# SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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# KAREN SLADE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday morning we all came together as a whole school to enjoy our end of Term 4 Celebration Assembly, albeit a week early! We had the opportunity to 'borrow' the beautiful venue of the E. M. Forster Theatre at Tonbridge School for the morning thus enabling all of the children and staff to gather in person to celebrate both individual and collective achievements from across the term whilst also enjoying some fabulous performances from our choirs and cheerleading squad too. As you will be aware, we currently do not have the hall space large enough for all 420 pupils and staff to congregate in, with our weekly Celebration Assemblies still being held on Zoom. So, this really was a most special and memorable opportunity that we thoroughly enjoyed! A huge thank you to all at Tonbridge School for sharing such a fabulous space with us and for making us feel so very welcome throughout the morning. We look forward to seeing you again in the summer!



Well done and thank you to the children and staff from Titan's Class who have helped us all join in with and celebrate British Sign Language (BSL) Week, an annual event celebrated every year in March, which this year has explored the theme of 'Promoting BSL'. The aim of this national event is to encourage everyone whatever their age to take up the challenge of learning BSL whilst finding out more about the language and culture of the Deaf, Deaf Blind and hard of hearing British people for whom BSL is their first or preferred language. We remain incredibly proud of our continued support and involvement with the Deaf community here at Slade and the everyday use of BSL across the school. We thoroughly enjoyed our BSL Scavenger Hunt that you prepared for us all!



It wouldn't be a typical week at Slade without more sporting successes to celebrate! Read on into the newsletter to find out about our achievements in the gymnastics and trampolining competitions this week, in addition to a match report on the girls' football team and their road to Wembley journey too. Huge congratulations and well done to all of the children for their sporting achievements and their ongoing dedication to their chosen sports. Thank you too to all of the parents, staff and coaches for your continual support for our children at these events and with their training sessions too; we couldn't do it without you!



Thank you too to those who attended our parent consultation meetings this week, most of which were held in school on Tuesday or Thursday evening. It was lovely to see so many of you in attendance discussing your child's progress with the class teachers. If you were unable to attend then please do contact your child's class teacher via the school office or class email address to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time.



It is hard to believe that our Forest School is now in its fourth year, following its initial inception and development at the end of lockdown. As such, we are currently in the process of reviewing this provision to ensure that we continue to grow and develop this area of our wider curriculum. Regular readers of this newsletter will remember that at a recent Parent Rep meeting we discussed the feedback that many of you had shared via the WhatsApp groups. Now, following on from this, we are looking to establish a working party of staff, parents, children and governors to evaluate the progress that we have made on our journey to date whilst beginning to map out the next phase of development for the Forest School too. Therefore, if this is something that you feel that you would like to be involved in or to find out more then please do contact me via the school office.



Finally, still with Forest School, a reminder for all Year 4 parents to check out the inaugural Forest School Blog that will be dropping into your inboxes in the coming days. Enjoy!



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade



### Next Week:

Day	Event	
Monday 25 March	Go! Cheer Cheerleading Competition	
	Details known to attendees	
Tuesday 26 March	Year 4 Educational Trip to Tonbridge Castle	
	Make sure that payment and consent have been made via your Arbor account	
Wednesday 27 March		
Thursday 28 March	Last Day of Term 4	
Friday 29 March	Good Friday - School Closed to all Pupils	
	First Day of Easter Break	
Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April	Easter Break	
Inclusive	School Closed to all Pupils	

### Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	Elf Class Forest School
TUESDAY	Gnome Class Forest School  Pegasus Class Swimming
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Sprite Class Forest School
FRIDAY	

### Further Ahead:

Tuesday 16 April

PRIMARY SCHOOLS NATIONAL
OFFER DAY

If you have applied to join Slade, please see our website for the next steps: Admissions Thursday 18 April

YEAR 6 VISIT TO TONBRIDGE
LIBRARY

More details will be sent to parents nearer the time of this event.

Monday 22 April

YEAR 5 TRIP TO CARROTY
WOOD

Please make sure consent and payment is made via your Arbor account.

# SLADE JOURNAL AROUND SCHOOL

#### **Summertime Yeti's**

The booking window to secure sessions at Yeti's in Term 5 will open at 20:30 on Monday 25 April.

Bookings should be made through your SCOPAY account in the normal way.

You will not be able to make bookings unless the account is topped up with the required funds - this includes payment made using Childcare Vouchers.

Details of our Wraparound provision can be found on the school website: <u>Yeti's Wraparound</u>.

