



# SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**School Newsletter**

**Term 3, Issue 3**

**Friday 24 January 2025**

# Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Week 3 has been another busy one here in school!

On Monday, Year 3 embraced their 'inner-Roman', enjoying a day of role play and drama as they explored in more detail their History topic for this term. The children enjoyed working with our visiting theatre company 'Living History', recreating Roman battles and performing in amphitheatres! It has been great to see (and hear!) the work that the children have produced during this 'hands on' experience throughout the day. The children particularly enjoyed watching their teachers embracing their inner-Roman too as they all joined in the fun! Well done all; you really are now our Roman experts!

Also, on Monday, it was lovely to welcome Abby Taylor back to school as she begins her phased return to work following the birth of Baby Oliver last year. It was great to have you back Abby! Abby will be completing her 'Keeping in Touch' Days during the coming weeks before returning to school at the end of Term 4, so do look out for her and say hello if and when you see her around the school.

Still with staffing, on Tuesday we welcomed Dylan Salter, Gruffalo Class Teaching Assistant, onto the Yetis team of staff. Dylan will be working in the afternoon school provision on Tuesdays and Wednesdays alongside our regular team of Yetis staff. This follows the departure of Sadie Munday from this role, although I'm delighted to say that Sadie will be continuing with her morning shifts at our Breakfast Club and in remaining in her Teaching Assistant role too. Thank you, Sadie, for all that you have done during your time in the After-School Club and for the difference that you have made to the children with whom you have worked. Thank you too to the wider existing team of Yetis staff who between them will be covering the remaining vacant hours following Sadie's departure.

Well done and thank you too to those children who have been out and about during the latter part of this week representing the school so magnificently at a variety of sporting fixtures and events, which this week included Table Cricket and Inclusive Football. We loved hearing the sports reports and results as shared by our Sports Captains in Celebration Assembly this morning. Good luck too to our Year 6 footballers who are playing their league match against Bishop Chavasse after school this evening at the Longmead Stadium, home of the Tonbridge Angels, weather permitting!

A quick update for you on the new Headteacher recruitment process so far! The Governing Body have now appointed a recruitment panel, consisting of 5 governors and representation from the Local Authority too. The panel are currently in the process of finalising the advert for the headteacher vacancy that will then go live on Kent Teach and other recruitment platforms on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The interviews are then planned for later in Term 4 following which updates regarding the appointment will be provided to the school community. Watch this space for more details as and when I have some!

Looking ahead to next week, I would love to encourage you, if you are able, to attend this term's PTA meeting which is planned for this coming Monday at 7.30 in the school hall. It would be so lovely to see lots of you there showing your support for our fabulous PTA committee as we look to discuss ideas to raise amazing amounts of money to provide those additional extras for all of the children across the school to enjoy. Let's make my last year at Slade a bumper fundraising one! See you there everyone!

**Have a lovely weekend,**

**Karen Slade**

# Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

## Monday 27 January 2025

- Pegasus Class Forest School
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

## Tuesday 28 January 2025

- Hippogriff Class Forest School
- 09:30 - 12:00 Sprite Class Visit to Tonbridge Mosque
- Griffin Class Swimming - This is the Last Session
- 14:00 - Brain Buddies - Details known to participants
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

## Wednesday 29 January 2025

- 09:30 - 12:00 Gnome Class Visit to Tonbridge Mosque
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

## Thursday 30 January 2025

- Gnome Class Forest School
- Dragon Class Swimming
- Leigh Academy Badminton Tournament - Details known to participants
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

## Friday 31 January 2025

- Sprite Class Forest School
- Books Home for the Weekend - Please remember to bring the pack back on Monday
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)



Looking further ahead?

Our yearly planner can be found on Page 9 of today's newsletter and online via [the school website](#).

# Slade Journal: Around School



Parents of children in Year 6 may have seen in the local and [national news](#) this week that Inspiring Learning, the company who own the Grosvenor Hall facility that the Year 6 classes will be going to on their summer Residential Activity Week, entered administration.

We are pleased to reassure parents that this will not in any way affect our planned trip to the Ashford centre as Kingswood Grosvenor Hall has been sold as part of the administration process to sector leaders, PGL.

