

SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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KAREN SLADE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were thrilled on Tuesday to welcome home our winning Coronation throne which now sits proudly outside Deacon House! As many of you will be aware, earlier this year 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, with Slade then being 1 of 15 winners from across the United Kingdom. Our winning design was then developed and installed at the Tower of London during the Coronation celebrations, since which many of us have visited it in situ throughout the summer! So, we are now delighted to have our throne back here in school as a lasting legacy of such a historic event with plans now in place for an official unveiling ceremony at the start of Term 2!



Yesterday was such a joyful, memorable day in the Slade calendar when the whole school gathered at St Peter and St Paul church for our Harvest Festival, the first time that we've all come together this academic year! Children from each of the year groups led us through a feast of songs and poetry, helping us to reflect on the meaning of Harvest. Well done and thank you to all involved for the work that you prepared and presented during the celebration. Thank you too to the many parents who joined us in our celebration and escorted us walking to and from school; we hope you enjoyed the occasion as much as we all did.

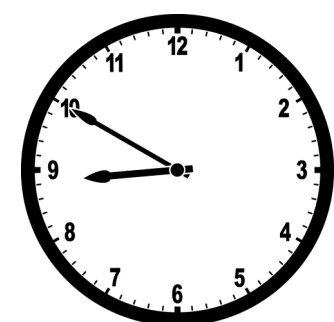


Thank you too to all families who sent in produce for our harvest collection which was delivered by our Year 6 House Captains this afternoon to some of our local elderly residents. The remainder of our food collection has been delivered to the Nourish Community Foodbank, a local charity providing practical support to families in Tonbridge during times of need. Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with the sorting and distribution of food parcels. We very much appreciate it.

Please do find the time to take a look at this term's Maths newsletter which dropped into your inboxes earlier this week. This month's edition is once again jam packed with maths-based activities for you to enjoy as a family at home and is a great opportunity for you to find out more about ways in which you can support your child with their maths learning too. The newsletter also explains how to get involved in this month's maths at home competition and provides lovely ideas for some outdoor maths learning this October. Don't forget to send us your photos of you enjoying all things mathematical which will then be shared in future Maths newsletters; some may get to feature in this newsletter too!



A reminder that the school gates are closed promptly at 8.50 each morning by which time all children need to be on school site, heading to class in time for their morning registration and getting ready to learn. If your child arrives at school after 8.50 then access to the school site is from the main car park entrance where your child's attendance will be registered at the side gate by either myself or Miss Garrett. It is really important that all children are at school on time every day in order that they don't miss out on those vital first minutes of lessons at the start of each morning. Many thanks for your help and support in getting your children here and ready to learn on time.



Finally, please look out on Monday for a re-issued link to the annual governor survey seeking parental feedback on life at Slade. Your views are important to us so please do take time to complete the survey if you can; many thanks to those of you who have already responded!

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade

DIARY DATES

NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 9 October	
Tuesday 10 October	Year 6 Bikeability Level 1 Group 1
Wednesday 11 October	Year 6 Bikeability Level 1 Group 2
Thursday 12 October	Year 6 Bikeability Level 1 Group 3
Friday 13 October	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 Group A

Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	Dragon Class Forest School Hydra Class Swimming
WEDNESDAY	Griffin Class Forest School
THURSDAY	Elmer Class Forest School Wyvern Class Swimming
FRIDAY	Gruffalo Class Forest School

Further Ahead:

Monday 16 October

TITANS HEARING IMPAIRED
TODDLER GROUP

Open to all parents, carers and
children who have a hearing
impairment

**Tuesday 17 October &
Thursday 19 October**

TERM 1 PARENT-TEACHER
CONSULTATIONS

Booking now open via your Arbor
account

Wednesday 18 October

EYFS MEET THE TEAM EVENT

Please book in advance for this
event. See page 4 for full details.

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AROUND SCHOOL

Welcome to Slade, Arjun and Roshna

This week, we have had the pleasure of welcoming two new faces to the Slade family.