A reminder that if your child visits Yeti's after attending one of our Activity sessions, you can claim some money back. All you have to do is book a full Long (L) session at Yeti's and then inform us via <u>yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</u> of the dates that your child requires just the second half of wraparound care.

This can only be done once a place at one of the Activity Clubs has been confirmed, either by the club organiser or on Arbor if a school run activity. We hope to have the full Term 5 timetable ready for uploading to the website very shortly. Any questions you have regarding the Term 5 Activity schedule should be addressed to Wendy Ball via <a href="mailto:sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk">sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>.







#### **Spring Concert**

Music and Choir leader at Slade, Stephanie Stephens is very pleased to invite the families of performers to the 2024 edition of the Slade Spring Concert.

Whilst the concert is free to attend, space is severely limited so we cannot guarantee seating.

The concert will include performances from both KS2 Choirs as well as Suzie Martin's Signing Choir.

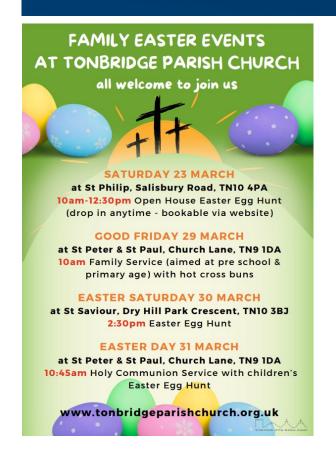
Joining the singers on stage will be musicians from across the school, playing the instruments that they have been learning and (as you will have read last week) in lots of cases perfecting.

It promises to be a lovely evening of entertainment.

The concert takes place at St Saviour's Church, TN9 1DA on Tuesday 26 March at 18:30.



#### **Easter and Beyond in Town**





Easter Athletics Camp 2024

3 days of athletics where anyone and everyone will take part in all the athletics events, play games and receive an athletics stats sheet with all their best results on to compare each time they come to an athletics camp to track progress.

Each group will have tailored sessions with their designated coach and will be in groups with others of a similar age ready for action packed athletics

Events we will cover:



HURDLES POLEVAULT TRIPLE JUMP DISCUS SHOT PUTT

#### Details Dates - Tuesday 9th April - Thursday 11th April

Duration - 10:00am - 15:00pm - The Judd School, Brook Street, Tonbridge, TN9 2PN (Please bring your own packed lunch)

Cost - £120 for full course.  $\mathfrak{L}45$  per day (Please email to book individual dates) Age range – 6 – 13 (athletes will be split into groups based on age)

Website: https://www.westkentathleticsclub.co.uk Contact: 07368 234321 Email: westkentac@gmail.com







#### Sat 20th April 11am

For riders of all abilities and ages

FREE!

- Start point: River walk (just down from 65mm cafe)
- Cycling for less congestion and more safe cycle routes for families in Tonbridge.
- A short 1-2 mile ride
- Fully Marshalled
- · All ages and abilities welcome: balance bikes, mobility scooters, push scooters.

This ride is part of a nation wide action day with Safe Streets Now For more info email: kidicalmasstonbridge@gmail.com



# SLADE JOURNAL OUR NEWS

#### Slade at The Royal Ballet

We are always incredibly happy to find out about the achievements of the children outside of school.

This week, we spoke to Izzy in Wyvern Class who has some amazing news of her own as she has successfully gained a place on the coveted Junior Associate programme from The Royal Ballet School.

Izzy is now six months into the programme, which exists to nurture young dancers who show an aptitude and desire to pursue a career in classical ballet. That is a description that the assessors recognised in Izzy when she performed for them at her audition back in September.

She remembers the audition day at the world famous Royal Opera House well, 'There were three judges who were looking at different aspects of the dance. When I first walked out onto the stage, I was really very nervous but in the end you have to dance your very best. It was a bit like a dance class, there were a few dancers on stage and we all had to dance or perform the move that they described.' Izzy described how the actual practical audition was not even the first step, 'Before we were invited to audition, to get to that stage we had to submit a portfolio of our different dance poses. From this the company were able to choose those they thought would be suitable for audition. I was grateful to have been chosen.'

The audition was of course a success and Izzy has been training with The Royal Ballet each Saturday in Eastleigh, Hampshire before she transfers to their premises in London in the summer.

'As a ballet dancer, you require lots of strength and in my classes we have exercises to improve our body strength, especially our arms which leads us to be more successful with the Port de bras movements' Port de bras is a classical ballet term meaning "movement of the arms." It describes how dancers move their arms from one position to another.

Izzy went on to describe one of her favourite moves, the Temps Levé, which is a small hop on one foot, with the other foot raised off of the floor.