Anthony Jones, CEO of PGL Beyond wrote to our Business Manager, Jill Westwood this week to say:

‘Despite the news that the parent company of Kingswood, Inspiring Learning Group has entered administration, I am pleased to advise that we have acquired three Kingswood centres, including Grosvenor Hall where I assure you that we are committed to ensuring every booked residential trip proceeds to plan, under the same terms as previously agreed with our top priority to ensure you have a wonderful time with us this year. I am also that our acquisition of the three sites has secured jobs for over 150 colleagues who will transfer to PGL under TUPE.’

Furthermore, Claire Rayson, Guest Services Co-Ordinator at Grosvenor Hall has written to Jill to confirm that, ‘in regards to the trip planned for the children at Slade Primary School between 22 and 25 June, it is business as usual and will not be impacted by the current changes.’

We hope that these statements mean that parents can continue to look forward with their children to the Residential Activity Week in Ashford. We would also like to thank families for their continued support of this trip by their prompt and regular payments - remember if you have any questions about your payment plan, please contact Yanina Dunton via [finance@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:finance@slade.kent.sch.uk).



A quick reminder that if you are going to be late collecting from Yeti's Wraparound either at 16:30 or 17:30, we would be very grateful if you could let the team know.

Sharon and Lynn will then be able to make sure that your child knows that everything is okay and also make sure that they continue or start up a new activity.

**If you find yourself in this position, please give Yeti's a call, when it is safe and legal to do so,**

**on 01732 37 77 60**

# Focus on Year 3



We were very pleased to welcome back to Slade on Monday of this week, Tim and Cindy from Living History Workshops, based in Romney Marsh. The team came to visit our Year 3 children to perform for them, our popular Roman Day, which helps bring to life Pegasus and Hippogriff Classes' learning of the Roman era in Britain.



During the day, the Year 3 children learnt about Roman Gladiators and how they trained and fought each other.

They also staged a re-enactment of the Roman invasion of Great Britain, they were divided into groups of Romans and Celts.

Pegasus and Hippogriff Classes had chance to play some Roman games and to make a lucky charm called an amulet.

Everyone was treated to a special duel between Miss Meers and Mr Louth. It was a dramatic end to the day, with Miss Meers succeeding over her opponent much to Pegasus Class' delight!

Everyone had a great day, with much fun and learning about this important time in History. The classroom learning certainly came in handy as the children already knew plenty of facts, which they brought to life in the school hall throughout Monday.

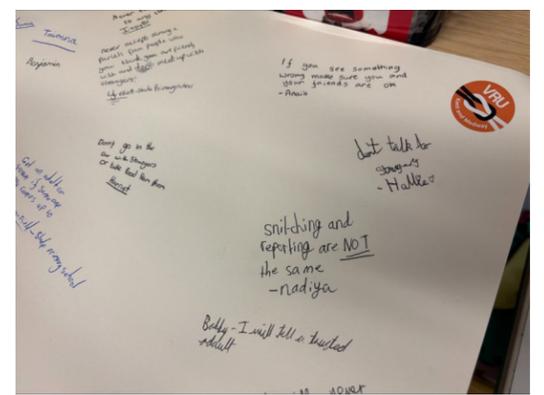
As the Romans themselves may have said, 'Ipsa Scientia Potestas Est!'

# Focus on Year 6



Kent Police Talk

On Monday, we were grateful to PC Hills and PCSO Matthew from Kent Police for visiting our Year 6 children to give a talk which included the difficult subjects of Knife Crime, Gangs and Criminal Exploitation. The pupils in both Dragon and Griffin Classes listened very well and were complemented by the officers for their thoughtful and good questions at the end of the presentation. The children have also been encouraged to put further questions that they may have thought of over the week to their teachers.



The talk used a series of True or False statements for the children to consider which included thinking about the consequences of carrying a knife in public, whether you are safer when carrying a knife, and if there are circumstances where it is okay to carry even a small knife.

They also found out that it is never okay to share footage of a fight or the aftermath of an incident for fun - however this can be evidentially useful and the safest way of reporting something if only produced and presented to a trusted adult or police officer.



Related to this, the final topic of the talk was Snitching vs Reporting and the difference between the two. Well done to Dragon and Griffin Class for working hard and successfully identifying descriptions for each.

