SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Newsletter Term 5 Issue 2

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KAREN SLADE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all in our school community who have taken the time to get in touch after reading a copy of our Ofsted report earlier this week. The supportive and congratulatory words that you have shared both in person and in writing too have been greatly received by all on the team and are very much appreciated. The ongoing support of our school family really does mean a lot and is never taken for granted. As previously shared, and as many of you have commented, the report is brief in content; therefore, we will be looking to disseminate more widely much of the verbal feedback that was also received during the inspection in the coming days. Watch this space and thank you again everyone!



Well done and thank you too to all of the parents and pupils, past and present, who both organised and attended the picnics that were in response to the proposal by TMBC to re-develop the Upper Castle Fields Car Park area opposite school. I was very proud watching so many of our children leaving school armed with their banners and posters ready to share their views with local councillors, the press and anyone else that would listen! I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the photos from the event and reading of the response to your picnics across social media. Well done and thank you children! Do read on into the newsletter to find out more and to see the photos too.



On Monday, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a fabulous day in the gorgeous woodland on their school trip to Carroty Wood. All the children had a taste of what the site can offer, making the most of the facilities and enjoying some of the challenging activities, including karting, climbing and swimming. All had a fabulous time and were a credit to themselves and the school during the whole of the day. A huge thank you to all of the staff team who organised and led this wonderful experience for our pupils, thank you. Do check out our 'X' feed which captures the fabulous fun they have had!



Still with Carroty Wood, we hope that all of our Year 6 parents have now received and watched the prerecorded School Journey information meeting which was shared with you all yesterday. We hope that you found the session informative and helpful as you begin preparing your children for this exciting experience. Please do get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance should you have any initial queries regarding the pending trip.



At the end of this term we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs. Sue Meades, who has been working here at Slade, most recently as EYFS Teaching Assistant in Elmer Class, for the best part of fourteen years. Sue has successfully been appointed to a similar role at Hilden Oaks School from the start of Term 6. Congratulations and well-done Sue on your new appointment; sending all good wishes to you at the start of your new chapter! We are therefore currently recruiting to this role, with all job details of the TA position and application details available on the Kent Teach website should you or anyone you know be interested. Please do get in touch via the school office should you wish to find out more or catch either Miss Garrett or I on the school gate.



A reminder please that when dropping off or collecting pupils, including at Breakfast and After School Club, parking is not permitted opposite the school car park entrance, outside the former Power Station. In addition, in order to safeguard all children and staff, the Deacon House driveway and car park is not for parental parking at any time either, even when collecting from Yetis at the end of the day. Thank you for your co-operation with both of these matters as we aim to keep all of our community safe during these busy times in the school day.



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade



Next Week:

Day	Event	
Monday 29 April		
Tuesday 30 April	Year 5 Parent Assembly: Online Safety	
	See Page 8	
Wednesday 1 May	Year 3 Educational Visit to Warner Bros. Studios, Leavesden	
	There are a number of outstanding payments and consents for this event. Please make sure you have paid and consented via your Arbor account.	
Thursday 2 May		
Friday 3 May		

Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

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

Further Ahead:

Monday 6 May

MAY HOLIDAY

School Closed to all pupils.

Monday 13 May -

Thursday 16 May

KS2 (YEAR 6) STATUTORY

ASSESSMENT TESTS (SATs)

Please contact class teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Monday 13 May

YEAR 1 VIST TO TONBRIDGE LIBRARY.

If your child does not have a library card, please advise the school office for a form to complete.

SLADE JOURNAL

AROUND SCHOOL

Slade Primary School Ofsted Report 2024

On Tuesday, you will have received the full written report that followed the inspection at Slade by schools regulator, Ofsted.

This report will shortly be available for wider reading on the Ofsted website, as well as on our own. The inspection, which took place on 5 and 6 March concluded that Slade is a Good provider in all areas and was described by Mrs Slade as, 'a great achievement and true reflection of the positive journey of improvement that the school has been on in recent years.'

Mrs Slade was also keen to thank our parent and carer community: 'Once again, many thanks to all the parents and carers who took the time to answer the Ofsted parental survey. The inspectors were not only hugely impressed by the volume of responses that they received but also with the level of positivity within the feedback that they read too.'







Castle Parking Plans Protested

The sound of children playing, having fun in the sun filled the air over the last week as parents, carers, friends and neighbours gathered together against the plans of Tonbridge and Malling Council to extend the parking area at Castle Fields carpark, taking away the play area currently enjoyed by children at Slade and other local residents and visitors to the area.

