SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Newsletter Term 4 Issue 6
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KAREN SLADE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 4 and what an action packed 4-day week it's been!

Well done and thank you to all of the children who performed at the Spring Concert on Tuesday evening which was held at St Saviour's Church, our first Spring concert since 2019! There was an eclectic mix of music and recitals which included children performing both as individuals and collectively, with the evening culminating with our KS2 Choir. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all who were there. Thank you to parents and grandparents who supported the children at this event and for continuing to support your children with their music tuition too. Well done everyone!

Children in Years 2-3 thoroughly enjoyed the scooter workshops that they attended earlier this week where they all had an opportunity to refine their scooter skills, with the aim of keeping them safer on the pavements as they travel around the local area. More details about what they got up to follows further in the newsletter! Children, please remember that if you choose to scoot to and from school, then to keep everyone safe, scooters are not to be ridden across the playground or the roads; so please remember to dismount your scooter when entering the school site!

On Wednesday, Miss Garrett and I once again welcomed our Golden Table Winners to join us at lunchtime, where we acted as their hosts whilst they dined at the top table. Our winners had all been nominated by our lunchtime staff for a place on the table in recognition of their behaviour and attitude at lunchtime during the term. It was a pleasure to serve them all their lunch and spend this time with the children; well done and thank you for being such splendid guests!

It has been another week of sporting achievements! This week, in cross country and cheerleading, children from across the year groups have been out and about once again representing the school and performing with pride. Do read on to find out more about these events or take a look at our 'X' feed for some pictures too. For anyone looking to try out a new sport or activity and wanting to get involved with a team then an overview of the extensive range of clubs and activities on offer for Term 5 will shortly be available on the school website for you to browse and book!

At the time of writing I am very much looking forward to the egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt which the fabulous PTA volunteers are hosting on the playground after school later today. Many thanks to all on the PTA Committee who have planned this fundraising egg-stravaganza for our very egg-cited children to enjoy! Many thanks from us all; happy hunting everyone!

Today during assembly we all said goodye and good luck to two members of our staff team who are moving on to pastures new at the start of Term 5. Firstly, Mrs. Helen Berrill, Pegasus Class teacher, is stepping away from her position of class teacher here at Slade in order to further her own studies, beginning her research project with University College London, whilst also dedicating more time to her role as a specialist teacher and dyslexia assessor. As disappointed as we are to be losing Mrs. Berrill and all that she brings to our school we wish her well with her studies and in her specialist role. Good luck Helen; you will be missed! Then, goodbye and congratulations too to Shereen Townsend, Speech and Language Teaching Assistant, who has been successfully appointed to a similar role at Somerhill School in Tonbridge and will therefore be leaving us today after 8 years here at Slade. All the very best to you Shereen in your new role!

And finally, congratulations and good luck too to Mr. Louth (Elf Class Teacher) who is getting married during the Easter break! Sending all good wishes to you for a very special day!

I hope that you all have a thoroughly restful break over the Easter period and look forward to seeing everyone back in school at the start of Term 5 on Monday 19 April.

Karen Slade

















Next Week:

Day	Event
Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April	Easter Break
Inclusive	School Closed to all Pupils
Monday 15 April	First Day of Term 5
Tuesday 16 April	Primary School National Offer Day
	If you have applied to join Slade, please see our website for the next steps: <u>Admissions</u>
Wednesday 17 April	
Thursday 18 April	Year 6 Visit to Tonbridge Library
Friday 19 April	

Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

Further Ahead:

Monday 22 April

YEAR 5 TRIP TO CARROTY
WOOD

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

Monday 22 April

YEAR 2 VISIT TO TONBRIDGE LIBRARY

Thursday 25 April

YEAR 6 PARENTS MEETING RE
RESIDENTIAL AT CARROTY

WOOD

More information will be provided nearer the time.

SLADE JOURNAL AROUND SCHOOL

Happy Easter!

Everyone at Slade would like to wish all of our families a very happy Easter break, which starts today with an earlier than usual newsletter.

A reminder that school is closed to all pupils for the duration of the holiday which runs from Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April inclusive.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school for the beginning of the Summer terms on Monday 15 April.

We hope that everyone who has stayed on later this afternoon to join in with the PTA's Easter Bunny Mystery event has a wonderful time - do let us know which teacher it was hiding all of the chocolate bunnies!