If all proceeds well, at the end of the two years Izzy will find herself taking part in the Mid Associates programme which is for dancers in school years 7,8 and 9. Dancers training with the Royal Ballet do so alongside their own local dance schools - Izzy is a proud member of Associates Dance of Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

We are all incredibly proud of Izzy's achievements so far; and excited about her next steps. We hope you continue to enjoy learning, practising and performing!





# SLADE JOURNAL FITNESS, SPORT AND WELLBEING

### **Girls Bow Out in Glory**

Our U11 (Year 5 and 6) Girls football team narrowly missed out on going through to the national final of The National League Trust Cup on Tuesday.

The tournament is based around the 72 teams in the National League (24 in the National division with 24 each in the National League North and South). Schools from the boroughs or districts where the teams are based are invited to enter into their local competition for the chance to represent their local team - in our case Tonbridge Angels.

The girls won the local prize as the best team in Tonbridge and Malling which meant they went on in the tournament representing The Angels and having the opportunity to train under the stewardship of Dom Welsh and Noah Millis from TAFC's Academy and Community sides.

The Slade team went on to replicate that success at the South East Regional finals day last month which combined the winners of each of the South East based teams playing against each other.

This meant that they progressed again, this time to the National League South finals (in essence, the semi finals of the whole tournament).

Teams from across the south, representing Eastbourne Borough, Havant and Waterlooville, Slough Town, Southend United, St Albans and Torquay United joined our girls at Arbor Park, home of Slough Town FC on Tuesday.

The girls played out of their skins and performed at the top of their game. They ended the day having won, drawn and lost equal numbers of matches and, having drawn in the second game of the day with Slough who equalised with the last kick of the game, they saw the hosts go through from their group to the day final which they eventually won.

We are all so proud of the team and of their efforts not just this year, but also last year and as we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 children, we would like to extend a very special good luck to all of those girls in the next steps in their footballing success, especially as most of them play for local teams and represent the local district.

Our huge thanks also to everyone at Tonbridge Angels FC for all of your help, support and encouragement throughout the journey, Dom and Noah in particular. Their training, knowledge and experience was invaluable and they are a real credit to their club.

Read the Tonbridge Angels report on the day from their website: <a href="https://www.tonbridgeangels.co.uk/news/slade-girls-u11s-do-angels-proud/5237">https://www.tonbridgeangels.co.uk/news/slade-girls-u11s-do-angels-proud/5237</a>

Giving back, show your support for Tonbridge Angels this Easter in their home games on Saturday 23 March vs Truro City and on Easter Monday, 1 April vs Farnborough. Both matches kick off at 15:00.













# SLADE JOURNAL FITNESS, SPORT AND WELLBEING

#### **Bouncing with Success**

On Tuesday, we were very pleased to enter the Kent and Medway Trampolining Championships, which took place at Jumpers Rebound Centre in Gillingham.

The team of Jack, Francesca, Anaïs, Hector and Rose all enjoy trampolining, but it is the first time they have competed together as a school team. They were led on the day by Francesca's mother, to who we are incredibly grateful.

We are also very grateful to all of the parents who took time out to take the children to and from the event in Medway and for their support of all of the Slade team on the day.

Rosie was the youngest of all of the competitors and all of the team were very proud of her, because she did not let nerves of competing against older age groups, or indeed the number of judges on the sidelines get to her and she delivered a wonderful performance, as did all of the team, who came third overall in the whole competition, which is a fantastic achievement.

Thankyou to Mrs Pallett for providing these photographs of the action of the day.









#### **Angel Centre Gym**

The following day, Slade Sport was back out on the road, this time a bit closer to home, as we took part in the Kent Inter Schools Gymnastics Tournament.

We had gymnasts competing in the three categories of beginners, intermediate and advanced.





The Slade beginners (Fifi, Clara, Darcy and Alisha) and intermediate teams (Emilia, Venika, Anaïs and Ruby) both came first in their competitions and the advanced team also performed brilliantly on the day.

Congratulations to everyone involved, and for all learning the different routines required for each level so perfectly. Thankyou again to all of the parents who supported the teams at The Angel Centre.





#### **Celebration Cheerleading**

We all enjoyed a very special end of term assembly at the E M Forster Theatre at Tonbridge School on Thursday, which doubled as an early Celebration Assembly. There was a performance from our cheerleading squad led by Trinity Dance teacher Lauren Merch as they prepare for the Go! Cheer competition being held at Leigh Academy, Tonbridge on Monday. Good luck girls, if yesterday's performance was anything to go by, you will have a great time!

