

Slade
Primary School

School Newsletter: Friday 16 June 2023 / Term 6, Issue 2



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Karen Slade



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so very lovely to see so many of you in school this week!

On Tuesday evening we welcomed families onto site at the end of the school day for our annual Open Evening event. It was so delightful to see children in all year groups proudly showing their adults around, talking about their learning and school with such passion and enthusiasm! A huge thank you to the many of you who visited with your child, taking the time to look at their books, work and classroom displays whilst also using the opportunity to visit other classrooms across the school too. Well done to those of you who even managed to fit in a visit to our Forest School too! We hope that you all enjoyed your visit as much as we did! Many thanks too to all of the staff involved in this event and for showcasing the school at its best. A really lovely evening had by all!

Yesterday saw all of our children participate in our annual Sports Day event, competing in both field and track events, working hard to earn points for their respective classes. It was so very lovely to welcome so many of you down onto the field to share in the fun! Well done to all children for taking part with such enthusiasm and for consistently demonstrating such excellent teamwork throughout the day. All children performed and behaved impeccably throughout with many of them achieving individual prizes, including awards for upholding our school values of Kindness, Inclusion, Honesty and Resilience; well-done Team Slade! Many thanks to all friends and family for your enthusiastic support, even in the scorching conditions, and to all of the staff for enabling the event to happen. A special shout out to Wendy Ball, our Fitness and Well Being Champion, who organised the whole event with the help of her fantastic Year 5&6 Sports Crew and staff Curriculum Team, ensuring that the day was a huge success from start to finish; thank you Wendy!

If you haven't been able to make it into school yet this week then there is an opportunity tomorrow at our annual PTA Summer Fair to which you are all invited! The fair is taking place on the school field between 12 and 3 and can be accessed via the Hawden Road school entrance. A huge thank you to the committee and parent volunteers who have been working tirelessly over the last weeks in preparation for the big event. Thank you too to all friends and families of the school who have donated so very generously to support with the various stalls and prizes. Things to look out for include children's performances in the central arena throughout the day, including the choir and dance club, the staff 'guess the favourite book' stall and the return of the Silent Auction, too! Don't forget to bring along your 'Ridiculously Royal Fruit and Vegetable' competition entries!



We currently have a vacancy for a School Librarian on our team, following Mrs. Mawson's departure later this term, and are in the process of recruiting to this position. Do get in touch or catch me on the gate to find out more if this is something that you might be interested in. Details of the application process can be found on the Kent Teach website. https://www.kent-teach.com/

Finally, for this week, you will be aware by now that the The National Education Union (NEU) has announced further industrial action for this term on Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July. I am working closely again 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 action. However, I can confirm that the planned trips for Year 2 and Year 3 children on Wednesday 5 July **will** still be going ahead as planned. I am hopeful that I will be able to share more information with you regarding the other year groups during the coming week.

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at the Summer Fair!

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade.

For Your Diary



Next Week:

Day	Event
Saturday 24 June	PTA Summer Fete Midday - 15:00 entry via Hawden Road Gate This is a PTA managed event - questions and comments should eb addressed via any member of the PTA, rather than via school staff
Monday 26 June	Chance to Dance: Participants aware of details
Tuesday 27 June	18:00 - New Entrants (EYFS23) Parent Information Meeting (Evening Edition)
Wednesday 28 June	09:30 - New Entrants (EYFS23) Parent Information Meeting (Morning Edition) Year 5 Community Day - Tonbridge School Tower of London Throne Winners Tour
Thursday 29 June	Year 1 Educational Visit to Hastings Hydra Class Swimming 14:00 - Class Reps Meeting
Friday 30 June	

Forest School Next Week:

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

Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week:

MONDAY	Y1-4 French, KS2 Football, KS2 BSL, KS2 Drama and Musical Theatre, EYFS and KS1 Multi Skills
TUESDAY	Y1 Books, KS2 Street Dance, KS2 Cricket, Year 2 Pets
WEDNESDAY	KS1 Sports Club, KS2 Choir, KS1,2 Athletics, KS1,2 Art
THURSDAY	Y3,4 Sports Club, Y3,4 Signing Choir, Y3,4 Cricket, KS1,2 Basketball, KS1 Street Dance, Elf Class 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:

Tuesday 4 July	NHS Visit to EYFS: Hearing Screening
Wednesday 5 July	Year 2 Educational Visit to Kent Life, Maidstone
Wednesday 5 July	Year 3 Educational Visit to Warner Bros Studios, Leavesden
Thursday 6 July	Kent Transition Day All yeargroups to spend time in their new classrooms / Secondary Schools EYFS New Intake - please refer to your class setting email for more information

Around School



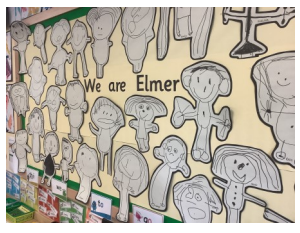
Open Evening

Thankyou to all of our parents present and future who came along to our open evening on Tuesday.
The teachers all commented on the lovely atmosphere created by the parents who visited and in lots of cases being guided around school by their own children, who took immense pride in their classrooms and the learning on display. We hope you enjoyed this event and the chance to find out what goes on behind the doors at school every day.











Goodbye, Clare

This week we said an official and sad goodbye To Clare Derrick, our former Head Cook from Nourish Contract Catering.

Clare has hung up her apron after retiring due to persistent back problems and was our guest of honour at the Key Stage 2 assembly on Tuesday afternoon.

Clare was an incredibly popular Head Cook, who in addition to running the kitchen and serving food would also involve her team in the whole school by organising competitions and special lunchdays throughout the year.



Our House Captains presented Clare with a big card signed by all of the children and a beautiful bunch of flowers.

Clare joined Slade in 2016, when our present Year 6 were just starting school in Reception, so she has been an important part of their time here.

Everyone at Slade wishes Clare much happiness in her future with best wishes to her and all of her family.

Year 6 Performances

The Year 6 children and adults have been busy rehearsing and perfecting their own version of the classic, The Wizard of Oz, due to be performed on Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 July, both at 18:00. The performance is all part of a varied series of events to celebrate their leaving Slade as they look forward to embarking on the excitement of secondary school.

Tickets are available to parents and carers of children in Year 6, by clicking on the link below and completing the ticket application form. There are 4 tickets available to each family, limited to upto two for each evening.

More > Year 6 Performance Ticket Application

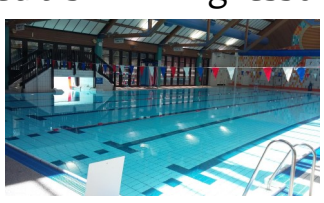
Swimming Catch-Up: Sphinx and Hippogriff Classes

Due to cancellations earlier in the year, both Sphinx and Hippogriff Class are owed a swimming lesson to complete their session of 6 for the year.

The revised timetable looks like this:

Monday 10 July - Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Thursday 13 July - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)



Please remember to bring swimming kits and towel on these days.

Around School



Stepping Up To Secondary for Year 6

We were very pleased to be joined at the beginning of the week by PCSO Toni Matthew and her colleague PC Bobby Hills who came to speak to both Griffin and Hydra Classes as they begin their transition from Primary to Secondary School with the worries that this can bring.



The officers from Kent Police came to explain how to safely go about town on your own, gave practical advise on how to get to and from school either by walking or by taking the bus, and what to do (and not!) if the bus or train was late or cancelled.

The children listening found the information session useful and commented on how the friendly advice from officers Matthew and Hills had made tham feel more comfortable about some of the responsibilities that come with becoming a secondary school student, especially when alone or in large groups travelling around local communities.

The session ended with a chance to examine the extensive kit carried by the officers, including their sprays, baton and taser! Many thanks to both Toni and Bobby for coming in and helping our oldest learners this week.