Booking Pains

Our thanks to everyone who booked places at Yeti's Wraparound this week for your patience after we were unable to open the system up on Monday evening as promised. This was due to hardware issues connected to an upgrade to the SCOPAY system.

If you have further issues, please contact us via <u>yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</u>.

Keep an eye out next term for exciting news with regard to booking Breakfast and After School Clubs.

Term 5 Uniform Sale: Thursday 18 April

Sahar and the team are pleased to say that the first PTA Uniform Sale of the summer will take place on Thursday 18 April after school in the playground until 15:50. Cash and card payments accepted.

There will also be a chance to donate quality uniform no longer needed at home. Donation containers will be placed at the entry points to school at drop-off, collection and wraparound club times.

The PTA are keen on donations of Slade Logo Jumpers, PE Kits, cardigans, polo shirts and plain grey trousers and skirts as well as bookbags and PE Bags.



Easter and Beyond in Town

A reminder of some of the events happening in and around Tonbridge this Easter holiday:



West Kent Athletics club 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 a Events we will cover: 75M/100M

HURDLES

POLEVAULT

TRIPLE JUM



uesday 9th April - Thursday 11th April Duration - 10:00am - 15:00pm

Location - The Judd School, Brook Street, Tonbridge, TN9 2PN (Please bring your own packed lunch)

Cost – £120 for full course.

£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

Club night information

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC



Fixtures to the end of the season:

Friday 29 March 15:00

Away vs Hampton and Richmond

Monday 1 April 15:00

Home vs Farnborough

Saturday 6 April 15:00

Away vs Bath City

Saturday 13 April 15:00

Away vs Chelmsford City

Saturday 20 April 15:00

Home vs St Albans City

SLADE JOURNAL FOCUS ON YEAR 4

Visit to Tonbridge Castle

On Tuesday, the Year 4 Classes, Phoenix and Sphinx, walked across the road to visit Tonbridge's most famous landmark: the Norman Castle that stands proudly on the mound looking over our school to one direction and the River Medway to the other.

The children were treated to a tour of the castle and the grounds, and were able to explore for themselves the features of a motte-and-bailey castle such as the one here in town. They were already familiar with the features as they have been learning about them in their local history lessons.

One of the questions they asked themselves was, Why did the Normans want to build Castles anyway?' and what purpose the castles had.

Phoenix Class were pleased to share their knowledge by telling us that the castle was built where it was to protect the bridge across the River Medway - one of the very few places you could cross the river in those days.

They had the chance to go inside the twin towered Gatehouse, built by Richard de Clare in the 1200's where there were three levels to explore including the Great Hall, The Armoury and even the Privy!

Following this, they went to the top of the castle to look out all over Tonbridge.

Our many thanks to everyone at Tonbridge Castle for their help and playful workshops throughout a most enjoyable day.





















SLADE JOURNAL AROUND SCHOOL

Operation Learning

This term, Year 6 have been learning about electrical circuits and putting this learning into practise by designing, then building, an electronic game.

Lilliana and Akshara in Dragon Class have been working extremely hard to plan the perfect project and see it to the stage where they can see it working. It was a thrill to catch up with them yesterday afternoon to see the games they had made being played with.

They told us, 'We had first learnt about electricity in Year 4, and we built on that learning this term with Mrs Worley in Year 6. We understand that a circuit requires input (which is normally a battery) the process and then the output -which is the light or the noise that is produced.'

Akshara explained how the project worked, 'firstly, we had to plan and think about the aesthetics of what we were designing, before thinking carefully about the co components required - then putting it all together.

Liliana and her group designed a Horrible Histories inspired game of Mummification, itself based on the popular game of Operation, whilst Akshara and her team designed a quiz based format - matching words in English with the same in different languages. If you match the words correctly the board buzzes!

It was fantastic to see and hear both games working just as they were designed to do so and as Liliana pointed out that was of course the aim, but it came after some hard thinking, 'There was trial and error as some things did not work first time, which you expect, this is what makes the final version so special, it all works just how we planned it!'

Congratulations to all of Year 6 for the successful learning outcome with this project, we know how pleased Mrs Worley and Mrs Burnside both are of all of the games and quizzes that have been created.







SLADE JOURNAL MUSIC

Spring Concert

The annual Slade Spring Concert took place this week at St Saviours Church to a packed audience and a record number of participants.