All parents of children in Year 6 were provided with a copy of the Kent Police presentation following the talk.

# 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.

## Punctuality

Registers are taken at 08:50. If children arrive after this time, they are registered late.

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.

Our Attendance Target = 97.0%

Our Attendance This Week = 94.9%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.3%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 38

Congratulations to our Double Winners this week.

They had the excitement of Roman Day on Monday and for being here, not just then, but every day, on time and ready to learn we say well done to...

Hippogriff Class!

Attendance: 99%

No Late Pupils

A super well done to Mr Louth and everyone in Hippogriff.



# Our News: Catherine

## Congratulations, Catherine



Everyone at Slade, including and especially Miss Ellis and all of Sprite Class are incredibly proud of and pleased for Catherine.

Catherine has this week been sharing details of her recent achievements and the wonderful news that she has been very successful in more than one competition organised by the Church.

As a member of the Catholic Church, Catherine, participated in the Parish-level competition in Bible reading, pencil sketching, and colouring, where she won first prize in all three categories. Her hard work and dedication truly paid off.

Building on this success, she progressed to the South East Regional-level competition. Catherine's Mum and Dad are thrilled to share the news that she won first prize in Bible reading and pencil sketching at this level as well.

Catherine then represented our region in the National-level competition. It was a highly competitive event, and she earned a commendable third place in Bible reading, a significant achievement on such a large platform.

Many thanks to Catherine's parents for sharing the amazing success that Catherine has experienced and for providing the photographs that sit alongside the story.

Congratulations to Catherine on your competition wins and for talking about what you had to do to do so well in them in front of your class this week.



# Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing

## Resilience



### Understanding Resilience

As part of the offer from the Emotional Well-Being team, Mrs Ball is pleased to invite parents to a workshop especially for families at Slade.

The workshop will be on the subject of Understanding Resilience on Thursday 6 February, with details on the poster (right).

**NELFT NHS**  
NHS Foundation Trust

**Slade Primary School  
Workshop**

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

**Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams  
Medway Emotional Support Teams**

**Me and My Child: Understanding Resilience**  
*Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 9am – 10.45am*

Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers to reflect and generate ideas of how you can be a positive role model of resilience for your child?**

You are invited to a **workshop about understanding resilience and its importance in your child's development. It will help you to consider factors which can help to build your child's' resilience in the context of caring relationships.**

If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs, then please inform the school office in advance.

[EWandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:EWandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk)  
**We look forward to meeting you!**

# Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing

Why not make a day of it on 6 February!  
Kent County Council SEND Team have a roadshow between 13:00 and 15:30 happening at The Angel Centre in town for all families of children and young people who have, or may have, special Educational Needs and or a disability.

The roadshow will feature services from across Kent that provide support for anyone aged 0-25 years.



SEND Services Roadshow



**CALLING ALL  
TONBRIDGE AND MALLING FAMILIES  
WHOSE CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAS OR MAY HAVE  
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES AND  
WANTS TO MEET WITH SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN  
YOUR AREA! WE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES THAT  
WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE THAT CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT  
THROUGH AGES 0-25 YEARS.**

**1PM - 3:30PM 6TH FEBRUARY**

**THE ANGEL CENTRE,  
ANGEL LANE,  
TONBRIDGE,  
TN9 1SF**

### **MORE INFORMATION**

No need to book just come along anytime between 1pm and 3:30pm, refreshments will be available. If you have any questions or accessibility requirements please email [sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk](mailto:sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk)

What families have said about the SEND Roadshows-

"I have more information to support my child's learning"

"all the information I needed in one place"

"what I've been looking for"

# Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



Everyone taking part had a great time on Wednesday at the Angel Centre as a team from Slade joined other local schools to take part in a Cricket Skills and Rapid Fire Cricket Matches Festival organised by Active Kent and Medway.

The team from Slade remained undefeated all afternoon and enjoyed taking part in the sport that many of them love, and some had never taken part in before!



On Thursday morning, we took three teams of KS2 footballers to a Football Festival at a very wet and cold Tonbridge Angels Longmead Stadium.

We were amongst 10 other teams from the local area. The teams enjoyed some Football Skills coaching before playing 8 matches.