The plans continue to be contested and following the Overview and Scrutiny meeting earlier this week, the question has now been deferred back to the Council for final consideration at their meeting on Tuesday 30 April.



Kent Online: Hope for Parents (25 April)

KMTV Kent Tonight (second story)

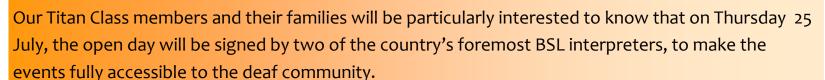




Big Cat Open Day with BSL Interpreters

The Big Cat Sanctuary in Smarden is home to around 40 cats spanning 11 different species, many of which are classed as more than vulnerable to the risk of extinction.

The Sanctuary welcomes visitors to their annual set of open days from Wednesday 24 July to Sunday 28 July. The Sanctuary opens its doors to the public for a few days of fun, education, and entertainment, billed on their website as, 'A fantastic event to look forward to for the Summer!'



The Big Cat Sanctuary open days are all ticket events. Find out more information and book here: https://thebigcatsanctuary.org/events/open-days/. Remember to book on to the BSL signed days, you must choose to visit on Thursday 25 July.

The Big Cat Sanctuary is at Headcorn Rd, Smarden, Ashford TN27 8PJ.







Plea for Pants

We would be delighted to accept any willing donations of clean, but no longer used boys or girls pants suitable for ages 6 and 7.

If you have some pants that you are happy to pass on, please bring them along to the school office.

SLADE JOURNAL AROUND SCHOOL

Allergy Awareness Week

This week we have held our very first Allergy Awareness Week, which has meant every child at Slade taking part in special, age related activities and learning as they have found out what an allergy is, the different types of allergy as well as how to prevent someone from having an allergic reaction and knowing what to do if they someone having an allergic reaction.

What does it mean to have an allergy?

- * An allergy is where your body reacts to something that is normally harmless
- * If you have an allergic reaction then your body thinks it will be harmful to it

Let's find out more...



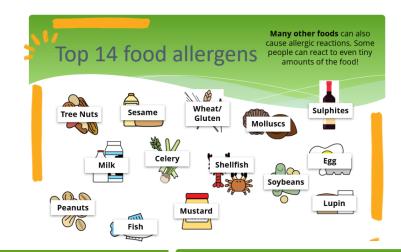


Please speak to your children about this subject and the learning they have taken part in this week.

Remember, you can update your child's Arbor account at anytime to reflect an allergy that you suspect or have been diagnosed with since starting school.

Thankyou to the many parents who have done just that off the back of our Awareness Week.





What is anaphylaxis?

Anaphylaxis (pronounced ana-fil-ax-is) is the most **serious** type of allergic reaction.

It can be need emergency treatment with a medicine called 'adrenaline'.

What are the signs of anaphylaxis?

Serious reaction (anaphylaxis) signs include:

- Airway Hard to swallow/coughing
- Breathing Difficult to breathe/noisy breathing
- Circulation Feeling dizzy, floppy or sleepy

Other allergic reaction signs

Other signs can include:

- Itchy skin rash
- Itchy/tingling mouth
- Puffy lips, face or eyes
- Tummy pain or being sick

The signs above can also happen on their own. If there are no ABC signs, the allergic reaction is likely to be less serious and not anaphylaxis.

Remember ABC!

Medication

- When someone has a serious allergic reaction (anaphylaxis), they have to use a medicine pen which looks like this.
- It injects a medicine called 'adrenaline' into the top of the person's leg to make them feel better.
- These are also called adrenaline autoinjectors. There are 3 brand types in the UK (EpiPen, Emerade and Jext).



What does it feel like to have an allergy?

- Being allergic to something can feel very scary.
- Someone with an allergy has to be careful about what they do and make sure they stay away from the thing/things that make them feel ill.
- This can make them feel different or left out.

Safeguarding Champions/Trusted Adult

If your friend has an allergy, you can:

- Wash your hands to keep them clean when with your friend.
- Help your friend to stay away from the things which make them ill.

What you can do to help

- Ask your friend about their allergy and how it makes them feel.
- Don't share your lunch or snacks.
- Know what happens to someone when they have an allergic reaction and get help quickly if you see one happening.

- * If you ever feel worried or unsafe you can speak to one of our safeguarding champions or
- * A trusted adult

* Remember...

Allergies of children and staff at Slade are the reason why we ask for no nuts in any snack or lunch brought to school, or packets of sweets handed out amongst all of the children in a class (for example, when it is a birthday.)

Thankyou for your understanding and cooperation with this.

