Slade
Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 28 April 2023 / Term 5, Issue 2

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Karen Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome a group of parents into school on Tuesday morning to join us at the first of our Maths Workshops during which time all those present got to enjoy playing a range of Maths games and activities with their children. It was joyous to see both children and adults alike problem solving and calculating together! Huge thanks to Mr. Duffin (Maths Leader) for organising and leading the session which was enjoyed by all who were there! I look forward to seeing your photos of you all playing the games from your packs at home!

Still on a Maths theme, today saw the launch of this term's Times Table Rock Stars competition which sees classes in years 2-6 battle against each other to determine who has the greatest Rock Stars! The 4 classes that gain the most points in Term 5 will earn an extra Forest School session with Miss Hall so definitely a prize worth learning your times tables for! Thank you for all your support in helping your children with this aspect of their home learning and promoting the importance of this key skill. I am looking forward to finding out who the winners are at the end of Term 5!

Yesterday, we welcomed Chris Jacobs our Local Authority School Improvement Adviser to the school for his second visit this academic year. Chris spent time with myself and senior leaders to hear of the progress that has been made since he last came to visit in September. Despite fewer children being in the building than usual he thoroughly enjoyed spending time with those that he did meet, looking at their books with them and chatting about their learning. He particularly enjoyed his time spent with Dragon Class finding out what they like, and dislike, about how reading is taught here at Slade! Well done and thank you to all the children and staff involved in making him so welcome!

A reminder that The National Education Union (NEU) is planning their next day of industrial action for Tuesday 2 May. As you also now know a large proportion of our staff team are members of the NEU and therefore it is highly probable once again that learning will be affected on this strike day next week. Please take note of the separate communication that was sent earlier today outlining the arrangements for the day based on the information that I currently have available to me. As always, many thanks to you all for your ongoing patience and understanding at this time.

Next week begins the start of our week of celebrations here at Slade to commemorate the coronation of King Charles, which culminates here at Slade on Friday with a red/white/blue non-uniform day and street party, more details of which are outlined further on in this newsletter. Thank you to the team of staff who have been busy planning these events for us all to enjoy. I look forward to sharing news of the celebrations with you all next week!

We were sorry to have had to cancel the Year 6 School Journey meeting for parents on Tuesday. We are currently in the process of rescheduling and will share the new details with you early next week.

And finally, congratulations to both Miss Meers (Dragon Class Teacher) and Miss Riseborough (1:1 Teaching Assistant) who have both asked me to share their pregnancy news with the wider Slade community! Huge congratulations to you both and to your families from us all. We look forward to welcoming your new additions in October!

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 1 May	National Holiday School Closed to all Pupils
Tuesday 2 May	Proposed Industrial Action by members of NEU - Please see email sent earlier today
Wednesday 3 May	
Thursday 4 May	Year 1 Trip to local Church Details in letter sent earlier this week
Friday 5 May	

Forest School Next Week:

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

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, KS2 Rugby
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

For full details see: https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra%2DCurricular+Clubs&pid=25

Further Ahead:

Monday 8 May	Coronation of King Charles III - School Closed to all pupils
Tuesday 9 May - Friday 12 May	KS2 National Assessment Tests (Pupils in Year 6)
Monday 22 May	Mrs Davis from Hugh Christie School in to see their new Year 7 pupils currently in Year 6
Tuesday 23 May	Parents Prevent Training See Page 6 for more information and to book a place
Friday 26 May	Last Day of Term 5

Around School

Class Photographs

It was fantastic seeing Matthew Walker back in school on Monday as he took the annual summer term photographs of our class groups.

Matthew is currently printing out the proof cards for distribution next week.

Orders will be online via the Portrait Days website with a deadline of Sunday 14 May for free postage to school.

Orders will still be able to be made after this date, but their will be an extra postage fee for home delivery.

Twitter Updates

We are very pleased to be narrowing in on 1100 followers of our Twitter feed, thankyou to our growing band of parents, carers and friends of Slade who keep up-to-date with all that is going on at school each day via the social media site. If you want to join in, please search Slade Primary School Twitter or go directly to @sladeprimarysch via your Twitter app or webpage.

Eagle eyed visitors to our website will know that we have a direct link to our Twitter page on the home page - and that this section of the website appears to not be updated since Easter.

Unfortunately, as part of recent changes since their take over, Twitter have changed their access to their Application Programming Interface which means new large monthly charges being introduced which has affected companies worldwide including Microsoft and Juniper (the hosts of our website.) We continue to be in contact with Juniper to see how this dispute is progressing, which will hopefully see this part of the website updated each time we tweet.

In the meantime though, please do go directly to Twitter for the goings on at Slade!

Junior Librarians

Mrs Mawson has been thrilled to meet our new pupil Librarians for Term 5.

