



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a busy second week of term with lots of exciting learning happening across the school!

Year 1 were out and about at the start of the week investigating the history of toys at the V&A Museum of Childhood, London. All the children and adults had a fabulous time with many of our helpers enjoying taking a trip down memory lane! On Tuesday representatives from Key Stage 2 headed off to the Racket Pack festival at Hayesbrook School to hone their badminton skills, competing not only against each other but pupils from other schools too. Then Thursday saw the dining hall awash with Pirates during lunchtime as we all enjoyed some pirate fun whilst tasting the pirate themed lunch! Many thanks to all of the staff and the parent helpers who have enabled these experiences to happen this week for our children; your time and energies are very much appreciated.

Thank you and well done too to Year 3 who had a 'Fabulous Finish' to their last term's topic and presented some of their learning by way of a Rock Concert on Wednesday. The music and lyrics in the songs that you had written were amazing as were the performances that you gave. I look forward to seeing some of you headline at Wembley in years to come!

Thank you to the group of parents who attended Thursday's coffee morning which was an informal opportunity to come into school to meet and chat with Christina Ekperigin our Family Liaison Officer and Catherine Barber, Inclusion Leader. We hope that you found the session informative and would welcome your feedback as we look to plan other sessions during the year. Thank you too to the parents, staff and governors who came out last night on a blustery January evening to attend the first PTA meeting of the decade! It was lovely to see you there and hear your thoughts and reflections around fundraising here at Slade. Your involvement with the school is very much appreciated and we look forward to what you have in store for us this term!

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we would very much like for you to see first-hand what a typical morning in school entails and familiarise yourselves some of the children's learning experiences. Therefore, we will be holding this year's Open Mornings on Wednesday 29 January and Tuesday 4 February between 9a.m. and 11a.m. These mornings will be an opportunity for you to hear from the Senior Leadership Team and Chair of Governors as we share with you the main priorities for the school, including our long-term strategic plan, and discuss the main features of our School Development Plan. The presentation will begin at 9.15 in the main school hall and last for approximately 45 minutes, still allowing plenty of time for you to wander and explore the learning not just in your child's class but in all classes across the school. In order to help us plan and prepare for this event an online booking system has been set up, with spaces limited to two per family, and will be open from 6pm Monday evening. Please be aware that the first part of the morning is an information sharing session and may not be suitable for pre-school aged children. If you have any queries about this event then please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Leadership Team in the first instance.

A reminder please that in order to safeguard all children and staff any access to the school building at drop off and pick up times is only to be made via the school office via the car park entrance. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation with this matter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

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Around School

Rock Solid Crew

The Year 3 Classes got together on Wednesday afternoon to produce the now annual festival of musical learning known as their Rock Concert.

Over 80 parents, carers and friends were here to enjoy the gig, performed in the main hall.

The children have been listening and appraising a number of classic rock songs from the last seven decades.

The concert started off with the whole cohort performing the iconic rock anthem [We Will Rock You](#). The show continued with a selection of hits that had been adapted with their own lyrics, performed by groups of children who had also given themselves a band name - look out for these names in the future: **The Raptors** (who belted out their version of [Uptown Girl](#), called Kids from Slade) and **The Wolves** (20th Century Wolves based on [20th Century Boy](#) by T-Rex).

Other groups gave us their versions of [Seven Nation Army](#) by The White Stripes (adapted to Hippogriff Rock), [Shotgun](#) by George Ezra (adapted to Rockstar), [Gold on the Ceiling](#) by The Black Keys (adapted to Gold out of the Window), [Old Town Road](#) Lil Naz X (adapted to Common Room) and Eye of the Winner (based on [Eye of the Tiger](#) by Survivor). The assembled crowd were also treated to some original compositions such as Lets Party by Spencer's group, Rock the Stars by Elysia's group and I'm Rockin' the World by Lucius' group.

The concert was rounded off with the two classes coming together again to perform their finale: [Rockin' all over the World](#) by Status Quo.

The children are all very proud of their learning and their concert and would like to thank all of the parents who supported them as well as Mr Louth, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Luffingham for getting them ready to perform through their music lessons this year so far.

C'ptain Clare's Crew

Thankyou to the 50 of you who entered the pirate scene or design a hat competition that ran alongside the special mealday held by Nourish on Thursday. It was a phenomenal response, as was the take up of the meal, with over 92% of EYFS and KS1 children eating from the pirate menu on offer. The feedback from the meal - especially the Chest of Jammy Treasure served as desert was, as ever, very positive. Our continued thanks to Clare and her wonderful team in the kitchen who produce high quality, fresh and healthy school dinners every day of the school year including the Nourish initiative of a sugar free day each week and meat free days included in the menu as well as the special occasion mealdays throughout the year.

It was Clare and Kirsty who had the unenviable job of deciding on winners of the competition who were presented with prizes in this afternoon's Celebration Assembly. Congratulations to you all though as every entry deserved something - if only Nourish's budget could stretch that far! The top four entries have been shared over on Twitter this afternoon along with details of the winners. Here are just a selection of the entries we received.



