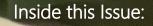
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School Newsletter Term 2 Issue 2

Friday 10 November 2023

KAREN SLADE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today the whole school came together to commemorate Remembrance Day, honoring those who have lost their lives in combat during wartime. All children and staff joined me outside as I led our short ceremony from the playground. Well done and thank you children for marking this occasion so thoughtfully and respectfully. Thank you also for donating so very generously this year through our school-based collection tins to the Royal British Legion and for wearing your poppies with pride. A special mention to our Year 6 Poppy sellers who have been so diligent all week, selling poppies and poppy merchandise across the school each morning; well done and thank you everyone.

Thank you too to all members of the PTA who have been busily working away behind the scenes in recent weeks in the build up to this evening's annual firework event, which seems to have come around very quickly this year! There has been an air of anticipation and buzz of excitement around the school today whilst preparations have been underway; thank you for making this happen for all of us to enjoy! I look forward to seeing many of you there later; don't forget your wellies!

PTA organized events, such as this evening's school fireworks, raise amazing amounts of money to provide those additional extras for all of the children across the school to enjoy and to support them with their learning. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the recent £100 donations which were given to every class to source new resources for use in each of the classrooms, including our Inclusion Den and Titans Class too. These are resources that as a school we would have been unable to afford without your wonderful donations but are items that will make a huge difference to the provision in each of our classrooms. So, every pound that you spend at events, such as the fireworks tonight, really does make a big difference to the educational provision for every child here in school. Thank you and please keep supporting our PTA with all their fundraising events!

Looking ahead, next week we are holding the first of our two 'Open Morning' sessions for prospective parents currently looking to choose a school for children who are due to start in September 2024. The sessions are an opportunity to visit our school and hear about the provision on offer here at Slade, followed by time to look around the school to see a typical Wednesday morning in action, with plenty of time to have your queries about life at Slade answered too! If anyone you know is in the process of selecting a school for their child then do please signpost them to our website or they can email the school on admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk for further information.









Also, next week, on Friday we will be supporting the BBC Children in Need fundraising event where children are invited to leave their uniform at home and wear their own clothes to school should they wish to do so and make a small monetary donation to this very worthy cause. Many thanks to our Pupil Council who have organized this event for everyone to enjoy; do look out for the letter which they sent out earlier today which contains more information about the non-uniform day arrangements including how to donate online.

And finally, congratulations to Miss Taylor (Hippogriff Class Teacher) who has asked me to now share her pregnancy news with the wider Slade community! Huge congratulations to you and to your family from us all. We look forward to welcoming your new addition to the Slade family in the Spring!

Have a lovely weekend and see you at the fireworks!

Karen Slade





DIARY DATES NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 13 November	Staying Safe in our Community Free Workshop for EYFS Classes
Tuesday 14 November	
Wednesday 15 November	Prospective Parents Open Event - See Page 4
Thursday 16 November	
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Non-Uniform Day - See Page 6
	To donate please follow this link:
	https://www.justgiving.com/page/sladeprimaryschool-169952546694

Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	Elmer Class Forest School
	Dragon Class Swimming
WEDNESDAY	Pixie Class Forest School
THURSDAY	Gruffalo Class Forest School
	Griffin Class Swimming
FRIDAY	Elf Class Forest School

Further Ahead:

Wednesday 22 November EYFS INTAKE SEPTEMBER 24 OPEN MORNING

This event is fully booked

Friday 24 November

NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY

Talking with Year 6 Classes

hnationwide

Thursday 30 November

NHS MEDICAL QUESTIONNARE

Visit to Year 6 Classes



SLADE JOURNAL AROUND SCHOOL

Welcome to Slade, Sayuni

On Monday, our youngest learners in Elmer Class said hello for the first time to their new friend, Sayuni.

We welcome Sayuni to Slade and extend that warm greeting to her family, with who we look forward to sharing a long, happy and successful relationship.

We hope Sayuni has had a lovely first week with Mrs Pearson and the rest of Elmer Class.





Firework Fun Tonight

We hope that everyone that is coming back to school this evening for the PTA Fireworks Display has a fantastic time.

Remember, this is an all ticket event, with no on gate sales. Tickets were given out on Thursday to the children of parents who had booked online. Please check their bookbags if you have not yet seen those tickets!