The new group will pick up from where last term's volunteers successfully left off after a busy term keeping the library tidy as well as conducting administrative jobs that allow the library to function smoothly and open for other pupils at lunchtimes each day.

Our new librarians are:

Year 3: Charlie, Scyld, Yao and Aazeen

Year 4: Benjamin, Hallie, Surina and Ajita

Year 5: Violet, Leo, Jack and Akshara

Year 6: Max, Pranav, Xavier and Caitlynn

We are also very grateful for recent donations to the school library, including those by the Edwards family with two bags of books that are now ready to borrow now!

Around School

Times Tables Rockstars: Year 2-6 School Competition

TTRS Whole School Competition

This term each class will battle against each other to try and earn the most points in Term 5. The 4 winning classes will earn an extra Forest School session in Term 6!

1st and 2nd place - morning session
3rd and 4th place - afternoon session

The winners will be announced at the end of term!
May the best classes win!

Maths Lead, Mr Duffin, is very pleased to announce that he is holding an interclass competition for children in Years 2-6 on Times Tables Rockstars this term, with the prize for the winning classes to have a bonus session at Forest School in Term 6.

The competition is up and running and we encourage every child from Year 2 to Year 6 to have a go at completing as many activities as they can on TTRS having a rockin' good time, whilst becoming fluent in their times tables and helping their class win!

Times Tables Rock Stars is an award-winning maths learning platform where children can practise their times tables like a rock star!

Suitable for all learners aged 6 years and up, our question-based games automatically adapt to each child's unique learning needs, helping them to recall their times tables in record speed. Accessible on any device, via the app or browser, children can play anytime, anywhere.

Plus, the engaging gamification and motivating rewards mean it is never difficult to entice children to play. Result!

Next Week: Coronation Slade

Julie Hitchcock and Nicola Hill - Coronation Celebration Co-Ordinators

We are very excited at school to be making arrangements to celebrate King Charles' Coronation next week. Each child will be receiving a Coronation pin badge and a packet of wild seeds to mark this historic occasion.

Throughout next week, the children will be learning about the King and why his Coronation is being celebrated not only in this country but around the Commonwealth too. They will also be learning a specially written Coronation song and completing lots of exciting craft activities.

The week will end with our own Slade Coronation street party.

On Friday, we invite everyone to come to school in clothing featuring Red, White and/or Blue

(leaving our school uniform at home.)

During lunch time on Friday 5 May. The whole school will eat their lunch together in a street party setting with lots of bunting and music to entertain.

We hope that the children will enjoy the week and will share what they have been learning with you all at home too.

Community News

Parents and Carers Prevent Training

We are pleased to advertise our upcoming online safety event for parents.

The meeting, hosted by our local Prevent Education Officer, Sally Green who has recently held workshops in school with our Year 5 and 6 children, has also led training for staff and governors here at Slade and is pleased to be able to do the same of parents and carers as we all endeavour to keep ourselves and our children safe online.

Sally says, 'As a parent, it is important to be aware that individuals and groups with extremist views use the internet and social media to spread their ideas and opinions. Children spend a lot of time online, and this can make them more susceptible to extremism from all aspects. Extremist groups tap into young people's insecurities and sense of adventure. They often claim to offer answers and promise a sense of identity and friendship. It's important to remember that any child can be affected by extremism. This session aims to heighten awareness to the susceptibilities young children can face from radicalisation and extremism. The session will explore how radicalisation may present in children, and how parents can help to protect their children from this type of exploitation.'

The meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams so can be accessed anywhere on Tuesday 23 May between 09:30 and 10:30.

Please use the form under the link below to sign up to attend - the access link will be sent nearer the time.

