

Slade Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 31 March 2023 / Term 4, Issue 6



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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the unseasonal weather, this week has continued to have a Spring-like feel in the learning and activities that have been happening throughout the school. Many thanks to our green fingered Reception children for brightening up the beds and borders in their outdoor area with their early spring gardening; we look forward to seeing your new plants flourish in the coming months! And thank you too to Elmer and Gruffalo classes for continuing to care for our very own Easter bunnies, Spotty and Smiggle! Do read on into the newsletter to get a flavour of what else has been happening across the whole school this week.

At the start of the week during our assemblies we were treated to performances by two of our school choirs. Monday saw our Key Stage 1 Signing Choir share their super singing and signing with the children in Years 1, 2 and 3, which was the first presentation to a live audience for many of the children that performed! Then Tuesday it was the turn of our Key Stage 2 Choir who shared with the older children the two pieces that they had sung at last week's Tonbridge Choir event. We all thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to hear and see both choirs sing so enthusiastically and to share in your passion for singing with you too! Thank you for performing to us and many thanks to all the adults involved for making this happen.

We were very disappointed yesterday to have to postpone the much anticipated Key Stage 1 Tonbridge Schools' Football tournament following an early morning pitch inspection which deemed the pitch unplayable. Sadly, due to this week's relentless rain, the field is currently waterlogged and far too soggy for the event to have safely taken place and be enjoyed by all. However, our team's training will not have been in vain as the fixture has been rearranged for the start of Term 5; so I look forward to cheering on 'Team Slade ' on Thursday 20th April instead! Fingers crossed now for some warmth and sunshine during the Easter break to dry out the pitch!

It has been another week of sporting achievements! From gymnastics to trampolining to Boccia, children from across the year groups have been out and about once again representing the school and performing with pride. Do read on to find out more about these events or take a look at our Twitter page for some pictures too. An overview of the extensive range of clubs and activities on offer for Term 5 is now available on the school website for you to browse and book!

Today Miss Garrett and I once again welcomed our Golden Table Winners to join us at lunchtime, where we acted as their hosts whilst they dined at the top table. Our winners had all been nominated by our lunchtime staff for a place on the table in recognition of their behaviour and attitude at lunchtime during the term. It was a pleasure to serve them all their lunch and spend this time with the children; well done!

At the time of writing I am very much looking forward to attending the egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt which the fabulous PTA volunteers are hosting on the playground after school later today. Many thanks to all on the PTA Committee who have planned this fundraising egg-stravaganza for all to enjoy! Thank you too for the last minute changes that you have made to the event, in response to today's unseasonal weather, to ensure that the egg hunt can still go ahead for our very egg-cited children. Many thanks from us all; happy hunting everyone!

I hope that you all have a thoroughly restful break over the Easter period and look forward to seeing everyone back in school at the start of Term 5 on **Tuesday 18 April.**

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Day	Event
Monday 3 April - Friday 14 April	Easter Holiday
	School Closed to all Pupils
Monday 17 April	INSET Day 5: Teacher Training: School Closed to all Pupils
	National Offer Day: See Page 4
Tuesday 18 April	First Day of Term 5
	Summertime at Slade!
Wednesday 29 March	
Thursday 30 March	
Friday 31 March	

Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs Knee)
THURSDAY	Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill)
FRIDAY	

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	Y1-4 French, KS,2 Football, Y2-6 Cheerleading, KS1 BSL, EYFS, KS1 Multi Skills	
TUESDAY	Y1 Books, KS2 Street Dance, KS2 Cricket, EYFS Pets	
WEDNESDAY	Y2,3,4 Golf, Y4,5,6 Yoga, KS2 Choir, KS1,2 Athletics, KS1,2 Art	
THURSDAY	Y2 Cricket, Y3,4 Signing Choir, Y3,4 Cricket, KS1,2 Basketball, KS1 Street Dance, Y1 Pets	
FRIDAY	Y5,6 Sports, All School 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 24 April	Pegasus Class Swimming - This is the last session	
Monday 24 April	Class and Group Photographs	
	Matthew Walker Photography	
Tuesday 25 April	18:30 - Year 6 Residential Activity Week	
	Parents Meeting	
Thursday 27 April	Hippogriff Class Swimming - This is the last session	
Monday 1 May	National Holiday - School Closed to all pupils	
Monday 8 May	Coronation of King Charles III - School Closed to all pupils	

Around School

Looking Forward to Summer

Today is the last day of Term 4 and we are all looking forward to a summer of fun starting in Term 5 on Tuesday 18 April.