Arjun joins us in Year 3 with Miss Taylor in Hippogriff Class. Arjun has enjoyed himself so much in class that he has also signed up to Miss Taylor's Year 3 Choir!

Next in is Roshna, who will be seeing out her time in primary school education with us, joining Mrs Worley in Year 6, Dragon Class.

We all hope that both Arjun and Roshna have had a super week, and already feel part of our growing community.

Our warm welcome is of course extended to the families of Arjun and Roshna, with who we look forward to enjoying a long, happy and successful relationship.



Scholastic Book Fair

We are very pleased to say that the Scholastic Book Fair will be back at Slade next Friday and will stay with us for a week, closing on Thursday 19 October.

The fair will be open after school each day until 16:00 for browsing and purchasing of books from the stalls and all of the children will have a chance to see which books are on offer by visiting the fair during their regular lessons in the week.

Payment for books will be by card, using a QR Code on the posters situated on our noticeboards around school. There will be plenty of these codes available to use at the fair.

Each book sold at the fair in this way earns commission for the school as we continue to expand the titles available in our library and across Slade.

As a result of the Book Fair being situated in the school hall and the parent consultations happening during the same week all hall based after school activities are cancelled between Friday 13 October (Karate) and the following Monday - Thursday (Musical Theatre on Monday 16 October and DanceMode on Tuesday 17 October)



EYFS Meet the Team and Phonics Learning

The EYFS team are looking forward to hosting their Meet the Team events on Wednesday 18 October and Thursday 19 October. These are repeat sessions; you do not need to attend both.

At the event, starting at 13:30 on Wednesday and 09:00 on Thursday, parents will be able to have a chance for an informal chat with the teachers and their classroom teams, find out all about the learning this year in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes and also get to visit the classroom to see it all come to life!

The sessions will also allow the teachers to introduce you to the way that phonics is taught and practised in school. This will then enable you to be able to fully support this learning at home as the children use these skills to improve their spelling and enjoyment of books, magazines, website and environmental reading in addition to being in preparation for the phonics screening which takes place in Year 1.

To join us, please book a space in advance using the QR Code on the posters at the school gate, on the poster pictured here, or by emailing directly to the class address.

MEET THE TEAM & PHONICS MEETING!



We look forward to welcoming you into school to:

- hear key information about the year ahead
- learn how to support your child with their phonics
- visit your child's classroom



Wednesday 18th October
1.30 - 3pm
Thursday 19th October
9 - 10.30am



Book your place using the QR Code

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Happy Birthday, Mr Nourish

Mr Nourish enjoyed a spectacular birthday yesterday, with children across school celebrating with him by eating his special birthday lunch and cake and by designing him beautiful birthday cards which were all entered into a competition. The winners of the competition were announced on our X social media feed this morning, from Celebration Assembly.

Helena, our head chef from Nourish Contract Catering, was amazed at the number of entries and how difficult it proved to judge the winners. Thankyou to everyone who had a Nourish school dinner yesterday and to all of the children who designed Mr Nourish a birthday card.

Mr Nourish's birthday is also important to the Department for Education as they are keen to see how many of our younger children take advantage of the Universal Free School Meals scheme. From these statistics, they will determine funding for upcoming years.

Our take up in the EYFS and KS1 yeargroups was a credible 93% of the children who were in yesterday (6 children were absent from school and 7 decided to eat packed lunch).

We had 53 entries for the birthday card competition - information that the DfE are sadly less interested in!



Harvest Festival: Giving Thanks

What a lovely occasion it was in the parish church of St Peter and St Paul yesterday morning for our annual Harvest Festival.

Everyone at Slade would like to thank the staff and wardens at the church for their hospitality, to all of the parents who were able to volunteer their time to walk the children to and from the venue safely, to Miss Elliott and Mrs Parsons for their help in organising the event.

In particular, huge thanks for all of the Harvest donations - we had over 40 bags full of produce that will be donated to vulnerable people on our community and to the vital work carried out by the local Nourish foodbank operating in Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

The service itself was a festival of singing, signing and thanksgiving for the food that keeps us happy and healthy.

