfield /Right Wing

Favourite Team: Tottenham

Favourite Player: Harry Kane

Play for: Tonbridge Juniors Girls

Looking forward to: I am excited because it is the finals and I love playing with my school team.

#### Olivia

Position: Striker

Favourite Team: Southampton

BARCANS RCAYS

Favourite Player: Fran Kirby

Play for: Tonbridge Juniors &

Academy

Looking forward to: To have FUN! Never forget to have fun!



#### Sophie

Position: Striker

Favourite Team: Liverpool

Favourite Player: Lionel Messi

Play for: Tonbridge Juniors & Tonbridge and Malling Schools



#### Tapasya

Position: Defence or Midfield

Play for: Tonbridge Juniors

Looking forward to: Playing; I love playing football



#### Victoria



Position: Left Midfield
Favourite Team: Fulham
Favourite Player: Tom
Cairney

Play for: Tonbridge Juniors

Looking forward to: it will be a great experience to represent the school in a sport.





### **Roman Day**

Today, we have been thrilled to welcome back to Slade, Timothy and Corrine from Living History Workshops. The pair, based in Dymchurch, travel to schools to bring history to life and today they have been with our Year 3 children who have just begun their topic of The Romans, entertaining and educating Pegasus and Hippogriff Classes in equal measure.

The day kicked off with the children exploring a timeline pre and post Roman times as their empire expanded through Europe including their landing in Britain in 55BC.

It is with that landing by Caesar that the action started as first Timothy and Corrine described the mood of the regions of Britain and the effect that the Romans were to have as they arrived. The children than performed a re-enactment of that time as the Romans fought the defending mainly different Celtic tribes living here at the time.









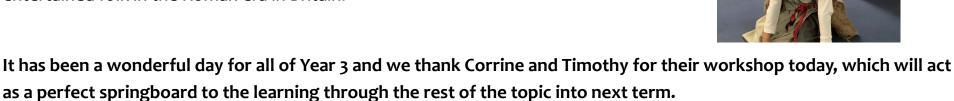
Once the Romans had settled and Britain had become part of the empire, their way of life was pretty much established across the nation, Pegasus and Hippogriff Classes learnt how to march like a Roman soldier of the time and learnt a little bit of the language that was spoken by the Romans: Latin.



This afternoon, the children have found out all about the protective amulet that each Roman child would have been given. Worn a bit like a modern locket, everybody made one each to take home to keep.

The Romans are famous for their gladiatorial sports, and our pupils have been to Gladiator School today, to find out what the Gladiators did and how they fought.

Finally, we took part in a Roman pantomime, Pyramus and Thisbe, a dramatic story that entertained folk in the Roman era in Britain.



# Focus on Year 5



### Orienteering

The topic in Year 5 this term has been all about the National Parks of Britain. The children have loved finding out about all the leisure activities that go on within the National Parks and this afternoon, they have had a go at one by spending time in the adjacent park taking part in some orienteering.

Orienteering is an exciting outdoor adventure sport involving walking or running while navigating around a course. Participants use a detailed map, and sometimes a compass, rather than following a set course. They have to reach set control points along the way.

The children have been working in teams of six so the activity today has helped to develop their teamwork skills as well as their problem solving abilities.

The groups each had an I-Pad and each of the control points was furnished with a QR Code, which when scanned gave a letter and a further clue. Competing, they finally raced to the finish to try and work out the answer which was a word made up out of the gathered letters. This worked out to be BRITISH NATIONAL PARKS!











A group of children orienteering in one of England's great National Parks, Dartmoor in Devon.

# Mental Health Week



Next week at Slade we are taking an active role in Children's Mental Health Week from Place2Be.



The theme of the week is Let's Connect; Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

**Let's Connect** is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond.

Keep an eye out on Twitter all of next week to see some of the activities that the children will be doing in relation to this theme. We will also have videos to provide more background and help.

Remember, if your child or anyone in your family are having any struggles with any aspect of your mental health, or if you are worrying about anything at all we are able to help. In confidence you can contact our Family Liaison Officer, Maxine Button, via email at <a href="mailto:flo@slade.kent.sch.uk">flo@slade.kent.sch.uk</a> or via the School Office.



# Around School



### Daily Mile Reward: Chimera Climbing

On Thursday, a group of 12 children travelled to the Chimera Climbing centre in Tunbridge Wells as a reward for showing an amazingly positive attitude during the daily mile walk, run or skip around the playground in Term 3. The children were nominated by their teachers for the special prize during the wellbeing sessions we run each day at Slade.



















Mrs Ball is looking forward to hosting a special breakfast next week for other winners of the Term 3 Daily Mile Challenge.

# Dental Nurses Clean Up in KS2

We were very pleased to see Kelly and Ellen from Stradbrook Dental Surgery visit the school on Thursday.

The visit was arranged by Mrs Hitchcock and the nurses toured the Key Stage 2 classes giving lessons in good dental hygiene - including healthy eating for teeth and most importantly; how to brush teeth properly with suitable tooth paste.

Each child walked home with a Stradbrook goody bag which included a toothbrush, toothpaste a sticker a timer and information for parents.

The nurses will be back in the Spring to see the children in Key Stage 1 and our two Early Years Classes.





# 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.



# **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.



# 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 30January	Today at Slade	<b>y</b>
Monday 30 January	Dragon Class Forest School Highlights	Dragon Class Parents 🔹
Monday 30 January	Nourish Menu Changes This Week	All School
Monday 30 January	Headteacher's Update	<b>y</b>
Tuesday 31 January	Today at Slade	<b>y</b>
Tuesday 31 January	Griffin Class Forest School Highlights	Griffin Class Parents
Tuesday 31 January	Yeti's and Extra Curriculum Clubs on Wednesday	All School 🔷
Tuesday 31 January	Dental No Show!	<b>y</b>
Tuesday 31 January	Orienteering in Year 5	Year 5 Parents
Tuesday 31 January	Hydra Class Update	Hydra Class Update 🔹
Tuesday 31 January	Update from Mrs Slade	Various Classes
Wednesday 1 February	Today at Slade	<b>y</b>
Wednesday 1 February	Girls Football Final / Tonbridge Angels Football For Everyone  Day	<b>y</b>
Thursday 2 February	Today at Slade	<b>y</b>
Thursday 2 February	Eduardo Paolozzi Exhibition	Year 3 Parents
Thursday 2 February	The Stradbrook Smile!	<b>y</b>
Thursday 2 February	Chimera Climbing Action	<b>y</b>
Thursday 2 February	KS2 Goody Bags	<b>y</b>
Friday 3 February	Today at Slade	<b>y</b>
Friday 3 February	Hydra Class Forest School Highlights	Hydra Class Parents
Friday 3 February	Ready for the Romans!	<b>y</b>
Friday 3 February	Celebration Assembly	<b>y</b>
Friday 3 February	Year 5 Orienteering	Y