Everyone at Slade would like to wish all of our families a very active and pleasant two week (and one day) break and a very happy Easter if you are celebrating.

Term 5 Clubs

It was fantastic to see so many parents logging on last night to book places at our rich and varied set of extra curricular clubs and activities planned for Term 5.

It is vital that children who are attending free clubs run by school staff are booked in via your Arbor account as there is a safety capacity that we are not able to exceed. Once a club is full, you will not be able to complete the booking. New clubs this term include KS1 British Sign Language, EYFS and Year 1 Pet Club, Year 2,3 and 4 Golf, Year 2 Cricket and the extended Year 3 and 4 Signing Choir.

The EYFS and Year 1 Pet Clubs are already full as these clubs have a very small capacity. They will be running again in Term 6 for children who are still interested in taking part.

In addition, many thanks to all of the parents who stuck with us on Monday evening as we encountered problems with the Yeti's booking system. We were pleased that we were able to solve these issues within the hour and that booking for our Wraparound service was able to proceed smoothly.

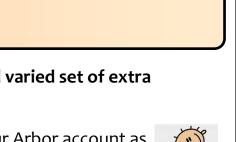
Primary School Offer Day: Monday 17 April

National Offer Day for parents and carers who have made applications for their child to start primary school in September 2023 is on Monday 17 April - the last day of the Easter holiday.

If you have a child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 and have made an

application to Kent County Council for a place at Slade in EYFS from September, you will receive your notification of primary school allocation during the day on 17 April.

If you are offered a place with us at Slade, please wait for our confirmation email which will be sent later that same day







More > The latest from our website on what to do if you are happy or not happy with your offer

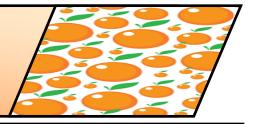
Invent the Hero and Win!

Don't forget your chance to win, by inventing a design the face of Slade's very own Attendance and Punctuality H.E.R.O.

This character will be the face of attendance at Slade, promoting why being here every day, on time and ready to learn is so important.

Let your imagination and creativity begin as you design an amazing attendance H.E.R.O for our school. Designs should be submitted by email to <u>office@slade.kent.sch.uk</u> or by hand to the school office by Tuesday 18 April (The first day of Term 5.)

Nourish News



Summer Menu

Helena and her team in the kitchen are pleased to be preparing for the Summer Terms by presenting the new menu from contract caterers, Nourish.

This menu will be served through the summer and also in Term 1 of 2023/24, finishing at the end of October.

Remember, school meals are free to all pupils across the school who are in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals, all children in EYFS and in Year 1 and 2.

Other children in KS2 are charged £2.40, which should be paid via your Arbor account.

Paper copies of the menu are available from the school office



Coronation Throne



Prize Fit for a King!

In January 2023, Historic Royal Palaces at The Tower of London invited schools across the UK to take part in an exciting competition to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

The competing schools were tasked with designing their own throne to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. There are 15 winners from across the United Kingdom, with the winning designs to be developed with global public art producers Wild in Art and installed at the Tower of London during the Coronation celebrations. The thrones will remain in situ throughout the summer, before being transported to the winning schools as a lasting legacy of the Coronation.

The fantastic news, is that from 1500 entries, Slade Primary School was one of the 15 winners!

We caught up with Wendy Ball, who has been co-ordinating the entry from Slade earlier today, just before she greeted Artist Jill Busby from Wild in Art and Catherine Jones from the Tower of London who visited us today.

The Royal Palaces Art Competition is a wonderful way to celebrate the coronation isn't it?

It certainly is, the coronation is such a big event worldwide and the idea of taking part presented us with the opportunity to have a lasting memory from the occasion and also for the younger children to associate with what the coronation is.

Who are our artists?

We invited a mixture of children, all of who had a love and flair for art. We are incredibly lucky at Slade to have such a diverse mix of children from all backgrounds, all with different, lively personalities, who are proud of themselves and of their school. The children who took part in this project are totally representative of that mix. The only rule we had to follow was for it to be a collaborative project and all from KS2.

From where did they get their inspiration?

They poured over masses of resources, including that available on the Royal Palaces website and with links to past coronations, symbols and ideas. Most of the inspiration came from the children themselves; we talked about what they associated with King Charles and what their hopes for the future were. We went from there.

What were the themes they have tried to bring to the fore in their design?

The competition is to design the decoration for the throne. We were given a blank canvas of the throne used in the actual service - we had to design the lot (front, back, sides and seat.) The actual thrones that will be used to paint our design on are big enough to seat two people! As King Charles likes plants, organic farming and as he cares passionately about the environment, we brought these themes into our design.