SLADE JOURNAL AROUND SCHOOL

Enjoying Poetry, Gaining Confidence

Phoenix Class is a very cultured place to be first thing every morning, and we are grateful to Mr Osborne and to Oscar in particular for sharing the story of how a little learning is going a long way in Year 4.

Every week, the children choose a poem to learn before either reciting, or reading it out to the rest of their class. Mr Osborne gives them the choice of using a poem from a book, or for them to write and read their own.

The exercise has multiple benefits as it exposes the class to the many different styles of poetry, it allows the creative juices to flow by writing some of their own poems, and also in how they articulate them when reading. Most of all, it has improved the confidence of the children and allowed them to become public speakers, without even realising it!

The other added gain has been how the rest of the class respond to the performances - they listen with interest and respect and have shown how to be a polite and responsive audience.

Oscar has his own positive experience since the beginning of the year, that he was pleased to share:

'I am usually a shy person, but I now find it fun to speak in front of the class. I would never had managed to speak up as I can now without doing it so regularly with the poems. I like funny poems, but also poems that are different. The most recent poem I read was one I wrote myself, called The Life of a Goldfish. I thought of the words when I was in the shower! It is based on my auntie's old goldfish.'

Oscar likes to write his own, and has kept them all together in a pack. He likes to look back on the poems he has written and read, and one of his favourites is called Presents.

'Presents is based on my cats Orieo and Bella. They like to think they are bringing us presents, but it is not actually very good, because the presents are usually mice!'

We agreed that the poems were especially good because they tell an often serious story in very few, well crafted words, but also make you laugh and smile.

The Life of a Goldfish

1,2,3 the goldfish lost its memory.

3,4,5 now it's learned to skydive.

6,7,8 hope it's not too late.

9,10,11 now it's gone to heaven.

By Oscar Sevitt

Presents

My cat is very generous

She likes to bring us gifts

Unfortunately they are not the kind that we would ever wish!

Sometimes alive and sometimes dead Her presents cause us a sense of dread

Butterfly's and giant moths
And insects galore
But her favourite is little mice
That she drops on the bedroom floor



SLADE JOURNAL OUT AND ABOUT

Year 2 Lucky in The Library

Each yeargroup across the school has, or will soon, have the opportunity to visit the local Library in Tonbridge Town Centre. The purpose of the visits, organised by Mrs Stephens in partnership with the team at the library, is to allow children to browse and choose books and find out more about the services on offer at the valuable local resource.

On Monday, the day that Gnome and Sprite Class visited, they were met with a wonderful surprise. In the library that day were international bestselling author, TV and radio pundit and Reading Agency ambassador Amanda Prowse alongside award winning illustrator Paul Ward Smith.

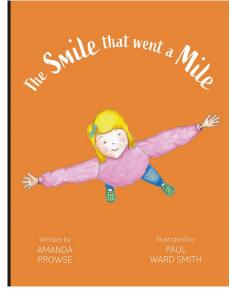
Local man Paul and author Amanda are tireless in their support for libraries across the country - especially at this time when so many of them are under threat of closure and were in Tonbridge with copies of their children's book The Smile that went a Mile.

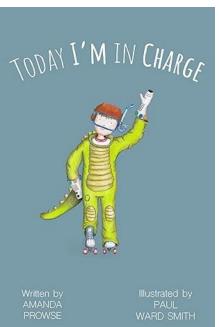
Katie from Gnome Class takes up the story of the morning,' We had a great visit to the library because the author Amanda and illustrator Paul were there. Paul read the book The Smile that went a Mile to us all. He was fantastic because he read all of the characters in different voices which made the story easy to understand and even more fun. Some of the voices were really high, some really low!

I loved the story because it was all about a smile. The girl in the book is called Emily and she likes to smile and she really wants everyone else in the town to smile too. It is her smile that travels a mile!'

In addition to The Smile that went a Mile, Paul read another of his and Amanda's books, Today I'm in Charge. Katie continued, 'Paul explained what this book was all about and he also showed us his illustrations. He told us how he comes to think about what his pictures should look like. He likes to listen to the book and imagine - then he can draw the people and the action just as he sees it. He is a very good drawer!'

We are incredibly grateful to Amanda and Paul for their time and generosity. They were happy to give each child a copy of The Smile that went a Mile and even signed copies of the book as well.