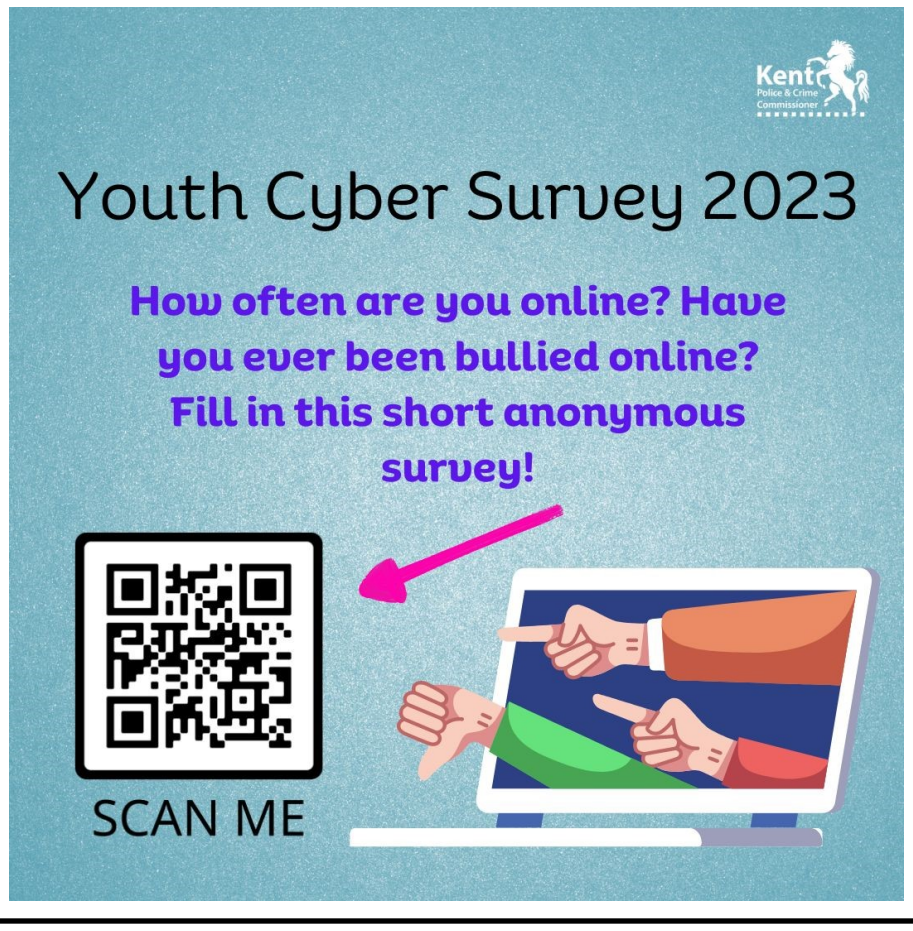
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYD-O4rtz0m47TuDL8aBohlUOtojvWxIj8LwmD_bv7FUMFNHSERQOEowMloyVkpMSVhCNjlXSVBGMS4u

Find out more about Prevent via the KCC website: https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/service-specific-policies/community-safety-and-crime-policies/contest/prevent

Cyber Survey for Young People

We have been contacted by PC Jodie Hobbs on behalf of the Police Crime Commissioner who funds work within schools.

Kent Police and the PCC are keen to be up to date with trends and opinions of young people and to make sure their messaging is accurate and consistent. We therefore encourage our children, especially in Year 5 and 6 5 right through to college age to look at and complete the very quick survey hiding behind the QR code in the section below:



PTA News

EYFS and KS1 Film Night

On Wednesday 17 May, we will be screening the brilliant Sing 2! in the hall after school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

Tickets are on sale from our Sumup store - there are 2 options:

Film for £3 or film with hotdog and popcorn for £5.

When purchasing a place, please remember to include your child's name in the booking and to include a note if they require a veggie/vegan option.

Bookings can be made directly using this link: https://sladepta.sumupstore.com/

The shop closes on Monday 15 May, please book early to avoid any disappointment.

Pick up will be at 5.45pm via the main school gates, with further information to follow on arrangements nearer the time.

Slade staff have kindly offered to be involved in the event to ensure the pupils have familiar faces around. However, if you have any concerns then please do email us at sladepta@yahoo.co.uk

Slade PTA
https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/pta
https://www.facebook.com/groups/sladepta

Getting Ready for the Summer Fête

It has been 4 years since the last Silent Auction so we want to reintroduce it with a bang and need your help!

We would be very grateful for donations, big or small. Even donations in kind are welcome, such as gardening, cooking, car washing, etc!

All monies raised on the day will be channelled straight back into the school for the benefit of the children.

Please email the PTA if you are able to offer anything or wouyld like any further information - sladepta@yahoo.co.uk

Out and About

School Games Eco-Friendly Ambassador Training

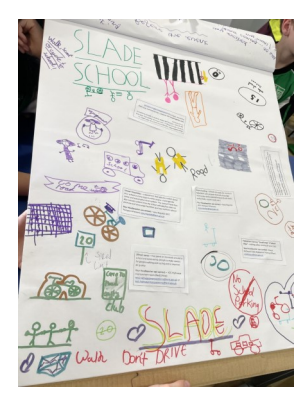
Slade Primary School were proud and privileged to be chosen to represent Tonbridge at the first ever School Games Eco-Friendly Ambassador Training, held at the Polo Farm Sports Centre in Canterbury on Wednesday.

We have 11 ambassadors who made the journey to learn about how they can play their part (and help us all join in) to help to enhance the sustainability of schools across England.

The day was designed around activities and presentations designed to get the children thinking and acting on how to create a more eco friendly, sustainable school and wider community. To do this they had to learn how we have arrived at the point where this is such an urgent issue worldwide.