The Parish of St Peter and St Paul will be holding an activity day this Sunday with the theme of 'What we can do to care for Planet Earth.' There will be writing, poetry, painting and refreshments between 14:00 and 17:00 at the church.

Macmillan Cancer Fundraising

Last week, we covered the Macmillan Coffee Morning fundraising event.

We are so grateful for the generosity of our Slade community and are very pleased to say that we were able to donate the following funds to Macmillan, the cancer charity that provides so much to those dealing with the disease and in research into cures.

Morning and Afternoon Cake Sale - More than £230.00

Online Donations - £98.00

You can still donate online by clicking on this link: <https://coffeefundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm23017887>



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AROUND SCHOOL

From The Tower to Tonbridge: The Throne Comes Home

On Tuesday, we received a very important and special delivery.

We were honoured and delighted to receive ownership of the Coronation Bench, designed by pupils at Slade and awarded winners status by the Historic Royal Palaces before the Coronation of King Charles III in May.

The throne was designed from artwork produced by KS2 children under the guidance of artist Jill Busby and our own Wendy Ball who led the project from the school's side.

Jill spent several sessions with the design team and the pictures you see on the throne are all originals produced by the children, expertly put together by Wild in Art, the makers of public art since 2008 by animating cities across the world including Manchester, Sydney, Melbourne, Cape Town and São Paulo, and created public art events for the London 2012 Olympics, and the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Locally, they have been behind the Elmer Trail in Maidstone a couple of years ago as well as the Historic Royal Palaces project by engaging schools across the UK to take part in the competition to see their designed throne on display at the Tower of London.



As you know from our reports last year, we were successful and our throne has been part of the Coronation Trail which attracted tens of thousands of visitors to the Tower across the summer - including a healthy number from Tonbridge!

The instillation team arrived just after 11 on Tuesday morning having departed early that morning from Manchester; the delivery before ours was in Bristol, so our many thanks to the tireless men on the team who carried the throne and its plinth base to its new, permanent home here at Slade, at the gateway to the playground, Deacon House and the school field.

The throne is protected by an anti vandal and graffiti coating and by over 250kg of base and seat weight meaning it will not be disturbed in the inevitable winter wet and wind

Do make the throne a must see stop when visiting Slade, which is there to enjoy for the children who designed it, everyone here at school now and for generations of new children and staff in the future.



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SPORT, FITNESS AND WELLBEING

Francesca's Show Jumping at Hadlow

Everyone at Slade would like wish good luck to Francesca in Hydra Class who will be taking part in qualifiers for the Inter-Schools Grass Roots Show Jumping competitions at Hadlow College tomorrow.

Performing with her pony, Buttercup, Francesca will be competing in both the 30cm jump style jumping competition which is judged upon the grace and smoothness of the ride and then the 40cm jumps which is a timed competition where the winner will be the rider who is closest to the set time for that course.

Francesca has been riding since she was two years old when she would sit up on the pony belonging to her mum and her granny. When she was four she began hacking in local fields before partnering up with Buttercup when she was 7. She immediately loved Buttercup, however as with all such relationships it took some time for them to get used to each other. Now though, Francesca is absolutely delighted and proud that she and Buttercup share a special bond and trust in each other - vital when riding and jumping.



Francesca and Buttercup enjoying a ride and in competition

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LANGUAGE LEARNING

Merci

Thank you



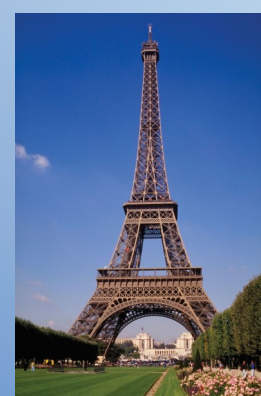
Français et BSL à Slade

Our French and BSL word of the week is 'Thank you.'

Children across the school have been using Merci (and merci beaucoup) when receiving things this week to make them more confident and less shy in using a different language in front of their friends. This is often a barrier to trying out new languages, so it is a lovely introduction to using French and BSL - especially for the younger children in KS1.