Amanda Prowse

Amanda Prowse is an International Bestselling author whose twenty-eight novels, two non-fiction titles and seven novellas have been published in dozens of languages around the world. Published by Lake Union, Amanda is the most prolific writer of bestselling contemporary fiction in the UK today; her titles also consistently score the highest online review approval ratings across several genres. Her books, including the chart-topping No.1 titles 'What Have I Done?', 'Perfect Daughter', 'My Husband's Wife', 'The Girl in the Corner' and 'The Things I Know' have sold millions of copies across the globe.

https://www.amandaprowse.com/

Paul Ward Smith

Paul Ward Smith has always worked in a creative field, as a musician and a celebrated photographer. Reading every night to his little boy woke a dormant passion for illustration, which saw him once again pick up his drawing pencils... "The Smile that went a Mile" is his first storybook.

www.paulwardsmithillustration.com



SLADE JOURNAL FOCUS ON YEAR 5

Carroty Wood Big Day Out

On Monday, the Year 5 Classes visited nearby Carroty Wood for their Summer Educational Visit.

They got up to lots of team building activities including blindfolded go-karting as well as individual pursuits such as rock climbing, swimming and more conventional kart driving.

Did they have a good day? Hopefully, our picture collection below helps to say, Yes!



































Thankyou to all of the parents and carers in Year 5for your support of this visit, both financially and by dropping off and collecting the children from the venue. This has been much appreciated by the teaching team.

The Year 5 Children are back in action next Tuesday afternoon, when they host a very special assembly for over 40 of their parents and carers. The assembly will be all about online safety and is based on their invaluable learning in this area over the course of this year, Parents who have signed up to attend, should enter school via the Office and Carpark Gate, entry will be from 14:10.

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 22 April	Year 2, Term 5 Newsletter	Year 2 Parents
Monday 22 April	Year 5, Term 5 Newsletter	Year 5 Parents
Monday 22 April	KS1 Lego Club, Change of Day	Booked Participants Parents
Monday 22 April	Year 5 Open Events: Maidstone Grammar School for Girls	Year 5 Parents
Tuesday 23 April	Friday Forest School	Hydra and Elmer Class Parents
Tuesday 23 April	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	Year 3 Parents
Tuesday 23 April	Baby Photographs	Year 3 Parents
Tuesday 23 April	Letter from Mrs Slade and Mr Griffiths	All School
	with attached Ofsted Report	
Wednesday 24 April	Maths Newsletter: April	All School
Thursday 25 April	Carroty Wood Residential Information Video and Slides	Year 6 Parents
Thursday 25 April	Year 3 Educational Visit to Leavesden	Year 3 Parents
Friday 26 April	Update from Mrs Slade	Gnome Class Parents
Friday 26 April	Update from Mrs Slade	Phoenix 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	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	
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

97.2%

Our Attendance This Year

95.3%

National Average = 94.3%*

National percentile rating for Slade = 72

*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.

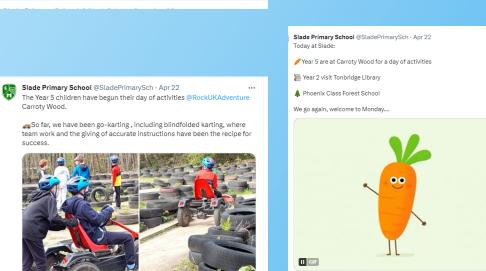
We post a daily diary Today at Slade at 07:15 each morning as well as reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Date of Post	Subject
Monday 22 April	Today at Slade
Monday 22 April	No Road Crossing Patrol
Monday 22 April	Go-Karting at Carroty Wood
Monday 22 April	Lunchtime
Monday 22 April	Climbing the Heights
Monday 22 April	Team Games and Swimming
Tuesday 23 April	Today at Slade
Tuesday 23 April	Year 2 Visit to the Library
Tuesday 23 April	Thankyou, Amanda and Paul
Wednesday 24 April	Picnic Date at the Castle
Wednesday 24 April	Maths Newsletter: April
Thursday 25 April	Today at Slade
Friday 26 April	Today at Slade
Friday 26 April	Celebration Assembly









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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

KS1, KS2 French

KS1, KS2 Football

KS2 Drama

Year 3/4 Lego

KS1, KS2 BSL

EYFS,KS1 Multi Skills

Tuesday

Year 4 - 6 Choir

KS1 Lego

KS2 Pets

KS2 DanceMode Street

Dance

KS2 Cricket

KS2 Sewing

Wednesday

Year 3 & 4 Choir

KS1, KS2 Athletics

KS1, KS2 Art

Ihursday

Year 3 and 4 Signing
Choir

KS2 Sewing

KS1 Yoga

Friday

Year 4-6 Sports

SAMA Karate

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

Clubs run by staff at Slade with spaces

Clubs run by staff at Slade Currently Full

Independent Clubs: Contact Organiser for full details