The event opens at 17:30, with plenty to do and enjoy on the playground with the display starting at 19:00. Entry will be via the Main Playground Gate.

We know that you are all proud to be part of the Slade community, please respect our neighbours by not making too much noise on the way home and by not dropping litter.

One event passing means we start looking forward to the next and we are already gearing up for Christmas. Please see page 6 of today's newsletter for information on donation days for the PTA Christmas Sale.

Primary Application Open Events

Over the next two Wednesday mornings (Wednesday 15 November and Wednesday 22 November) we are hosting our open events for parents who are making choices ahead of completing the Kent County Council online application for a place in Early Years at Primary School starting in September 2024.

These events are completely sold out and we are expecting 100 visitors to each. As a result, the school office will be busier than usual. Please try to avoid making personal calls into the office between 9 and 11 am and make extra care to be in school on time to avoid delay and crowding.



Lunchtime Library Re-Opens

Thanks to seven wonderful volunteers, we have been able to reinstate our extremely popular library sessions.



We were all sad to see former librarian Caroline Mawson leave us in the summer and have been grateful that the library has been maintained so well that classes have been able to visit during their scheduled learning times. The children always love a chance to pop back at a lunchtime though and with the help of Rachael, Tara, Flora, Jessica, Gemma, Caroline and Jennifer we have been able to meet the need and reopen the lunchtime slots for the children to browse, read and take home books as well as returning those previously borrowed.

Thankyou to the team for your support of the library and for providing this valuable resource for the children at Slade.

SLADE JOURNAL FOCUS ON YEAR 4

Indian and Diwali Workshop

On Monday, the children in Year 4 Phoenix and Sphinx Classes were treated to a practical learning day which supported their current subjects in different curriculum areas.

They were joined by Joanna Hawkins from the Education Group based in Beckenham, who held a workshop looking at Indian culture, dance and beliefs including Diwali, which will be celebrated this Sunday by Hindus and Sikhs across the globe.

The morning sessions were taken with learning and performing Indian dances to traditional music, including some used in Bollywood movies!

The children found out all about Mudras. One of the most striking features of any Indian dance, Mudras are a set of different hand gestures which when performed together, tell a story and overall the dance paints the picture without the need for spoken narrative.

As part of their performance, the children were also taught of the importance and significance of neck, head and foot movements as well as facial expressions and costume.





In the afternoon, attention was turned to the holy festival of lights known as Diwali. Joanna spoke about the Diya - which is a lamp used during this special time for Hindu and Sikh households to symbolise prosperity for the forthcoming year. The word Diya means 'lamp' in Sanskrit.



Diwali marks the beginning of the New Year for Hindus, and is about the return of deities Rama and Sita after 14 years of exile.









The festival is known as Bandi Chhor Divas for Sikhs, celebrating the release of the sixth guru Hargobind Singh from prison in 1619.

The children then created their own beautiful designs on their own Diya, which will be able to be brought home later in the school year. The day was complete with learning about Diwali and how those people celebrating will visit friends and family, with sweets, gifts and good wishes being exchanged.

Some of the festive dishes enjoyed include puri (fried bread), paneer and gulab jamun - with celebrations for many being rounded off in style by lighting fireworks.

It will be worth remembering this weekend when you hear and see fireworks in the sky that it is not just the Gunpowder Plot that is being celebrated!

SLADE JOURNAL AROUND SCHOOL

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event, held in the third week in November which aims to raise awareness of bullying of children and young people, in schools and elsewhere, and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it.

We will have a number of assemblies and class sessions discussing being kind around school and in society and what to do if we are unhappy.

For more information on the work of the Anti Bullying Alliance and why their projects are so important, please visit their website: <u>anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk</u>





Children in Need: Friday 17 November

Written by The Pupil Council

Next Friday, the Pupil Council will be hosting a fundraising event in aid of Children in Need.

This year, we would like to support the BBC Children in Need Appeal by having a non-uniform day on Friday 17 November 2023.

For those who wish to donate some money towards the Children in Need Appeal, we have set up a Just Giving page below via justgiving.com

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sladeprimaryschool-169952546694

SLADE JOURNAL PTA NEWS



Christmas is Coming!

More detailed information about the PTA donation and sale days will be posted next week via email and summarised here in next week's newsletter.