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Around School



Thankyou Hannah!

Everyone at Slade is extremely grateful to Hannah, mum of Jacob in Year 1 who has kindly donated a book called **Equal to Everything** to the children of the school.

The book highlights in an excellent child friendly way, the career of Lady Hale, the first woman to become the President of the Supreme Court here in the United Kingdom. The book highlights the work done by the Supreme Court Judges and how Brenda Hale rose from beginnings similar to the children here at Slade to go through university and with her determination to see equality for every citizen, her subsequent legal career path to become the top judge in the country. It is an inspirational read for any child (and adult) just to see how our laws are made and to see that we can make a difference - just by treating everyone fairly and equally.



Equal to Everything - Judge Brenda and the Supreme Court is available to buy in bookshops and online through your favourite retailer. Written by Afua Hirsch and illustrated by Henny Beaumont, it is published by LAG - The Access to Justice Charity.

Shuttle Stars

On Tuesday evening, Mr Louth, Mrs Stephens and a nine strong group of KS2 children battled the elements to get over to Hayesbrook School for the West Kent Sports Partnership Badminton event, run under the national banner of the Racket Pack Festival.



We spoke to Mr Louth the following morning, who said of the evening, ' The festival was run as a caracole of activities as the children learnt the skills needed for a game of Badminton. Both myself and Mrs Stephens were lucky enough to be involved in delivering that training so it was really rewarding to see how the children developed over the evening. The challenges set included under and overarm shots, serving, agility about the court as well as long and short shots. The group of children we took were motivated throughout and fully engaged with what they needed to do. They seemed to enjoy the evening - we certainly did!'

Well done to Charlotte, Isobel, Tabitha, Maya, James, Millie, Oliver, Yannis and Isaac and thankyou to Hayesbrook School for hosting the event.

For more information on the sport of badminton and of the Racket Pack, visit the [Badminton England website](#).

Thanks from Christina and Catherine

It was lovely to see a group of parents and carers come and spend some time with us on Thursday morning for a coffee morning hosted by Family Liaison Officer, Christina Ekperigin and Inclusion Leader Catherine Barber. The morning was a good way to have an informal chat with the staff in these vital roles about how the school can best support their children and family, so we hope that those who could make it took value from the morning.

Many thanks also to Sarah Graham and the PTA for arranging and providing the refreshments.

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Around School

Now, with the sports news...

We are all incredibly proud of our Friday afternoon enrichment sessions which take place after the Celebration Assembly at the end of the week.

The children from Years 1 to 6 all choose from a variety of activities which they will join in for the term. This will involve learning and developing a skill or interest and means working with a different teacher and mixture of age groups from across the school.

This term, Mr Watts' activity is Sports Journalism. The group will be producing a magazine showcasing the numerous sports that the children have the opportunity to take part in at Slade, whether that be through their regular PE lessons, special sessions brought in by the West Kent Sports Partnership or at events and competitions held locally.

They will be writing, editing and producing articles, the style of which you would recognise from established professional magazine titles.

The group were especially lucky this afternoon to have met and heard from one of the busiest and best in the business, award winning journalist Ben Watts - who happens to also be our own Mr Watts' cousin!

Ben will be well known by listeners to BBC Radio Kent for his sports bulletins, feature programmes and for being the voice behind live commentaries of Gillingham FC in League 1 during the football season and of Kent Cricket through the summer.

Ben also works for the official [UEFA website](http://uefa.com) by updating uefa.com with Champions League news and latest scores on matchdays.

The enrichment group heard from Ben about all of the different aspects of his job, not just the 'on air' part and the pathway he took from primary school to become a journalist and radio presenter and commentator. He described what kind of preparation goes in to each broadcast and the equipment that is involved in a broadcast, whether in studio or outside.

We are all very grateful for Ben taking the time to visit the group this afternoon and for the advice that he has been able to pass on to a group of our children that have a genuine interest and ambition in his area of work. You can hear Ben in all the places mentioned here and please do also give him a follow on Twitter [@BenWattsSport](https://twitter.com/BenWattsSport).



From the PTA

The PTA held their latest meeting on Thursday evening here at the school.

The group reviewed the Christmas events and concluded that they were well received and went well. The Christmas Sale alone raised just over £1000, which was fund matched by the company of the Rathod family, who we are very grateful to. The other sales at the end of Term 2 raised a combined total of over £800.

Upcoming events were then discussed, including a KS1 Movie Night, Easter Egg Hunt, JS2 Disco and other Summer Term events - details to follow nearer the time and after further discussion.

Minutes of the meeting will be made available to all of our families via ParentMail in due course.

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Slade Stats

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Over a school year, we are open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions as the children are registered in the morning at 08:50 and in the afternoon at 13:15 for KS1 and 13:30 for children in KS2.

The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted. Find out the winners by following our Twitter feed on a Friday afternoon.