Merci d'avoir lu notre newsletter !

French Learning: Where is this and what is this structure called?



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IN OUR COMMUNITY

Caitlín Hollis from Charlton Athletic FC who has been in touch with us to invite children and parents from Slade to The Valley for our next home match against Crystal Palace Women on Sunday, October 22nd (KO 2pm):

Caitlín is pleased to say that parents can have up to 16 tickets for free per scan of the QR code, all you need to do is:

- Scan the QR code attached
- Fill in your details and select how many tickets you need

Then on matchday tickets can be collected from 12.30 at the ticket office in the west stand at TheValley

FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS



VS



WOMEN **WOMEN**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
KICK-OFF 2PM
AT THE VALLEY STADIUM
SE7 8BL
GATES OPEN 12.30PM

 **FAMILY FRIENDLY** ✓

 **FOOD & DRINK** ✓

 **FACE PAINTS & MASCOTS** ✓



**SCAN HERE
FOR YOUR
FREE TICKETS**

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ATTENDANCE

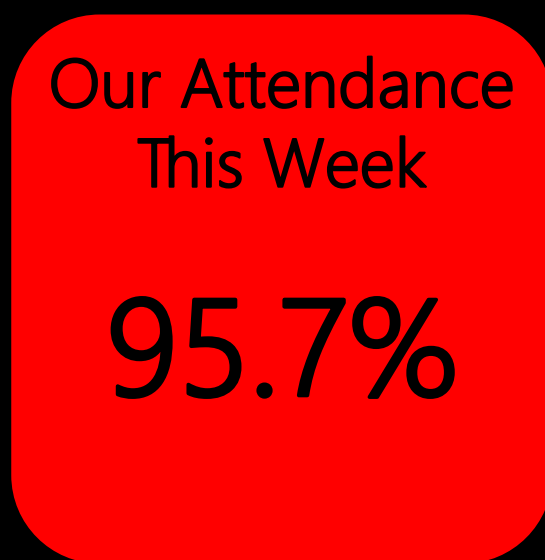
Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions.

Registration takes place at 08:50 in the morning 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.

Winners are announced via our X (formerly Twitter) feed @sladeprimarysch



Attendance percentage this year to date by yeargroup:

EYFS	97.9%	Year 2	98.1%	Year 5	97.2%
Year 1	95.3%	Year 3	95.9%	Year 6	97.9%
		Year 4	97.3%		

SLADE STATS

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.

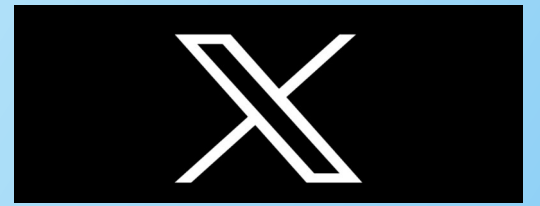
Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

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SLADE ON X

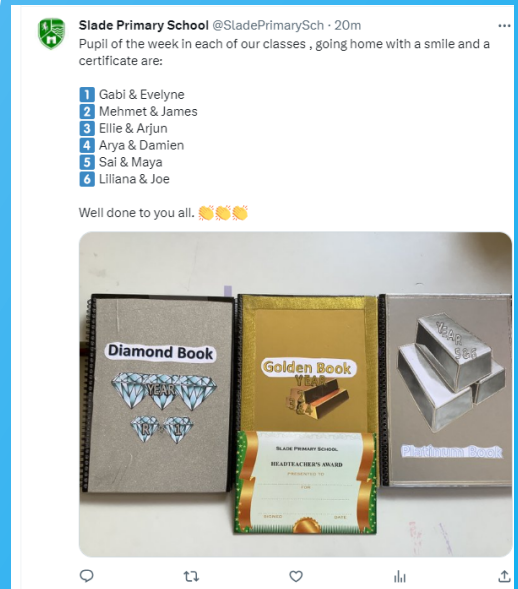
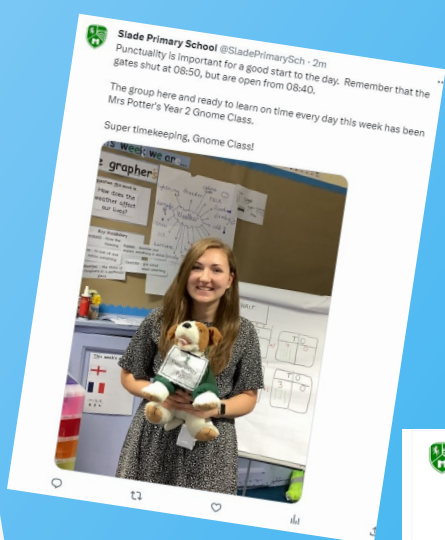
X-POSTS (Formerly Twitter)