Jill from Wild in Art will come in and run a workshop for the children. She will clarify exactly what they want painted on to the throne and then she will work with them to create a mural linked to the coronation to go up in school. We will also be lucky enough to receive a visit from competition organiser Catherine Jones.

And what happens next?

Over 1500 schools in the UK submitted a design and we were one of only 15 who won, so firstly this is a massive achievement. The artists will go away and professionally paint the throne in the children's design. It will then be placed in the Tower of London at the end of April in time for the coronation celebrations. There will be 14 thrones on display as part of the Historic Royal Palaces Coronation Trail which you can go and visit up until September. The other throne will be displayed at Hillsborough in Northern Ireland. The winning children will get a VIP day trip to London in the summer to see the throne and take part in some coronation activities. The throne will then be delivered back to Slade in September for us to keep as a lasting legacy.

Coronation Throne



Visit from Wild in Art





Today, we have been delighted to be joined by Catherine Jones from Historic Royal Palaces at Tower of London and Jill Busby from Wild in Art as they start to put our designs to work.

Firstly, they helped the Slade artists to design a special and unique mural for our school.



Our award winning artists are:

Malvina, Imogen, Jing Yi, Henley, Sai, Zac, Charlotte, Akshara and Ellie.

Congratulations to them all for everything they have achieved so far - and for everything that is to come!

















All of the children have played a massive part individually and as a group to the success of their project, and have shown great thought, care and grown their own self confidence as it has developed.

This was evident today as they completed our very own mural.







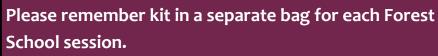
All of the details about the Coronation celebrations throughout the summer, including your chance to see the Slade throne vcan be viewed here: <u>Royal Palaces: Tower of London</u> Find out how our mural is looking after today's activities via our Twitter page:

@sladeprimarysch

Forest School

Term 5 Timetable

Wednesday 19 April - Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs Knee) Thursday 20 April - Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill) Monday 24 April - Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson) Tuesday 25 April - Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock) Thursday 27 April - Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter) Friday 28 April - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mr Louth) Tuesday 2 May - Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne) Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside) Thursday 4 May - Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers) Friday 5 May - Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Duffin) Tuesday 9 May - Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman) Thursday 11 May - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Berrill) Friday 12 May - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor) Monday 22 May - Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Mrs Knee) Tuesday 23 May - Elf Class (Year 1, Mrs Hill) Thursday 25 May - Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)



As well as on Page 3 of every newsletter, the school diary online will tell you which class is at Forest School each day: https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/calendar/? calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1

Our Twitter Feed also informs you of all of the events happening at Slade, including Forest School that day from 07:15 every morning.

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Term 4 **Forest Fun!**









Slade Sport



Angel Centre Gymnastics

We had a great time on Tuesday, along the High Street at the Angel Centre, as the local Sports Partnership held their gymnastics competition. We were one of 32 schools from across Kent who were competing in Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced tournaments.

Our full team line up appeared on our Twitter feed from the event, and each of the children produced fantastic performances, given the level of competition and the complexity of the demands set by the judges.





Each competitor had to learn and perform a floor routine consisting of 10 moves and actions, similarly for the Beam exercise and also (for the advanced pupils) a vault routine. Due to lack of training time, our pupils only had time at home to perfect these routines, so it was especially amazing and thanks to their commitment that our Beginners squad walked away with first place - many congratulations to Anaïs, Venika, Ayra and Hallie for being star gymnasts on the day!

Special mentions also to Megan in Year 6 who was competing in the Advanced tournament who made her friends from her Gymnastics Club very proud as they watched her routine from their own school groups and to Hez, who was the only boy in our group of 15. He didn't let that put him off as he put in a fantastic performance. Hez is an inspiration for the boys in Year 4 and 5 to take part in next years tournament.

Boccia at YMCA, Maidstone

On Wednesday, we attended the Kent Schools Boccia competition being held at the YMCA Centre in Maidstone.

The sport of Boccia is perfectly suited to encourage children to learn about super teamwork, developing confidence and also leadership skills. We were very happy that our team all showed plenty of these attributes throughout the day, even helping other schools organise their teams! Well done especially to Amelia, who is our born leader!

The sport itself is truly inclusive and can be enjoyed by all. Along with the full team line up, we posted a couple of videos on our Twitter feed that explain the sport, give some highlight clips and hear from those who take part in Boccia about why they love it so much! All of the children who came back to school came sporting their medals with beaming smiles and stories of how much they enjoyed themselves.