Slade came second in the tournament, with everyone playing their part in the success including some fantastic goalkeeping from Drew and play from Josh, Oscar, Frankie, Charlie and Lochie.



# News and Events from the PTA



**Come and join us on Monday 27 January for the first PTA Meeting of 2025!**

**Where:** School Hall      **When:** 7.30-8.30pm

**Why:** A fabulous opportunity for us all to discuss the fundraising plans for the rest of the year, share ideas, and consider how the money we raise together can be spent to benefit the children at Slade.

**Monday 27 January**

Open to all parents, carers and staff. No need to RSVP, just come along on the night if you can make it...we're a very friendly bunch and there are usually biscuits!

The minutes of the PTA Annual General Meeting held back in October were distributed earlier this week and are available to read on the [school website](#).



The PTA invites you to the KS2 Disco on Friday 7 February.

Years 3 and 4 5-6.30pm

Years 5 and 6 6.30-8pm

Arrival will be through the main school playground gates and staff will be at the event to sign children in and ensure that children are handed over to their grown-ups at the end of their disco.

Entry is £3 on the door and you can also purchase credits at the entry desk to go on your entry wristband at 50p each; each of these will buy you a drink, some sweets and/or a packet of crisps. Glow sticks will be on sale for £1 also. Please bring the correct money if possible for the £3 entry wristband plus the number of 50p credits you want to purchase.

Whilst children are welcome to bring additional money if their grown-ups allow, we're offering this option to minimise the risk of cash getting lost whilst the boogie-ing is in full swing!!

Wristbands will also be on sale on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February on the playground at pick-up to reduce the queues on the night.

# Our News: Harry



Monday Night Football live on Sky Sports this week came from Stamford Bridge as Chelsea took on Wolverhampton Wanderers in the Premier League, the worlds most watched domestic football competition.

Walking out of the tunnel alongside the Chelsea team in front of over 40,000 fans of the two sides and the millions watching across the world, was Harry from Phoenix Class. Harry's mum takes up the story for the school newsletter:

'Harry was added to the waiting list to be a Chelsea mascot on the very day he was born, as his dad and family have always been avid Chelsea supporters. Back in 2016, a new fan had just joined the family!

After eight years on the list, we finally got the news: it was Harry's turn to experience this amazing opportunity and be a mascot for the Chelsea vs. Wolves match.

The game was on Monday night. Harry and his family arrived at the Chelsea stadium, where he had the incredible chance to meet and greet the players as they arrived on the team coach. Harry was completely star-struck as he shook hands with so many players, especially Cole Palmer, who is the favourite player of all the family!

Afterwards, the mascots followed the players to meet them again and watch them train and warm up before the match.

Then came the big moment: the mascots were paired with their players and walked through the tunnel onto the pitch. Harry was paired with goalkeeper Sánchez, and Harry excitedly shared that they chatted in the tunnel, where he wished Sánchez good luck.

The match itself was fantastic—Chelsea won 3–1, so Harry must have been a lucky mascot!

Harry described the experience as the best day of his life—one he will never forget and truly a dream come true.'



In Our Community



THE  
GREATEST  
SHOWMAN



# DANCE & CHEER WORKSHOPS

Join us for two days of 'The Greatest Showman' and circus inspired dance and cheerleading workshops.

Welcoming all 6-12 year olds who would like to learn exciting routines, express their creativity and make special memories this February half-term!

**17-18th February 2025**

£40 per day  
£70 both days

9am - 4pm

The Skinners Kent  
Academy, T'Wells

CHEERLEADING

HIP-HOP

MUSICAL  
THEATRE

JAZZ

STREET  
DANCE

ARTS &  
CRAFTS

CONTEMPORARY

GAMES &  
ACTIVITIES



Register your place by emailing [lauren@trinitydance.co.uk](mailto:lauren@trinitydance.co.uk)



# We Are Slade: Contacts & Payments

In class

My child's class learning, class activities, lessons, homework or pastoral support; concerns about bullying and behaviour

[classname@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:classname@slade.kent.sch.uk)

Absence

Sickness Reporting, Absence Requests and all Medical Appointments

[attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk)

School Office

General Enquiries and School Events

[office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk)