ATTENDANCE TARGET

We would like to see overall school attendance be at or above

97%

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

This week we recorded an overall attendance of

96.8%

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

96.2%

Registers are taken at 08:50 each morning, with the gates open 10 minutes earlier. 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 - Find out the winners by following our Twitter feed on a Friday afternoon.

PUNCTUALITY THIS WEEK

15 Children late this week

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Dear Parents and Carers

We communicate to parents and carers all week long through our Twitter feed, keep up to date with what is happening and what is about to happen by following us: log on at www.twitter.com/sladeprimarysch or via the app @sladeprimarysch.

Letters and general information are sent via ParentMail. Every parent should have a ParentMail account linked to their personal email address, please download the ParentMail app from your chosen app provider and always read and act on the communication we send to you. School letters are only sent to you if the content applies to your child.

Urgent messages can also be sent via SMS. Please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile telephone number. We use Teachers to Parents SMS.

Below is a list of communications sent this week:

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Friday 10 January	Mrs Hill feature	 Retweet @timeslocalnews
Monday 13 January	Year 1 Trip to V& A Museum @MuseumChildhood	
Monday 13 January	Swimming Lessons	Year 4 ParentMail
Monday 13 January	Taster Sessions at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls	Year 5 Girls ParentMail
Monday 13 January	Stocks Green Writing Day Reminder	Selected Children ParentMail
Tuesday 14 January	Pirate Lunch	
Tuesday 14 January	Racket Pack Festival	
Tuesday 14 January	Pirate Lunch	All School ParentMail
Wednesday 15 January	Year 3 Rock Concert	Year 3 ParentMail
Wednesday 15 January	PTA Meeting Reminder	All School ParentMail
Wednesday 15 January	Year 3 Rock Concert	
Wednesday 15 January	Coming up at Slade	
Thursday 16 January	Gymnastics Club Postponement	ParentMail and 
Friday 17 January	Pirate Day Competition Winners	
Friday 17 January	Live from Celebration Assembly	
Friday 17 January	Welcome to Ben Watts	

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Guide THE FUN GUIDE TO TOYS by Slipper



Daniel



The Fun Spot

Inspired by Year 1's trip to the Museum of Childhood, Daniel's Fun Spot today is all about toys



Q – what happens when you forget how to throw a boomerang?...

A- it comes back to you

Q- what do you call a toy train that is eating toffee?...

A- a chew chew train

The puzzle. Can you find these toys from the past in the grid?

E	J	I	E				C	E	C	R	B	C	L	G	F
N	I	K	Z	H	Y	S	A	E	O	G	N	I			
A	T	G	C	S	R	O	R	R	P	N	A	G			
R	O	N	I	A	R	T	T	O	S	K	R	U			
C	Y	B	T	Q	U	N	Q	M	H	E	E	R			
E	Z	T	I	Y	O	D	O	L	L	J	M	E			
N	L	C	D	C	O	G	R	O	H	I	O	Z			
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T	W	S	M	H	A	D	T	F	G	O	M	T			
G	H	C	V	J	B	X	Q	U	O	H	T	C			
R	G	M	A	V	R	O	C	K	I	N	G	E			
N	V	N	T	M	Q	C	F	Y	B	Q	M	S			

- BOOMERANG
- CARS
- CONTROL
- CRANE
- DOLL
- FIGURE
- HORSE
- RATTLE
- REMOTE
- ROCKING
- TEDDY
- TRAIN



Next Week...

See inside Slippers House!





Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 20 January	Booking for Parents Open Morning opens at 18:00 Visit https://slade.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ to book your place
Wednesday 22 January	Stradbroke Dentist Visit Oral Hygiene awareness and talk to KS2 Children

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	Lunchtime Chess, Silhouette Dance, First Class Football, KS2 Gardening
TUESDAY	Davey Tennis, Craft'd Sewing Club
WEDNESDAY	Gary Marshall Cricket, Silhouette Dance, The Art Trolley
THURSDAY	Active Sports Group Gymnastics, Davey Tennis
FRIDAY	Lunchtime French, The Art Trolley, Sama Karate

FURTHER AHEAD

Wednesday 29 January	Open Morning for all current parents and carers 09:00 - 11:00
Wednesday 29 January	Governors Meeting 18:30
Monday 3 February	Kent Police visit to EYFS
Tuesday 4 February	Open Morning for all current parents and carers 09:00 - 11:00
Tuesday 4 February	E-Safety Day
Friday 7 February	Books home for the weekend
Wednesday 12 February	Year 3 Roman Day
Friday 14 February	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 24 February	First Day of Term 4
Monday 2 March - Friday 6 March	Book Week
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 March	Year 4 Trip to Tonbridge Castle
Wednesday 11 March	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 18 March	High Hopes Assembly
Tuesday 24 March	Parent Consultations 16:00 - 18:30
Wednesday 25 March	Parent Consultations 17:00 - 20:00
Tuesday 31 March	Spring Concert
Wednesday 1 April	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 20 April	First Day of Term 5

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