

SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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School Newsletter Term 5 Issue 3

Friday 3 May 2024

DIARY DATES

NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 6 May - Friday 10 May	National Deaf Awareness Week Keep an eye on X and here next week for details
Monday 6 May	May Day Holiday School Closed to all Pupils
Tuesday 7 May	
Wednesday 8 May	
Thursday 9 May	Mayoral Debate - Participants Aware
Friday 10 May	

Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	Pixie Class Forest School
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Hippogriff Class Forest School <i>(the last swimming lesson for Hippogriff Class will take place on 23 May)</i>
FRIDAY	Phoenix Class Forest School

Further Ahead:

Monday 13 May -
Thursday 16 May

KS2 (YEAR 6) STATUTORY
ASSESSMENT TESTS (SATs)

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

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Thursday 16 May

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Monday 20 May

YEAR 1 VIST TO TONBRIDGE
PARISH CHURCH

Please see email sent earlier today.

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Victory for Parks over Parking

Many of our readers will already be aware of the good news that came out of Tonbridge and Malling Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on Tuesday evening.

The committee were discussing previous decisions of the council to enlarge the car parking area at Castle Fields opposite Slade as well as other parking issues across the borough.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of various groups including parents and families of children at Slade and the Slade Area Residents Association (SARA); the members of the committee decided to overturn the previous decision - which means the green space remains for playing and other recreational use, loved by the children at Slade as well as countless visitors to this historic part of town.

The full story has been covered in this week's Kent Messenger and Kent Online; read their story here: [Happy News for the Children to Wake Up To.](#)

The meeting heard lots of voices from the council including Councillors Mehmet (Con), Hood (Green) and Bridge (Lib Dem) who spoke against the parking plans and for the green space to be retained, as well as Councillor Rhodes (Con) who was less supportive of the protests. SARA spokesperson Jacquie Wyatt presented a petition of nearly 3300 people from across the area as well as describing the value of the space vs the detriment of the area that would be caused if the plans had been given the go-ahead.

Congratulations to everyone who organised and took part in the recent picnic play dates and thank you for putting the case with eloquence and with thought. Now we are enjoying the green shoots of summer, we look forward to plenty of play and fun out on the green!



NEW PEER SUPPORT GROUP FOR NEURODIVERGENT PARENTS

Specifically for parents/carers who are neurodivergent or think they may be.

Please register your interest by emailing ndparent@space2beme.org.uk to be kept up to date, even if you cannot make the first meeting.

Wednesday 22 May, 10:30 - 12:00, Howard de Walden Centre, Maidstone, ME14 2UG

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Support For Neurodivergent Parents

Mid Kent charity Space 2 Be Me have been in touch to provide details about a **new support service that is launching specifically for neurodivergent parents and carers.**

No diagnosis is required, parents and carers who are just starting to explore if they are neurodivergent are welcome. This will be an environment for parents to talk about the challenges of parenting, managing their own needs and to make connections with others.

They invite anyone who is interested to the first meeting, which will take place on **Wednesday 22 May 10:30 – 12:00 at the Howard de Walden Centre, Bluett Street Maidstone, ME14 2UG**, however we know that there will be many people out there that are keen to attend who cannot make this session.

Therefore, Space 2 Be Me have set up a dedicated email address ndparent@space2beme.org.uk and would invite anyone interested in this service to email in and join a mailing list. This will help guide them on how to grow this service moving forward and work out where the demand is.

Five Little Ducks Were Born in Elmer One Day...

At the beginning of the week, Elmer Class started to look after some special visitors. They were at that point, eggs, however the children were soon enthralled by what happened next!

Virtually straight away, the eggs began to hatch as baby ducklings made their first appearance in the world. By the end of the week there are now five successful births, the last of which happened just as we walked in to the classroom on Thursday morning.

The ducks will continue to grow with us until next Thursday when they return to be prepared for an independent life by egg providers 'Incredible Eggs'



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In Memory of Kathy

Last Friday afternoon, we were honoured to be joined by members of the Faulks family, who visited to take part in special ceremonies in both Year 1 classes.