Promotional advertisement :

North Tonbridge Family Day



Upcoming Educational Visits

EYFS (Elmer and Gruffalo Classes)



Godstone: Monday 17 July 2023

Payment and consent screen now open on Arbor

Please advise if you **do not** require a Nourish Packed Lunch

Year 1 (Pixie and Elf)



Hastings: Thursday 29 June 2023

Payment and consent screen now open on Arbor

Please advise if you **do not** require a Nourish Packed Lunch

Year 2 (Gnome and Sprite)



Maidstone: Wednesday 5 July 2023

Payment and consent screen now open on Arbor

Please advise if you **do not** require a Nourish Packed Lunch

Year 3 (Pegasus and Hippogriff)



Leavesden: Wednesday 5 July 2023

Payment and consent screen now open on Arbor

Please advise if you **would like to order** a Nourish Packed Lunch (stating ham, cheese, or ham and cheese baguette)

Our News



Tækwondo Gold!

This week, we are delighted to share Anna's success on the Taekwondo stage.

Anna's mother wrote to us to take up the story:

'Anna has been learning taekwondo for about a year and really loves it. Anna's granddad is Korean so Anna decided to learn more about her Korean heritage. As well as being a wonderful sport, Taekwondo teaches 5 important values/tenets (courtesy, integrity self control, perseverance and indomitable spirit).

Anna has been working really hard over the last year learning patterns, special technique and sparring and dreaming about one day being able to compete in one of regional Taekwondo competitions and win a medal. That day was yesterday!

Anna was exceedingly brave to step on the mat to compete in front of hundreds of people in Redhill and won a gold medal on the under 9's girls category with a perfect score of 20/20.

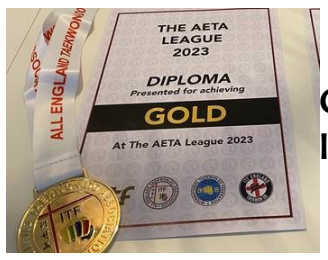
It goes to show that with perseverance, determination and lots of hard work any dream can come true, even the big ones!'

We were also pleased to talk with Anna about her sport, she told us:



'Taekwondo is a really fun way to spend your time, and is an excellent way to learn self-defence. I know how to stop someone from hurting me by holding them in a headlock and by distracting them before carrying out the moves I have learnt.
It is a great way to bukid confidence, which it has with me - especially as you go up the belt colours. I am currently junior yellow belt, but I have a grading at the weekend, where I hope to become a full yellow belt.

The competition last week was in Redhill and I went along with my older sister who also performs Taekwondo, she is really good! I was very proud to get Gold last week as it was only my second competition, I had to beat twelve other competitors to win.'



Good luck to Anna in her quest for yellow this weekend and thankyou to her and to mum Agueda for letting us know about the story and for the pictures.

KS1 - KS2 Transition Dodgeball

On Monday, Slade was represented by twenty children travelling to St Gregory's Secondary School in Tunbridge Wells to take part in a special competition for children in Year 2 and 3, run by the local sports partnership designed to ease the transition between the end of Key Stage 1 into Key Stage 2. The children had a great time learning different techniques and having lots of fun between their yeargroups. The Slade team won their matches, but what matters most is that everyone is now looking forward to what lays ahead from September!



Special thanks and congratulations to Spencer and Jacob in Year 6 who accompanied our younger children and played their role of Team Leaders and Captains perfectly, ensuring the right amount of training and encouragement for all of our team.

Brilliant job, boys!

Slade Sport



Sports Day 2023

Yesterday saw our biggest visitor event of the year as we welcomed in over a thousand parents, carers, relatives and friends to our two Sports Day Events.

The children took part in different multi skills events, amy of which had been practised in PE lessons and in Mrs Ball's free clubs throughout the year.

The EYFS, KS1 and Year 3 children were able to all have a go at hurdles, obstacle course, javelin, space hopper, football dribble, shuttle run as well as old skool sports favourites Egg and Spoon and Bean Bag throw.

In the afternoon, the older three yeargroups also took part in hurdles, javelin, bean bag throwing and space hopping with their specialist skills being hockey dribble and a ladder/speed bounce/bench circuit.

Both sessions concluded with a series of 100m races and relays between classes in each yeargroup.

Well done and congratulations to all of our competetors throughout the day. An extra special mention to our Sports Crew from Year 5 and 6 who made sure that the day ran smoothly, from stewarding visitors to assisting with the multi skills events.





