We were delighted to be joined by Violet, Charlotte and Winnie who spoke enthusiastically about the challenges that lay ahead:

'We started by finding out how the Industrial Revolution in the 18th and early 19th centuries. The industry obviously helped the people at the time as the country manufactured more, which grew the economy and saw lots of inventions which we still use today, but it also left the environment damaged from the smoke from factories continuing to harm us even now. However, it is not too late - we can all help improve things and our new Eco-Committee is determined to start that work.'



The girls described how they heard presentations from super channel swimmer Sarah and Road Safety officials before being tasked with creating an action plan with targets on how they can roll out an eco friendly approach across the school.

'We think that we can do a lot at Slade to encourage a more sustainable future. Firstly, we can make sure we recycle everything we can, rather than just throwing everything away and to landfill. We can also make sure that at all school events we use reusable cups and plates and not single use versions. We can also do the really simple things like making sure we turn off the lights when we are all out of the classroom and make sure the doors are shut when we go outside so we do not waste the heating energy we are using inside the building.' Violet, Charlotte and Winnie were also encouraged after a conversation with School Business Manager Jill Westwood, who described to them some of the steps we have already taken and how we can go further with measures such as double glazing, more LED lighting and even exploring any use of solar energy that could help. Jill was very interested in the plans and was keen to help with funding and grant requests from local and national authorities who can help the group with some of their action points - they will discuss this further with Jill once they have started their projects this term.

Personal targets are also important - eating less meat, being responsible with water use and choosing eco friendly packaging when buying products in shops and supermarkets being just some simple ways to make quick environmental wins in everyday life.

One of the favourite games they played at the event in Canterbury was 'Plogging'. Plogging keeps you fit and the environment clean by jogging around (anywhere - a school, the park, the local street) with a litter picker and see how much can be caught and then appropriately disposed of - everything that can be recycled to be done so correctly, or maybe used in an art or craft making session - a passion of Charlotte's.

We will have regular Eco Committee updates as the year progresses from our members: Violet, Winnie, Charlotte, Abigale, Liliana, Chloe, Lily, Myles, Xzander, Freddy and Laith

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	95.5%
Attendance This Year	94.3%

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	34

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
Sunday 23 April	Yeargroup Newsletters	Year 1-6 Parents
Monday 24 April	Today at Slade	
Monday 24 April	Parent Consultations - Hippogriff Class	Hippogriff Class Parents
Monday 24 April	Group Photographs	
Tuesday 25 April	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 25 April	Year 1 Trip to Parish Church	Year 1 Parents
Tuesday 25 April	Year 6 Parents Meeting Postponement	Year 6 Parents
Tuesday 25 April	Yoga Club Cancellation	Club Participant's Patents
Tuesday 25 April	NEU Industrial Action	All School
Wednesday 26 April	Eco-Friendly Ambassador Training	
Wednesday 26 April	Information for Closed Classes	Affected Classes' Parents
Thursday 27 April	Today at Slade	
Thursday 27 April	Active Kent and Medway	
Thursday 27 April	Our Eco Team	
Friday 28 April	Today at Slade	
Friday 28 April	NEU Industrial Action	All School

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
My child's learning/class activities/lessons/homework	Your child's class email address e.g. elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk .
My child's wellbeing/pastoral support	Your child's class email address e.g. elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk
Someone different to collect my child from school	In advance: Your child's class email address e.g. elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk On the day: Call: 01732 350354
Payments	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
School trips	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
Uniform/lost and found	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
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 (www.slade.kent.sch.uk) and then email your request to office@slade.kent.sch.uk
Bullying and Behaviour	Your child's class email address e.g. elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk
School events/the school calendar	Please ensure you have read the newsletter first or visited www.slade.kent.sch.uk office@slade.kent.sch.uk
Special educational needs and/or disability (SEND)	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
Before and After-school clubs (Yetis)	yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT...	WHO YOU NEED TO TALK TO
Hiring the school premises	sbm@slade.kent.sch.uk
PTA	sladepta@yahoo.co.uk
Governing Body	governors@slade.kent.sch.uk
Catering/meals	teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk
Admissions	admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk
General Enquires	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
Concern	Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If your concern is not resolved then please contact your child's phase leader via the school office (office@slade.kent.sch.uk) EYFS/Year 1: Natalie Pearson Year 2/Year 3: Steph Stephens Year 4/Year 5/Year 6: Sarah Meers

Sports Kit Return

If your child have represented Slade at any of the sports events we have taken part in over the last couple of months and still have any item of sports kit at home, can you please return it to Mrs Ball or to the school office as soon as possible.

We are now quite low in available kit for the events upcoming through Term 5, which we cannot take part in without it.

Many thanks for your co-operation.