We encourage you to follow us on the social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

We post a daily diary Today at Slade at 07:15 each morning as well as reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Date of Post	Subject
Sunday 1 October	Mr Nourish's Birthday Menu
Monday 2 October	Today at Slade
Tuesday 3 October	Today at Slade
Tuesday 3 October	Installation Crew Arriving
Tuesday 3 October	The Throne is Home!
Wednesday 4 October	Today at Slade
Thursday 5 October	Today at Slade
Thursday 5 October	At the Harvest Festival
Thursday 5 October	Mr Nourish's Birthday cake and cards
Friday 6 October	Today at Slade
Friday 6 October	Celebration Assembly



SLADE+

YOUR WAYS TO PAY

We have tried to make paying for special lessons, wraparound provision, school trips and visits amongst other events that happen through the year as easy as possible. Please see our handy guide here on the current prices and 'Way to Pay' when required.

We always make sure that all trips and special events are priced as fairly as possible but are acutely aware that extra costs can be tricky for our families. If you would like to discuss payment options for any extra spend at Slade, please contact us at anytime and confidentially via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

School Dinners

School Dinners provided by Nourish Contract Catering are free to the following groups: EYFS Classes, Year 1 Classes, Year 2 Classes, EYFS, KS1 AND KS2 pupils eligible for benefits related Free School Meals

School Dinners provided to KS2 (Year 3-6) children are charged at £2.40 per meal.

Credit should be loaded onto the Meals section of your Arbor account.

Yeti's Wraparound Provision (Breakfast and After School Clubs)

Breakfast Club is charged at £4.20 per session

After School Club is charged at different pricepoints:

Until 16:30: £4.20 // Until 17:30: £8.60

If your child participates in an after school activity, please let us know via yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk and we charge only for the 16:30 - 17:30 time at £ 4.40.

Payment should be made via your online SCOPAY account. Please email yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk if you require a login to SCOPAY.

School Trips and other Special Events

You will be notified of the dates and costs of school trips or special events by email.

Payment and consent will be made via the Trips section of your Arbor account.

Paid For, Independent Clubs and Activities

Slade does not take payment for independently run clubs. All payment and correspondence should be directed to the club organiser.

Swimming Lessons

6 Swimming lessons are taken by all KS2 classes at a cost of £17.00.

Payment and consent will be made via the Trips section of your Arbor account once you have been advised of the dates of the sessions.

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EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Monday

Year 1-4 French

KS1 and KS2 Musical

Theatre

KS2 Football

Year 4-6 Netball

EYFS & KS1 Multi Skills

KS1 and KS2 BSL

Tuesday

Year 3 and 4 Choir

KS1 Street Dance:

KS2 Cricket

Year 4 Pets

Wednesday

Year 4 -6 Choir

KS2 Sports Club

KS1 and KS2 Athletics

KS1 and KS2 Art

Thursday

Year 5 & 6 Signing

Choir

Year 2 & 3 Sports Club

Year 4-6 Dance

Year 5 Pets

Friday

Year 5 and 6 Sports

Club

EYFS, KS1 & KS2

Karate

[Full Details: Times, Prices, Ways to Book and more via the school website](#)

Free Clubs run by staff at Slade with spaces

Free Clubs run by staff at Slade Currently Full

Paid Clubs: Contact Organiser for full details