Many of our older children will remember Kathy Faulks, who sadly died 2 years ago, who enjoyed her time at Slade as a volunteer reader so much that she left an incredibly generous donation to the school to be used for a project that would enhance reading for our children for years to come.

That donation has been used to purchase two beautifully made individual Reading Boats, which are now being used daily by Pixie and Elf Classes.

We were joined by Kathy's husband Malcolm, son and daughter Dan and Sarah who were all delighted to see the boats in position and to learn about the positive impact they will have on our young readers. Malcolm spoke to the children and all of our VIP guests were treated to some readings from Year 1 and also some memories of Kathy's time at Slade from our Year 6 children with who she worked. Finally, the younger pupils sang a song before the ribbon was officially cut and the fun learning could begin!



Coming Soon: Yeti's on Arbor

We are very pleased to say that from Term 6, booking for Yeti's Breakfast and After School Club wraparound provision will be made via your Arbor account, replacing the present system from SCOPAY. It has long been an ambition to consolidate all of our services under one system for maximum convenience for all of our families.

It will mean changes to the way you book sessions and full instructions will be provided shortly.

We encourage parents and carers only add enough credit to cover sessions up until the end of Term 5 (Friday 24 May). Any credit left on SCOPAY will be transferred to your Arbor Wraparound Account during the May Half-Term. However, we will be opening the Term 6 booking window on Arbor on Wednesday 15 May therefore please ensure you have enough credit in the Wraparound section of your Arbor Account in order to book sessions successfully.

You will need credit in the account to book sessions at all times.

Parents who pay by Childcare Voucher will be contacted directly by School Business Manager, Jill Westwood.

Benefits of booking via Arbor include one purse for both Breakfast and After School provision and the ability to book the three different After School Club sessions separately - including the After Activity session for the first time.

Lost and Found

As ever when the weather becomes warmer, the amount of lost property increases.

We are currently in possession of a lovely reversible jacket featuring brightly coloured flowers and white unicorns, pictured left. If you believe this may belong to your child, please contact the school office.

On the other hand, we have a plea for parents of children in Year 5 and 6 in particular. One of our pupils has lost a jacket matching the pictures to the right - a black hooded Nike jacket with white swoosh symbol. If you believe that your child may have brought this jacket home by mistake please contact the school office or class teacher.



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OUR NEWS

Marathon Effort Pays Off!

Tonbridge Junior Parkrun continues to be a fun way for the children at Slade to exercise, compete and meet new friends. We were delighted to speak this week with Dexter and Liam from Year 3 and Year 4 as they shared their recent Marathon celebrations with us.

Liam began by explaining what a Parkrun Marathon meant, 'When you have completed a number of Junior Parkruns, you receive different coloured wristbands. I received my Marathon wristband, which you get after competing 21 runs and Dexter has got his Ultra Marathon band which means he has run 50 times!'



Dexter is rightly proud of his achievement of completing so many 2km runs on a Sunday morning, 'We run at Longmead, to complete the run is hard, but it is better if you pace yourself - I can keep fast for the whole of the first lap, but it is hard to keep it up for the second lap, but if you run with rhythm it becomes easier. My personal best is 8 minutes 56 seconds, which I am very pleased with, but I am determined to knock seconds off of this.' Dexter has also tried the longer 5km parkrun, but knows this is harder still, 'Running 5km needs different technique and you definitely need to pace yourself doing that!'

Liam described how he has managed to achieve a superb PB of 8:59, 'I like to have a really fast finish - as soon as I see that finish line 100m or so away, I sprint as fast as I can to the end! I also don't much like the beginning as that is always on concrete and I prefer to run on the softer grass. In the summer most of the course is on grass, but in the winter a lot of it is on concrete.'

Both boys deserve a lot of praise for their determination to improve and not give up in their quest for future personal best timings and to have fun running in the [Tonbridge Junior Parkrun](#).

