

KAREN SLADE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done and huge congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils who this week have completed their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. All of the children who sat the tests demonstrated a positive 'can do' attitude throughout the week and should be very proud of themselves and their achievements; we are all immensely proud of each and every one of you! Thank you to everyone involved in the planning and running of this week which enabled it to go as smoothly as possible for the children involved and to the remainder of the school for your patience and understanding during the week too. A real team effort; thank you everyone.

It hasn't just been about tests this week there's been lots of learning fun too! On Monday and Tuesday, we held two special assemblies, led by three of the tutors from Music Station, during which the children were treated to a live musical performance and demonstration; the electric guitars were sounding particularly spectacular! As well as providing an opportunity for the children to enjoy live music it has also hopefully encouraged more of our children to consider learning to play a musical instrument too! Do get in touch if you want to find out more of how to access music lessons for your child or take a look on our school website to find out more of what's on offer.

As many of you will be aware, this week is Mental Health Awareness Week, an annual event run by the Mental Health Foundation that focuses on improving good mental health across the nation. The theme for this year 'Movement: Moving more for our mental health' looks at how regular physical activity is known to improve mental health, quality of life, and wellbeing. Further information on this, including support and resources for both adults and children, can be found at: <https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/mental-health-awareness-week> Should you have any concerns regarding your child's mental health or well being then please don't hesitate to get in touch in order that we can signpost you to professional services that will be able to help.

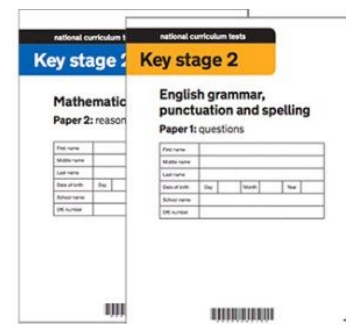
At this time of year, we start planning ahead for September, thinking about classroom organisation and staffing for the start of Term 1. We recognise that this time of change can sometimes be an anxious time for some children and parents. Due to the lateness of the resignation date for class teachers (31st May) and the implications of this I am not at present able to share any information with you. We will however endeavor to inform you of any changes as early as possible in Term 6, thus allowing time for a smooth transition for all involved. Please be assured as soon as that information is available you will all be the first to know!

On Wednesday this week, we said good bye and good luck to Jessica Maple, Pixie Class Teacher, who is leaving us temporarily to start her maternity leave! I'm sure that you all join with me in sending our good wishes to Jess and her family at this very exciting time as they await their new arrival early next month. Watch this space for pending baby news and updates! A special mention and huge thank you to Hannah Mills for stepping in to cover Pixie Class following Jess' earlier than planned departure, before Danielle Mulhern takes over as planned at the start of Term 6.

A reminder please that when dropping off or collecting pupils, at the beginning and end of the school day, including at Breakfast and After School Club, parking is strictly not permitted opposite the school car park entrance, outside the former Power Station. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter as we aim to keep all of our community safe during these busy times in the school day whilst remaining respectful of our neighbours and their private property too.

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade



Mental Health Awareness Week 2024

13th-19th May



DIARY DATES

NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 20 May	PTA Book Donation Day - See Page 8 Year 1 Visit to Local Parish Church 13:30 - Hearing Impaired Toddlers Session
Tuesday 14 May	Year 6 Curry Creations: Cooking at Tonbridge School
Wednesday 15 May	
Thursday 16 May	
Friday 17 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May	Summer Terms Break School Closed to all Pupils

Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	Sprite Class Forest School <i>This is an extra session</i>
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Sphinx Class Forest School Tonbridge Schools Gala Trials Swimming
FRIDAY	

Further Ahead:

Monday 3 June

FIRST DAY OF TERM 6

Monday 3 June -

Friday 7 June

YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION
SCREENING

More details next week

Friday 7 June

YEAR 5 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO
HERSTMONCEUX SCIENCE PARK

More details coming soon

SLADE JOURNAL

AROUND SCHOOL

Congratulations To All in Year 6!

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils who have been taking their formal end of Key Stage 2 Assessments this week.

They have given it their all and tried their hardest all week as they have tackled a selection of English Reading and Writing and Maths papers which have taken the morning sessions between Monday and Thursday - thank you to them for showing such a hugely mature attitude to the week's events and to all of the cohort for being here, on time each day which helped to minimise any worry inducing delays.

Now that the SATs are over, it is full steam ahead for the fun filled last term at primary school for the children of Dragon and Griffin Classes. Term 6 of course includes the week long of activities at Carrot Wood as well as the fantastic Leavers Party which is being organised by our wonderful Year 6 parent group.

Remember, you can secure your Year 6 child's place at the leavers party, with a specially prepared Leavers Yearbook thrown in for no extra effort by purchasing here for £29:

<https://pay.collectiv.com/slade-2024-leavers-party-91652>

Furthermore for all Year 6 parents and carers, we know that this is an exciting time for all of the children as they now look ahead and start to prepare for the beginning of their secondary school adventure - most of the schools are now in touch with us about organising visits to Slade to meet their new pupils and early in Term 6, we will be organising the transfer of the children's electronic registrations and paperfiles.