Wraparound

Yeti's Wraparound: Childcare Voucher questions and all General Enquiries  
[yeti@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:yeti@slade.kent.sch.uk)

Session Cancellations: [Cancellation Form](#)  
Late Collections: **01732 37 77 60**

Sport and Activity

Extra Curricular Activity Clubs (booking and queries) Sports Events and Representative Sports Tournaments

[sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk)

Slade PTA

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[pta@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@slade.kent.sch.uk)

Admissions

In Year and September EYFS Admissions

[admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk)

Finance

Childcare Vouchers, Payments for Yeti's and School Meals and School Trips and Special Lessons

[finance@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:finance@slade.kent.sch.uk)

School Lunches

Comments and questions about school meal provision from Nourish Contract Catering

[jasongibbons@nourishcc.co.uk](mailto:jasongibbons@nourishcc.co.uk)

Family Liaison

If you would like the services of our Family Liaison Officer, Libby, or just wish to talk over a family issue in confidence

[flo@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:flo@slade.kent.sch.uk)  
**01732 350354 / option 4**

Complaints

For all complaints, please refer to the [Complaints Policy](#) then contact us:

[slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk)

GDPR

Reporting of GDPR Breaches, details of our privacy policy and for Subject Access Requests

[slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:slaws@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 £2.55 per meal.

Credit should be loaded onto the Meals section of your Arbor account in advance of a meal being taken.

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

Breakfast Club is charged at £5.00 per session After School Club is charged at £5.00 per session:

Session 1 (15:30 - 16:30), Session 2 (16:30 - 17:30)

Payment and Booking should be made via your online Arbor account.

For full information please see our website: [Breakfast and After School Clubs](#)

## School Visits, Other Special Events and Swimming Lessons

These payments are all made via your Arbor account. You will receive details of the amount owed and the due date as well as information on the event via email in advance.

Payments

# Diary Dates: Looking Ahead

September	October	November
		

December	January	February
	<p>Tuesday 28 - Sprite Class Visit to Tonbridge Mosque - please make sure walking consent has been provided via your Arbor account</p> <p>Wednesday 29 - Gnome Class Visit to Tonbridge Mosque - please make sure walking consent has been provided via your Arbor account</p>	<p>Monday 3 - Young Voices 2025 (participants aware of detail)</p> <p><b>Friday 7 - PTA KS2 Discos (17:00 - Year 3 and 4; 18:30 - Year 5 and 6)</b></p> <p>Tuesday 11 - Online Safety Day</p> <p>Friday 14 - Last Day of Term 3</p> <p>Monday 24 - First Day of Term 4</p>

March	April	May
<p>Tuesday 4 - EYFS Trip: Godstone Farm</p> <p>Thursday 6 - World Book Day</p> <p>Friday 21 - Year 4 Trip: Mountfitchet</p> <p>Tuesday 25 - Parent Teacher Consultations</p> <p>Thursday 27 - Parent Teacher Consultations</p>	<p>Tuesday 1 - Summer Concert</p> <p>Friday 4 - Last Day of Term 4</p> <p>Tuesday 22 - First Day of Term 5</p>	<p>Friday 2 - Year 3 Trip: Leavesden</p> <p>Friday 9 - Year 5 Trip: Herstmonceux</p> <p>Monday 12 - Thursday 15 - KS2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Tests</p> <p>Thursday 15 - Secondary School Information Evening for Year 5 parents</p> <p>Friday 23 - Last Day of Term 5</p>

June	July
<p>Monday 2 - First Day of Term 6</p> <p>Year 2 Trip: Maidstone</p> <p>Tuesday 17 - Open Evening</p> <p>Thursday 19 - Sports Day</p> <p>Sunday 22 to Wednesday 25 - Year 6 Residential (Kingswood, Ashford)</p>	<p>Thursday 3 - Next Year Transition Day</p> <p>Tuesday 15 - Year 6 Production</p> <p>Thursday 17 - Year 6 Production</p> <p>Friday 18 - Last Day of Term 6</p>

More information about these events will appear nearer the time.

Events and dates are subject to change

Additional events will be posted here throughout the year

2024/25 Term Dates

Changes and additions to the diary from last week's calendar are written in red for ease of reference