As for the next target? Take a look at the incentives offered to long term Junior Parkrunners:



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PTA NEWS

Introducing Your PTA Summer Fête:

Saturday 22 June 12:00 - 15:00

The PTA are very excited to start the build up to this year's Summer Fête.

This week, we encourage you to save the date: Saturday 22 June from midday to join us for an afternoon putting the fun into fundraising.

The summer events raise vital money for resources for the whole school, including the children joining us in September, so please do come and join in with the super events planned.

Go Wild at the Slade Summer Fête 2024

Come and bounce, play and enjoy the annual Slade Summer Fete whilst learning about endangered species and what we can do to make a difference. Inflatables, ice creams, games, the legendary barrow of booze and silent auction will all be back, alongside plenty of food, drink and a buzzing event arena.

Our dynamic duo, DJs Matt and Mark, will be entertaining us throughout the afternoon and a fabulous competition will give you chance to win fun cards of £5 to spend on the day.

The children will have chance to decorate their stalls with crafts and information about different endangered species to raise awareness... so come along and support our PTA fundraising effort, have a wild afternoon and learn how we can be prioritising and protecting our wildlife.

“Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference”
Dr Jane Goodall.

Book Donations – Friday 10 May

We are planning to run a second hand book stall again this year at the Summer Fete. We also welcome donations for the Book Café that we are looking to keep running in the Library following the success of the one run on World Book Day. We will arrange a couple of donation days over the next few weeks, with the first on Friday 10 May at the main gates at drop off and pick up.

In particular, books that would be age appropriate for years 2 and 3 would be gratefully received. Thanks so much!

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Year 5 Safer Internet Assembly

Thankyou to the 63 parents and carers who attended and were able to watch the special assembly produced and presented by our Year 5 pupils in Wyvern and Hydra Classes.

Both classes have been learning lots of vital information about keeping safe in the online world - so important for all of the community, but especially for our youngsters and their families.

They shared their learning, the dangers and how to have a positive online experience which we trust will help families as the children begin to use more online facilities as they grow older and begin their transition to Secondary School.

We have a lot of family friendly guides to using popular apps on our own website. See them by clicking the link:

<https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=For+Families&pid=62>

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FOCUS ON YEAR 3

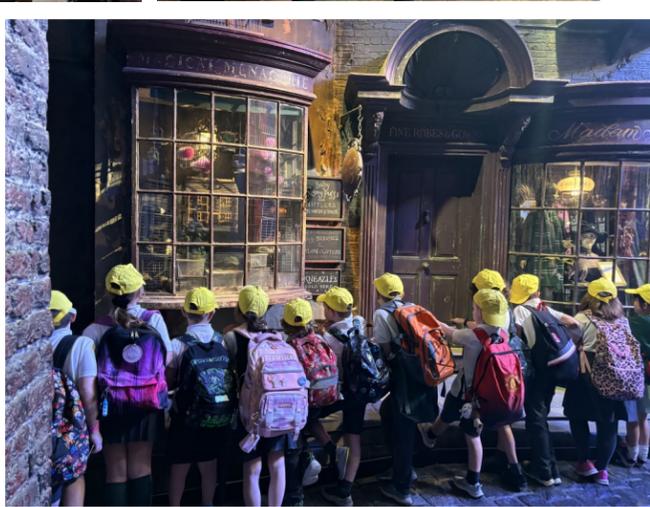
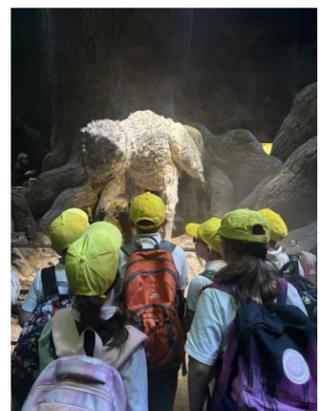
Harry Potter Studios, Leavesden

This week, Pegasus and Hippogriff Classes made the trip around the M25 to the Warner Bros Studios in Leavesden, near Watford.