It is therefore very important to let us know by email to admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk if your child will be going to any other school than that offered on National Offer Day - maybe after a successful waiting list application or appeal through Kent County Council. This way we can ensure that your personal data and information remains secure. If you have accepted a place at your originally offered setting, you do not need to do anything.



Yeti's Booking on Arbor

This week we launched booking on your Arbor platform for our Wraparound Care provision (Yeti's Breakfast and After School Clubs).

This brings to an end a long project and further enhances our commitment to our families to bring all of our services under one system with which you are all familiar.

We are very pleased with the way the new system has worked, and with how it has been received by you, the users! Thank you to everyone who has been in touch this week to provide feedback or to ask a question this week - we hope we have been able to answer all of your queries.

If you require any sessions for Yeti's Breakfast or After School Club from the beginning of Term 6, this is now available via your Arbor app or portal. We will advertise the opening of the window for bookings in Term 1 of school year 2024/25 in due course, which will follow the welcome meetings we hold for our new families joining us in the Autumn in our EYFS Reception Year - these meetings are in the last week of June.

The one function that remains on our wish list from Arbor is the ability for parents to cancel bookings - unfortunately this is not yet possible - but do not worry - if you need to cancel a booking at anytime up to 24 hours before the session start, just drop us a very quick email via the yeti's email account (yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk) stating which session needs deleting and we will do this for you.

Sessions can not be cancelled within 24 hours of a session start.



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Around The World at Waitrose

Our Year 2 Classes have been out and about today as they have visited the Tonbridge branch of supermarket Waitrose.

The visit links in to Gnome and Sprite Classes topic this term of investigating fresh food and where food is grown and where it comes from. The perfect ending to the topic comes on 2 July with a educational trip to Kent Life in Maidstone where they will see food grown and find out about 'Farm to Fork'.

Kelly and Steve at Waitrose gave each class a very special talk about where the food sold in the shop is grown and how it makes it to the shop floor; they even had the chance to complete a treasure hunt looking for various produce. Finally, thank you to every parent who provided some money today which enabled their child to complete the trip to Waitrose in suitable style by buying a piece of fruit or vegetables.

Thank you to everyone at Waitrose, Tonbridge for their hospitality this morning.



Fruits in KS2

Remaining with fruit, we are delighted to say that we continue to provide a piece of fruit or vegetable to every child across the school.

This includes all of our Key Stage Two classes, which is an extra investment that we feel is vital to make sure that every child has the chance of a mid morning snack.

Jill Westwood, School Business Manager: 'The wellbeing of every child at Slade is paramount, and we are very pleased to ensure that they all have the opportunity to enjoy a healthy snack as part of their day at school.'

We are mindful that the choice of fruit can sometimes be limited towards the end of the week and encourage, that where possible or desired, that children can bring in their own choice of fruit snack. Please note that this should be limited to fresh fruit or raisin packs.



Pirates on Parade Break Records

Yesterday was School Census Day across England; the third of such days where the Government collects data on what is happening at each school or academy.

Every census day, we are tasked with collecting the numbers of children who eat a school lunch. This helps the Government to budget for the funding of EYFS and KS1 Universal Free School Meals and the Benefits Related Free School Meals across the whole school - it can have the effect of producing future policy in this area.

Many thanks then, to everyone who took part in Nourish's Pirate Day Meal, we had our largest ever take up of EYFS and KS1 meals with 96.1% of children enjoying a meal from Kirsty and the Kitchen Crew!

Nourish also held a Pirate Hat competition, which saw an enormous number of entries - more than we could ever had thought of! This has meant that the team have had to postpone the prize ceremony from this morning's Celebration Assembly to next week.



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OUR NEWS

Signing Seagulls

Jack in Hydra Class is making waves with his football ability on the Sussex coast, as he is trained at and plays for the Brighton and Hove Albion Under 12's side, despite being only 10. He loves to play, especially as he is tested against boys much older than himself.

'I love playing in every position, my favourite is centre midfield as I like to control what is going around me. We recently played a tournament with other sides from around Sussex where we came third, which made me very happy!'

Making Jack even prouder is a new range of merchandise being sold by the club, featuring British Sign Language - of which Jack is a user. The scarf reads BHAFC with the club crest at each end as shows their commitment to inclusivity and to growing awareness of the language amongst their fan base.

'It was great, I was surprised, amazed even, when I saw the scarf for the first time - I am very proud to represent the deaf community and my football club at the same time!'

Jack is pictured (right) with his coach at The Seagulls, Phil.

The scarf is available to purchase via the club's website as modelled by another midfielder named Jack, this time first teamer Jack Hinshelwood.

<https://shop.brightonandhovealbion.com/>



Griffin: The Home of Published Poems

Congratulations to the published poets of Griffin Class in Year 6!