Performances varied from the traditional choir singing - Miss Taylor's Year 3 and 4 Choir sung How Far I'll Go, opening the concert - which was closed some 90 minutes later with Titanium and I See Stars sung beautifully by Mrs Stephen's Year 4 - 6 Choir.

In between there was solo acts from children who have been learning instruments at Music Station, in their own time under private and club tuition and from those pupils who take lessons with violin teacher, Madeleine Butcher. We were also struck by the amount of talent and confidence to perform across the school as children who has grouped together to perform both instrumentals and singing. Each performance was truly wonderful and congratulations to everyone who took part and thankyou to everyone who helped organise the event and of course to all of the parents, carers, friends and relatives who came to support our artists.

Unfortunately, we were unable to source any photographs of this event.

SLADE JOURNAL FITNESS, SPORT AND WELLBEING

Cheerleading Champions!

Many congratulations to all of the girls in our Year 4 - 6 Cheerleading squad and to their coach, Lauren Merch, as they ran out as champions of the annual Go Cheer! Competition run this year by the Leigh Academy Sports Partnership and competed in by schools across the region as teams performed from Claremont in Tunbridge Wells, Woodlands, Rustall, Stocks Green, Temple Grove, Sussex Road, St John's in Crowborough, Hildenborough and completing the line up, Brenchley and Matfield School.

The Slade group was the biggest of the competing teams and the performance took in elements of gymnastics and dance combined to create a winning routine, performed brilliantly on the night as they showed the most impressive of their attributes - their teamwork and confidence in each other in order to perform the routine which included lots of lifts and quick changing positions.

They stuck to the rhythm of their chosen track, which was the theme to 1980 hit film 'Fame' throughout the performance, which led the judges to award them first place and champions of West Kent!

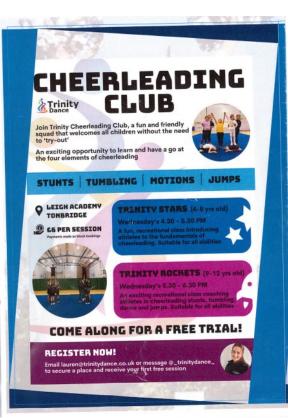
The judges were all cheerleaders themselves, and perform as part of the national team in Cheerleading, so they know exactly what they were looing for!

You could emulate the success of the girls by joining Lauren's own Cheerleading Club run by her Trinity Dance club at Leigh Academy. For more information contact Lauren via email at lauren@trinitydance.co.uk.









SLADE JOURNAL OUR NEWS

Ottilie On Top

It was a pleasure to be joined in the school office this morning by Ottilie in Year 2 who shared with us her recent exploits, rightly very proud of her achievements.

She represented Slade yesterday in the Tonbridge Schools Cross Country Competition where she finished in a brilliant third place. She said, 'I really enjoy running and in the cross county I saw lots of people I know from other schools, including my Rainbows buddy, Chloé, who I beat into third place.'

In the pool, Ottilie was pleased to achieve her 10m swimming certificate and badge. 'I swam 10 metre at the pool I have my lessons in in Sevenoaks. I swam on my back all of the way.'

Ottilie has also recently received special badges from the Brownies - she is particularly pleased with her Leap Year badge. For this she made a frog! Ottilie chuckled as she told us the full story, 'It was actually oragami! We had paper and we made a frog, because they leap and it is a leap year! It is amazing because when you push the paper frog at the bottom, it leaps up in the air!'

She enjoys being a defender at Tonbridge Juniors football team where she has warm words for Aaron, her coach, 'Aaron is a great coach, he has helped me enjoy playing in defence at football.'

She has also won a fourth medal in gymnastics after her group learnt a routine in their class. 'I have to be able to do front rolls and back rolls and cartwheels, even front flips!' It is not just at gym that Ottilie works on her strength fitness, she even does boxing, where in addition to using the punchbags she keeps fit with, 'obstacle courses, burpees and lots of exercises.'

You would think all of this would wear a seven year out, but not so, and we would very much like to thank Ottilie for talking so enthusiastically about all of the out of school activities she does and how she has worked very hard to improve her skills in lots of different areas.

Our thanks also to Ottilie's family for providing her photographs.









Finding out about out of school achievements and hobbies is always our favourite part of putting the newsletter together and if anyone has a story they would like to share, please drop us a quick email via office@slade.kent.sch.uk and we will feature you in a future issue.