Also appearing next week, will be ticketing information for the Christmas shows which are performed by children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 Classes (Years R - 2). The shows take place on the following dates if you are pre-planning time off of work:

EYFS: 09:30 Tuesday 5 December and 14:00 Wednesday 6 December

Year 1: 14:00 Tuesday 5 December and 09:30 Thursday 7 December

Year 2: 09:30 Wednesday 6 December and 14:00 Thursday 7 December

SLADE JOURNAL SPORT, FITNESS AND WELLBEING







Mid Kent Golf Festival

On Wednesday, a group of eleven Year 3 and 4 children took part in a golf festival at the Medway Park Leisure Centre in Gillingham, joining schools from across Mid Kent and Medway. Our group all returned with beaming smiles on their faces and the parents who brought them back shared how well the day had been organised and what fun everyone had.

Arya and Maddie told us what they had been up to: 'We had lots of fun with different activities that helped us to be better at golf. We had to hit the different coloured cones, which all had a different value and we even got the chance to learn how to chip the ball - that was amazing, but very hard.'

Arya and Maddie had both previously played at the local Dino Golf centre as well as at mini golf courses when on days out - they enjoyed playing there and are already looing forward to going back and challenging their families to another game now that they have been to the festival.

Arya continued, 'We learnt how to hold the golf club and how to hit the ball properly and in the correct direction. I can't wait to show everyone what I can do now when we next play mini golf!'

Maddie summed up the feelings of all of the children when she said, 'I was so excited to be going to the golf festival, it was fantastic and we did a lot and became really good as well!'

Thankyou to all of the parents who were able to help on the day providing transport and support to the children representing Slade. A full list of participants was included on our X-Feed on Wednesday morning.

Kent Adult Education Wellbeing Yoga Session

Kent Adult Education Family Learning courses aim to promote wellbeing amongst families and are funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency*

KAE have been in touch to encourage booking for the following online Yoga course:

This online course is for mothers, fathers and carers with children. This is an Adult Only Course.

It is designed to:

Support interaction, provide quality time for families to have fun and learn together in the future, strengthen relationships, build confidence and extend communication.

This course will teach you how to support your child's wellbeing by using Yoga and Breathing practices. You will be provided with easy to follow activities after each session to practise at



It's never too late to learn a new skill...

home.

Content will include all/some of the following:

- Learn Yoga and Breathing techniques
- Insight into how a child's brain develops and how this relates to emotions
- How to manage your child's emotions through yoga

To book, just follow the link below:

https://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/courses/yoga-to-support-you-and-your-family-onl-138595-n-pf/

*Courses are free to those who

1. Have been living in the UK or an EEA country continuously for at least 3 years prior to their learning start date

And

2. Are a UK or Irish national or have pre-settled or settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme Learners can attend up to TWO Family Learning courses per academic year. Funding allows for one Parenting OR craft course AND one Family English, maths or Language course.





SLADE JOURNAL SPORT, FITNESS AND WELLBEING

Kent Cricket Leaders

Congratulations to seven of our pupils who have been selected to become Kent Cricket Leaders and have started a training programme with Kent County Cricket Club coach Sandra Hepple this week.

The training will equip them with the skills and knowledge to be able to lead groups of peers and younger children with the aim of improving their cricket performance, they will be able to captain teams which is a vital role in a cricket squad and they will also be able to plan and run training programmes across the school.

They will receive a certificate at the end of the course and we look forward to seeing them lead our cricketers later in the year!

Thankyou to Kent County Cricket Club, Coach Sandra Hepple, Mrs Ball and to our new Cricket Leaders: Harvey, Hector, Hayden, Emelia, Sai, Harrison and Surina.







SLADE JOURNAL LATEST VACANCIES



Midday Supervisor - Part Time

We are looking to appoint a friendly, enthusiastic, commited midday supervisor to work as part of a hardworking, dedicated team.

You will need to be adapatable as the needs of the children can change on a daily basis and you may be asked to work with any of the age groups. The role will consist of setting the hall ready for the children to eat; assist them getting lunch and eating; clearing the tables and playing/interacting with the children on the playground.

You must be able to work as part of a team as well as on your own, and show initiative.

The hours will be 1hr 15 mins a day 5 days a week term time only.

The successful applicant will be paid Kent Range 3 (pro rata).