Slade Sport











Yeargroup Champions 2022/23

EYFS: Elmer

Year 1: Elf

Year 2: Gnome

Year 3: Hippogriff

Year 4: Sphinx

Year 5: Wyvern

Year 6: Griffin





Focus on Year 6

Life Skills

During a recent PSHE Lesson, the children in Year 6 were asked what they thought would be interesting to learn before they left primary school. Overwhelmingly, they decided that it would be useful to learn some life skills that would not normally be covered in school.

This has resulted in a special day today, with the children in Griffin and Hydra Classes being part of small groups learning four different skills that we have all had to know at some point of our lives.

Mrs Burnside showed the children simple but essential recipes using eggs; they learnt how to successfully boil and then crack open and egg and also how to make a cheese omelette.

Mrs Buckland led a course on first aid, concentrating on the recovery position as well as simple procedures such as how to affix a plaster if you have cut skin.

Mrs Potter and Miss Risebrough talked to the children about budgeting and the different expenses that go into running a successful business or home - the children wanted to learn about tax in particular.

Outside, Mrs Vaux was busy with groups learning to put up a tent!






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	**95.2%**
Attendance This Year	**94.6%**

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	**49**

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 19 June	Today at Slade + Pet hair allergies	
Monday 19 June	Stepping Up To Secondary - Event Cancelled	Year 6 Parents
Monday 19 June	Class Arrangements 2023/24	All School
Monday 19 June	Year 2/3 Dodgeball Team	
Monday 19 June	Dodgeball Captains: Spencer and Jacob	
Tuesday 20 June	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 20 June	EYFS Educational Visit: Godstone Farm	EYFS Parents
Tuesday 20 June	Goodbye Clare	
Tuesday 20 June	Welcome to our Open Evening	
Tuesday 20 June	Thankyou for visiting the Open Evening	
Wednesday 21 June	Today at Slade	
Wednesday 21 June	Sports Day Arrangements Reminder	All School
Wednesday 21 June	Tonbridge School Community Day	Year 5 Parents
Thursday 22 June	Today at Slade	
Thursday 22 June	Year 6 Performance Tickets	Year 6 Parents
Thursday 22 June	The Scene is Set	
Thursday 22 June	Sports Day Progammes	
Thursday 22 June	Sports Leaders	
Friday 23 June	Today at Slade	
Friday 23 June	Celebration Assembly	
Friday 23 June	Teaching Update for Gruffalo Class - Pixie Class (2023/24)	Gruffalo Class Parents



Down in the Woods Today

Elmer Class have been at Forest School today and they were all very pleased with their clay models, made under the shade of the trees!

Paisley-Mae brought them for us to see, she said, 'We made the clay models from clay that we had been given. We had to find the sticks from all over Forest School.'

The models are now on display in the Elmer Classroom.

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

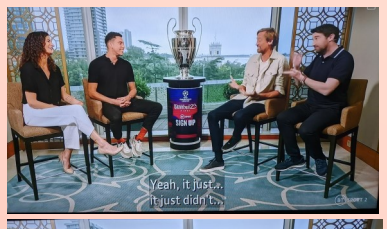
I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT...	WHO YOU NEED TO TALK TO
Hiring the school premises	sbm@slade.kent.sch.uk
PTA	sladepta@yahoo.co.uk
Governing Body	governors@slade.kent.sch.uk
Catering/meals	teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk
Admissions	admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk
General Enquires	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
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 Signing

The latest in our series celebrating the use of British Sign Language (BSL) in the community takes us into the living room of millions of television viewers across the UK and Europe.

BT Sport (soon to be branded as TNT Sports, part of the Discovery + group of channels including Eurosport) have since the beginning of 2003 been broadcasting live sporting events, documentaries and discussion shows all fully signed by Damaris Cooke and Rolf Choutan and others.





More > via bt.com



As well as programmes signed for the deaf community, they have run a series of promotional VT in between advert breaks, giving hints and tips for people without hearing impairment similar to those we discussed during our special awareness days here at Slade.