They were treated to a tour of the studios, seeing familiar and favourite sets from the films as well as having a special Costume Design Workshop, where they learnt the complexities of costume design, saw actual clothing worn in the films and then set about designing their own costumes.

This is always a popular visit for our Year 3 children (and the staff who travel with them!) and this year has proved to be no different.

Many thanks to the parents and carers who helped out during the day, your time and assistance makes these visits possible. Thankyou also to Starline Coaches, Maidstone for providing our travel to and from the venue courtesy of their familiar and friendly driver duo of Jock and Ewan.



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 30 April	Dragon Class Forest School Highlights	Dragon Class Parents
Wednesday 1 May	Griffin Class Forest School Highlights	Griffin Class Parents
Wednesday 1 May	Year 2 Educational Visit to Kent Life	Year 2 Parents
Wednesday 1 May	Message for Parents in Elf Class	Elf Class Parents
Wednesday 1 May	Year 3 Collection Update	Year 3 Parents
Thursday 2 May	Forest School Survey	All School
Friday 3 May	Year 1 Visit to the Parish Church	Year 1 Parents
Friday 3 May	Year 6 Parent Permissions for Consent	Year 6 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, Concerns about bullying and behaviour	Your child's class email address: classname@slade.kent.sch.uk
School Trips, Payments, School Events Special Educational Needs (SEND) General Enquiries	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
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: yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk Late Collections: 01732 377760
Extra Curricular Activities and Representative Sports Events	sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk
School Lunches, Nourish Contract Catering	
Slade PTA	sladeppta@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

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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

96.1%

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*

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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

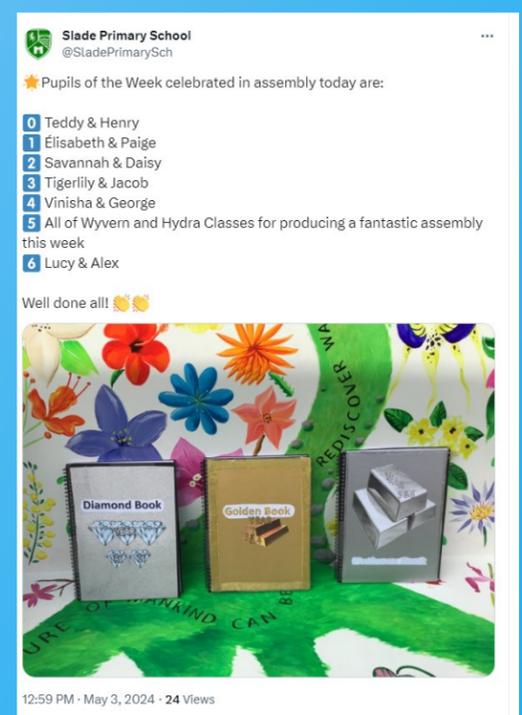
X-POSTS (Formerly Twitter)



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 29 April	Today at Slade
Tuesday 30 April	Today at Slade
Tuesday 30 April	Year 5 Online Safety Assembly
Tuesday 30 April	KS2 Pet Club Visitors
Wednesday 1 May	Today at Slade
Wednesday 1 May	Year 3: On Their Way
Wednesday 1 May	Year 3: Arrival and Lunch
Wednesday 1 May	Harry Potter Workshops
Wednesday 1 May	Costume Design
Wednesday 1 May	Tour of the Studios
Wednesday 1 May	Harry Potter Highlights
Wednesday 1 May	Coming Home!
Wednesday 1 May	Park over Parking Victory
Thursday 2 May	Today at Slade
Friday 3 May	Today at Slade
Friday 3 May	Celebration Assembly
Friday 3 May	Pupils of the Week
Friday 3 May	Another Double for Gnome Class



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YOUR WAYS TO PAY

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

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

School Dinners

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

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

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

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

Breakfast Club is charged at £4.20 per session

After School Club is charged at different pricepoints:

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

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

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

School Trips and other Special Events

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

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

Paid For, Independent Clubs and Activities

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

Swimming Lessons

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

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

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EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Monday

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

Thursday

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