The role will involve:-

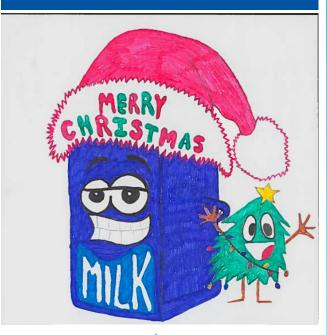
- Supporting the children during the lunchtime period.
- Ensuring a happy and safe playtime.
- Administering First Aid.

Slade Primary School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. This post is therefore subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

For full information, job description and to apply, please visit THE Kent Teach website via this link: kent-teach.com Slade Primary School

SLADE JOURNAL IN OUR COMMUNITY







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Sending love from the

Cool Milk Card Competition

Cool Milk is excited to announce our 2023 Christmas Card Design competition for children at Slade.

The Cool Milk team have contacted us this week, with the following information and encourage all of our children to take part. They say:

'We're inviting all young artists at Slade to create a festive milk-themed design that will be printed on our official Christmas Card and sent to hundreds of schools and offices all over the UK. Imagine your artwork being sent to our suppliers, partners, and even local MPs!

To enter, all you need to do is fold an A4 sized paper in half to create a card. Then, you should create your design on the front of the card. Once the designs are ready, just scan or take a picture of your card and **email them to** <u>marketing@coolmilk.com</u> by Monday 4 December.

The winning school will receive a £100 Amazon gift card for school supplies, and the child who designed the card will also receive a £100 Amazon gift card.

It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase your talents whilst also get into the festive spirit!'

There are of course some Terms and Conditions, which are listed below:

- Entries must be received by 5pm on 4th December by email to <u>marketing@coolmilk.com</u>.
- Please write child's name, age and school in the body of the email.
- Entries must be on folded A4 and coloured in pencil, pen, marker or paint (no glitter or cotton wool) as the design must be flat for printing purposes.
- By emailing in your entries, you are confirming that you consent for them to be shared on Cool Milk's website and public platforms.
- The winning design will be used exclusively on Cool Milk's Christmas card for 2023 (a copy will be sent to contacts of the Cool Milk Group as well as to the winner).

Ongoing Roadworks: Punctuality at School



Everyone will by now be aware that Tonbridge is currently suffering traffic delays caused by multiple roadworks, road closures and traffic diversions.

These roadworks are causing problems for children arriving at school on time, with 69 pupils arriving after 08:50 in the last week, with no winners of Punctuality Pup this week; Pup joined Miss Garrett on the Late Gate this morning.

The roadworks, causing the closure of Castle Street and Bank Street with three sets of associated temporary traffic lights in the High Street are on behalf of Southern Water and are currently expected to last until early December.

Please bear this in mind and set off for school earlier than usual to avoid the delays in order to allow your child to arrive in time for school.

For more information, visit the One.Network website which details all roadworks in the UK.

The diversion route is taking all traffic along Annison Street; thankyou for driving carefully here, remaining mindful of the children walking and riding to and from school.



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS ARBOR EMAILS SENT THIS WEEK

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 as-sistance.

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 6 November	PTA Fireworks Night	All School
Tuesday 7 November	Arbor Payment Features: A message sent from Arbor	All School
Tuesday 7 November	Wyvern Class Forest School Highlights	Wyvern Class Parents
Thursday 9 November	Termly Newsletter Year 1	Year 1 Parents
Thursday 9 November	Termly Newsletter Year 2	Year 2 Parents
Thursday 9 November	Termly Newsletter Year 3	Year 3 Parents
Thursday 9 November	Termly Newsletter Year 4	Year 4 Parents
Thursday 9 November	Termly Newsletter Year 5	Year 5 Parents
Thursday 9 November	Termly Newsletter Year 6	Year 6 Parents
Friday 10 November	Hippogriff Class Update	Hippogriff Class Parents

HERE TO HELP HOW TO CONTACT 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.

My child's class learning, class activities, lessons, homework	
Wellbeing or pastoral support	Your child's class email address:
Concerns about bullying and behaviour	classname@slade.kent.sch.uk

office@slade.kent.sch.uk
admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk
General queries: and Childcare Voucher payments: <u>yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</u>
Late Collections: 01732 377760
teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk
<u>sladepta@yahoo.co.uk</u>
governors@slade.kent.sch.uk
<u>slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk</u>
eugdpr@slade.kent.sch.uk or slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk

SLADE STATS 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	95.5%	Year 2	97.6%	Year 5	96.8%
Year 1	95.0%	Year 3	95.8%	Year 6	94.8%
		Year 4	96.7%		

PUNCTUALITY

Registers are taken 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.