The eight girls all decided to take part in a competition run by Young Writers, who describe the events on their website as: 'helping to turn imagination and creativity into confidence and writing ability.'

The latest batch of winning poems submitted by primary school children across the UK has now been compiled and turned into a book, which is available to buy.

The title of the book is *Once Upon a Dream*, and this week each of the winners received their own copy to own.

Well done to Matilda, Charlotte, Winnie, Ellie, Poppy, Olivia, Sophie and Violet all clutching their books with pride at school yesterday.

For more information about Young Writers take a look here: <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/about-us>



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SPORT, FITNESS AND WELLBEING

Latest Scores

Friday 10 May 2024

Year 5 Boys Football

Slade School 1 : 6 Sussex Road School

Thursday 16 May 2024

Year 5 Boys Football

Slade School 1 : 9 St Margaret Clitherow

Thursday 16 May 2024

Year 5 Boys Football

Slade School 7 : 1 St Margaret Clitherow



Tonbridge School Multi-Sports

On Tuesday, Slade were very proud to assist with the organisation of this year's Key Stage 1 Multi Sports Festival, which this time around took place at the Tonbridge School Sports Centre.

We had a team of 11 children from across KS1 take part in a number of activities involving jumping, throwing, catching and skipping (amongst many more).

Our Sports Crew were on hand to support all of the competitors from schools all over Tonbridge and Malling by giving demonstrations, assisting where they need to do and scoring for the teams.

A number of the PE leaders from the schools commented on the maturity and helpfulness of the Sports Crew, who again represented themselves and the school wonderfully.



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PTA NEWS

Summer Fête Advertising

Can you help us advertise our upcoming Summer Fête?

Bracketts Estate Agents have kindly agreed to make up some boards with our Fête details - would you be happy to have a board outside your house? Each board will contain the Estate Agent's details and information about our Summer Fête (the boards will not say For Sale anywhere!!)

For each board, we can accommodate, Bracketts pay us a small amount which all adds to our fundraising total and helps spread the word around town about our event! If you would be happy to host a board for a couple of weeks before the Fete please email us your full address to SladePTA@yahoo.co.uk

bracketts est. 1828

Book Donations – Monday 20 May

We will run a second Book Donation Day on Monday next week at pick up and drop off at the main gates. In particular we are looking for books suitable for children age 8 and upwards, but all second hand books in good condition are gratefully received and thank you so much for all the donations we have received so far.

WHERE
TO DONATE
BOOKS

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 20 June: Sports Day.

The PTA runs a stall and sells Barrow of Booze raffle tickets. We're looking for 2-3 volunteers for each session. The years are split R/1/2/3 in the morning and 4/5/6 in the afternoon, so if you've only got children in one of those blocks and could volunteer for the other, that would mean you could watch them and help. Several of the PTA committee are straddling both sessions this year due to the ages of our children and so we would really appreciate the help!



Friday 21 June: Fete set up.

During the day and after school, we're looking for helpers who can put up and place gazebos and generally assist with any preparation for the fete that we can get done on the Friday. This worked really well last year.

Children can join you after school but are your responsibility on the field.

Saturday 22 June: the Fete itself!!

There will be follow up messages coming from class reps about year group stalls but we're also looking for volunteers for beer and BBQ tents from mid morning until after the fete finishes.

Running time is 12 til 3. Usually we break the slots down into about an hour and fifteen minutes each.



Friday 12 July: Pimms and Silent Disco evening.

This is a new event this year and should hopefully be fairly low maintenance, but we're looking for a few volunteers to help with set up/clear down and our Pimms tent.

Thanks in advance; these events can't run without the fabulously dedicated volunteers!

Everyone is very friendly and welcoming, so if you've never done it before and think this could be your year, please volunteer!!

If you're able to help, please join the [PTA helpers whatsapp group](#) and send a quick message saying which events you can help at and any time restrictions.



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 13 May	Yeti's Wraparound Booking: SCOPAY Transfer of Credit	All School
Monday 13 May	Sprite Class Forest School Highlights	Sprite Class Parents
Tuesday 14 May	It's a Puppet!	Year 2 Parents
Tuesday 14 May	Sprite Class: Extra Forest School Session	Sprite Class Parents
Tuesday 14 May	Secondary School Application Parent Meeting	Year 5 Parents
Tuesday 14 May	Wraparound Booking: On Arbor for Term 6	All School
Tuesday 14 May	Year 6 Leavers Party	Year 6 Parents
Tuesday 14 May	Pegasus Class Forest School Highlights	Pegasus Class Parents
Wednesday 15 May	Year 4 Haysden Hike	Year 4 Parents
Wednesday 15 May	Year 5 Parent Meeting Presentation	Year 5 Parents
Wednesday 15 May	Year 6 DT Curry Creations	Year 6 Parents
Thursday 16 May	Year 5 RSHE Lessons	Year 5 Parents
Friday 17 May	Phoenix Class Update	Phoenix Class Update

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

96.3%

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

32

SLADE+

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