SLADE JOURNAL AROUND SCHOOL

Year 2 and 3 Scooter Training

Early this week, we were very pleased to be joined by Marc from Team Rubicon, who attended Slade to provide scooter training for the children in Year 2 and 3.

Marc showed them how to safely control their scooter and when and how to use the brakes.

The children were then tasked with negotiating hazards such as cones as they weaved around the playground.

They also learnt how to look left and right so that they can scoot around the streets in a correct and polite way.



CHAIR OF GOVERNORS SIMON GRIFFITHS

Important Update from the Chair

The Slade Governing body met recently for its third Full Governing Body meeting of the academic year. The meeting had been delayed by a week due to our Ofsted inspection, so the governors took the opportunity to briefly discuss the Ofsted visit, but decided against any more detailed discussion until the inspection report and outcome have been published.

As you may recall, I announced last summer that it was my intention to step down as Chair of Governors, and as a Slade governor, following our Ofsted inspection. I therefore informed the governing body that I will not be standing for re-election as Chair of Governors at the start of the new academic year, but will continue as Chair until then to work with the governors to ensure there is successor in place.

In the meeting, the governors re-appointed Viki Garrett to a further four year term. Viki is already one of our longest serving governors and we thanked her for continuing to support the governing body with her knowledge and experience.

The meeting received an update from the Headteacher about the school's performance, a safeguarding update and reviewed and agreed the most recent financial monitoring. We adopted several important policies covering the use of mobile devices, staff conduct, anti-fraud measures and medical needs. We also agreed the minutes of our previous meeting in November which can now be found on the governor page of the school website.

As we come to the end of term, may I wish you all a safe, enjoyable and happy Easter break.

Simon Griffiths.
Chair of Governors.



SLADE JOURNAL AROUND SCHOOL

Term 5 Forest School Timetable

Monday 15 April - Pegasus (Year 3, Mrs Stephens)

Tuesday 16 April - Hippogriff (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Monday 22 April - Phoenix (Year 4, Mr Osborne)

Tuesday 23 April - Sphinx (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Thursday 25 April - Wyvern (Year 5, Mrs Fordyce)

Friday 26 April - Hydra (Year 5, Mr Duffin)

Monday 29 April - Dragon (Year 6, Mrs Worley)

Tuesday 30 April - Griffin (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)

Thursday 2 May - Gruffalo (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)

Friday 3 May - Elmer (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

Tuesday 7 May - Pixie (Year 1, Miss Elliott and Miss Maple)

Thursday 9 May - Elf (Year 1, Mr Louth)

Friday 10 May - Gnome (Year 2, Mrs Potter)

Monday 13 May - Sprite (Year 2, Mrs Hill)

Tuesday 14 May - Pegasus (Year 3, Mrs Stephens)

Thursday 16 May - Hippogriff (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Friday 17 May - Phoenix (Year 4, Mr Osborne)

Thursday 23 May Sphinx (Year 4, Miss Lipman)















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
Monday 25 March	Fantastic Mr Fox	Year 2 Parents
Monday 25 March	Lockdown Procedure: A letter from Mrs Slade	All School
Monday 25 March	Update for Pegasus Class: A letter from Mrs Slade	Pegasus Class Parents
Monday 25 March	SCOPAY Upgrade Issues	All School
Tuesday 26 March	Spring Concert Performers	All School
Tuesday 26 March	Yeti's Booking Window	All School
Wednesday 27 March	Year 6 Substance Abuse Learning	Year 6 Parents
Wednesday 27 March	Year 5 GL Assessments	Year 5 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	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 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

Our Attendance Target

97.0%

Our Attendance This Week

93.8%

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 25 March	Today at Slade
Tuesday 26 March	Today at Slade
Tuesday 26 March	Gruffalo Class Challenge Party
Tuesday 26 March	Focus on Year 2,3 and 4
Tuesday 26 March	Spring Concert
Wednesday 27 March	Today at Slade
Thursday 28 March	Today at Slade
Thursday 28 March	Celebration Assembly
Thursday 28 March	Goodbye, Helen
Thursday 28 March	Goodbye, Shereen
Thursday 28 March	Congratulations, Nick











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.

SLADE+ EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Monday

Term 5 Clubs and
Activities list not yet
available

Tuesday

Term 5 Clubs and
Activities list not yet
available

Wednesday

Term 5 Clubs and
Activities list not yet
available

Thursday

Term 5 Clubs and
Activities list not yet
available

Friday

Term 5 Clubs and
Activities list not yet
available

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