# SLADE JOURNAL PTA NEWS



#### **Easter Bunny Tickets**

Tickets for the Easter Bunny Mystery are now on sale on the PTA sum up page. We will also do in person sales on the playground after pick up on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Some additional info below to go with the details on the poster....

Tickets are £2.50 per child. Please put your child's name and class in the 'message to merchant' note section when you checkout. Pre-school children are very welcome - please purchase a ticket for all children wishing to participate in the hunt.

Wristbands bought via sum up will be handed out by the class teachers on the day of the hunt. Additional wristbands will be handed to siblings.

https://sladepta.sumupstore.com/product/easter-hunt-28-march

#### **Amazing Bake Sale**

Can you help us with the Bake Sale?? Last year this was such a popular part of the Easter event, and we would love to run another really fabulous cake sale this year

Please let us know if you can support us with home made cakes, or doughnuts always go down really well!

For all homemade treats please provide a full list of ingredients to enable us to manage any dietary restrictions, and no nuts at all please.

# 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 assistance.

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Tuesday 19 March	Elmer Class Forest School Highlights	Elmer Class Parents
Tuesday 19 March	Yeti's Booking Window	All School
Friday 22 March	Year 5 Visit to Carroty Wood	Year 5 Parents
Friday 22 March	Spring Concert	All School

### 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	Your child's class email address:
Wellbeing or pastoral support, Concerns about bullying and behaviour	classname@slade.kent.sch.uk
School Trips, Payments, School Events	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
Special Educational Needs (SEND) General Enquiries	
Sickness reporting, Absence requests and medical appointments	attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk
Admissions	admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk
Yeti's Wraparound	General queries: and Childcare Voucher payments:
	<u>yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</u>
	Late Collections: 01732 377760
Extra Curricular Activities and Representative Sports Events	sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk
School Lunches, Nourish Contract Catering	hildasmith@nourishcc.co.uk
Slade PTA	sladepta@yahoo.co.uk
The Governing Body and Chair of Governors	governors@slade.kent.sch.uk
Complaints	slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk
GDPR Information and Reporting	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 o8:50 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

Our Attendance Target

97.0%

Our Attendance This Week

95.9%

Our Attendance
This Year

95.2%

National Average = 94.3%\*

National percentile rating for Slade = 71

\*data from schools and MATs who use Arbor MI

# SLADE STATS 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

Pupils Late
This Week

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# SLADE ON X X-POSTS (Formerly Twitter)



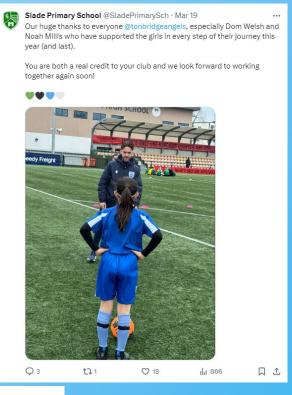
We encourage you to follow us on the social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

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
Monday 18 March	Today at Slade
Tuesday 19 March	Today at Slade
Tuesday 19 March	Welcome to Slough
Tuesday 19 March	U11 National League South Finals Squad
Tuesday 19 March	Results from Arbour Park
Tuesday 19 March	Congratulations to all teams
Tuesday 19 March	Thankyou Dom and Noah
Wednesday 20 March	Today at Slade
Thursday 21 March	Today at Slade (with apologies for error in Forest School info!)
Friday 22 March	Today at Slade
Friday 22 March	Celebration Assembly
Friday 22 March	EM Forster Theatre

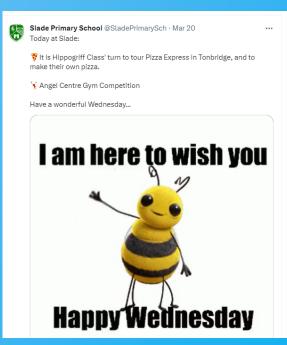














We have tried to make paying for special lessons, wraparound provision, school trips and visits amongst other events that happen through the year as easy as possible. Please see our handy guide here on the current prices and 'Way to Pay' when required.

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 <a href="mailto:yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk">yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</a> 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 <a href="mailto:yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk">yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</a> 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.

# SLADE+ EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

#### Monday

NO CLUBS FOR FINAL
WEEK OF SPRING
TERMS

#### Tuesday

KS1 and KS2

DanceMode
The Craf'd Bus Sewing

(These sessions are a result of last week's postponement)

#### Wednesday

The Craf'd Bus Sewing
(These sessions are a result of last week's

postponement)

#### Thursday

Homework Club

(These sessions are result of last week's

#### Friday

NO CLUBS FOR FINAL
WEEK OF SPRING
TERMS

Full Details: Times, Prices, Ways to Book and more via the school website