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.

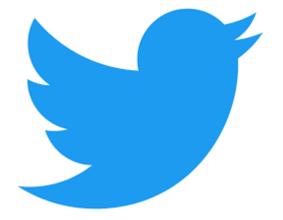
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

Pupils Late This Week



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 <u>@sladeprimarysch</u>.



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 27 March	Today at Slade	Y
Monday 27 March	After School Clubs This Week	All School 🛛
Monday 27 March	Sphinx Class Forest School Highlights	Sphinx Class Highlights 🔹
Monday 27 March	Wyvern Class Forest School Highlights	Wyvern Class Parents 🛛 🚸
Monday 27 March	Yeti's Booking Window	Y
Monday 27 March	SCOPAY Issues: Delay to Yeti's Booking Window	All School 🛛 🐟
Monday 27 March	SCOPAY Now Open	All School 🛛 🚸
Tuesday 28 March	Maths Newsletter	All School 🛛 🚸
Tuesday 28 March	Thankyou to our Parents	Y
Tuesday 28 March	Gymnastics Team	Y
Wednesday 29 March	Today at Slade	Y
Wednesday 29 March	Boccia Team	Y
Wednesday 29 March	Extra Curricular Clubs in Term 5	All School 🛛 🐟
Wednesday 29 March	Gymnastics Action	<u> </u>
Wednesday 29 March	Boccia Action	У
Thursday 30 March	Today at Slade	Y
Thursday 30 March	KS1 Football Tournament Postponement	Y
Thursday 30 March	KS1 Football Tournament Postponement	Participants' Parents 🔹
Thursday 30 March	Trampoline Success	Y
Thursday 30 March	Coronation Competition	>
Friday 31 March	Today at Slade	Y
Friday 31 March	Forest School Cancellation	N N
Friday 31 March	Forest School Cancellation	Hydra Class Parents 🛛 🚸
Friday 31 March	Hippogriff Class Update: Parent Consultations	Hippogriff Class Parents 🛛 📀
Friday 31 March	Wyvern Class Update	Wyvern Class Parents 🛛 😞
Friday 31 March	Wild in Art	
Friday 31 March	Celebration Assembly	У

Dear Slade

Contacting Us

We are always keen to hear from you if you have a positive, negative comment to make about anything going on at school, or if you have a question or need clarification on anything we have sent or said.

We have a number of ways for you to reach out to us; please see the guide below to see where you should direct your question or comments in the first instance in order to make sure we are able to answer you as quickly as possible

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT	WHO YOU NEED TO TALK TO	I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT	WHO YOU NEED TO TALK TO
My child's learning/class activities/lessons/homework	Your child's class email address	Hiring the school premises	sbm@slade.kent.sch.uk
	e.g. <u>elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk</u> .	РТА	sladepta@yahoo.co.uk
My child's wellbeing/pastoral support	Your child's class email address e.g. elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk	Governing Body	governors@slade.kent.sch.uk
Someone different to collect my child from school	In advance:	Catering/meals	teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk
	Your child's class email address	Admissions	admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk
	e.g. <u>elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk</u>	General Enquires	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
	On the day:	Concern	Please speak to your child's class teach
	Call: 01732 350354		first instance. If your concern is not re- then please contact your child's phase
Payments	office@slade.kent.sch.uk		via the school office (office@slade.kent.sch.uk)
School trips	office@slade.kent.sch.uk		EYFS/Year 1: Natalie Pearson Year 2/Year 3: Steph Stephens
Uniform/lost and found	office@slade.kent.sch.uk		Year 4/Year 5/Year 6: Sarah Meers
Attendance and absence requests	If you need to report your child's absence, call: 01732 350 354 in line with our attendance policy.		
	If you want to request approval for term-time absence, please refer to the attendance policy in the first instance (<u>www.slade.kent.sch.uk</u>) and then email your request to <u>office@slade.kent.sch.uk</u>		
Bullying and Behaviour	Your child's class email address e.g. <u>elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk</u>		
School events/the school calendar	Please ensure you have read the newsletter first or visited <u>www.slade.kent.sch.uk</u> office@slade.kent.sch.uk		
Special educational needs and/or disability (SEND)	office@slade.kent.sch.uk		
Before and After-school clubs (Yetis)	vetis@slade.kent.sch.uk		

The Term 4 Golden Table

Congratulations to this term's winners of a Golden Lunch Table spot.

The Golden Table seats are awarded to the children who have shown the lunchtime staff that they have shown respect

and good manners at lunchtimes this term.

Well done everyone!