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



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
Monday 6 November	Today at Slade, Welcome Sayuni
Monday 6 November	Year 4 Indian and Diwali Dancing
Monday 6 November	Year 4 Diya Designing
Monday 6 November	PTA Firework Night
Tuesday 7 November	Today at Slade
Tuesday 7 November	School Photographs
Tuesday 7 November	Kent Adult Education Yoga
Tuesday 7 November and Pinned Post	New EYFS 2024 Open Event Added
Wednesday 8 November	Today at Slade
Wednesday 8 November	Golf Festival Squad
Wednesday 8 November	Cash purchases for PTA Fireworks
Thursday 9 November	Today at Slade
Friday 10 November	Today at Slade
Friday 10 November	Celebration Assembly

Slade Primary School @SladePrimarySch · Nov 6 8 This morning, Year 4 have been taking part in the first part of their Indian and Diwali workshop with Joanne from @educationgroup.

They have been performing traditional dances from India using Mudras set to fantastic Indian music.

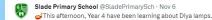


Slade Primary School @SladePrimarySch · Nov 7 We are pleased to share details of a free online yoga class fro @KentAdultEd which is designed to support you and your child's 5 ellbeing.

Mednesday 22 November 13:00 - 14:30

For full details and to





Diya lamps are a symbol of optimism, prosperity and knowledge. They are used in the Hindu festival of Diwali (the festival of lights).

To finish their lesson, they have designed and made their o vn Diya lamps



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Slade Primary School * @SladePrimarySch

Good luck to everyone taking part in the Year 3 & 4 Golf Festival today @medway_council Medway Centre.

Our squad travelling across to Gillingham for the rearranged event are:

	lade Primary School StadePrimarySch
Pupils of	f the Week, home with a certificate and sticker
0 Karo	& Layla
1 Davi	d & Joshua
2 Shah	ieer & Cillian
3 Ellis i	& Olivia
4 Char	lie & Alfie
5 Hect	or & Harriet
6 Keev	a & Ellie

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SLADE+ YOUR WAYS TO PAY

We have tried to make paying

provision, school trips and

visits amongst other events

that happen through the year

as easy as possible. Please see

current prices and 'Way to Pay'

our handy guide here on the

We always make sure that all

priced as fairly as possible but

are acutely aware that extra

families. If you would like to

discuss payment options for

please contact us at anytime

any extra spend at Slade,

office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

and confidentially via

costs can be tricky for our

trips and special events are

when required.

for special lessons, wraparound

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 <u>yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</u> 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 <u>yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</u> if you require a login to SCOPAY.

Slade does not take

independently run

clubs. All payment

and correspondence

should be directed to

the club organiser.

payment for

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 Swimming Lessons Clubs and Activities

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.

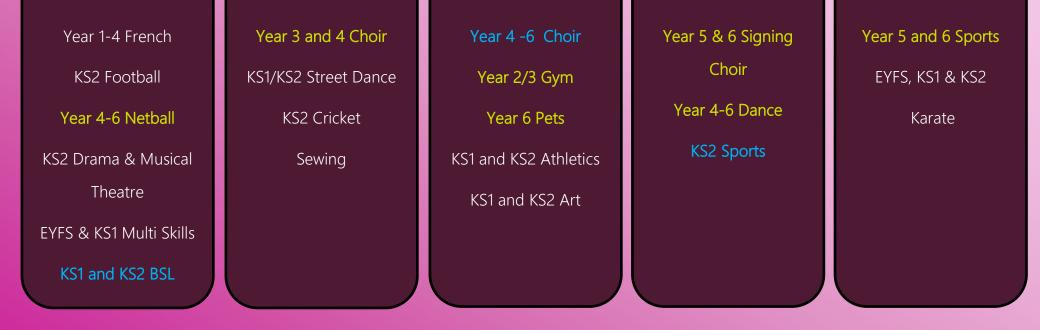
SLADE + EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

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Tuesday

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Thursday



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