



Slade

Primary School

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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we welcomed Rob Turner from 'Animate Arts Company' into school. We are delighted that Rob has agreed to be our 'Artist in Residence' during the coming weeks as we look to transform some of our shared spaces across the school, beginning with the building currently known as the music mobile. Rob will be in school every Friday working with groups of children on art projects big and small whilst inspiring us all to be more creative in making the most of the environment we have. We look forward to working with you Rob and seeing the spaces transformed during the year ahead!

Many thanks to those parents who attended the first of this year's Open Mornings on Wednesday where the Senior Leadership Team and Chair of Governors shared the main priorities for the school, including our long-term strategic plan, and discussed the main features of our School Development Plan. We hope those of you that came found it informative and gave you an insight into a typical day at school. Thank you too for the feedback that you have shared both during the morning and following the event. There is another opportunity to visit the school during our second Open Morning next week on Tuesday 4 February. As previously, 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. 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. We look forward to seeing you there!

It was super to hear such positive feedback from both parents, staff and pupils who were involved in the Writer's Workshop earlier this week at Stocks Green Primary school. Selected pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 were invited to work with children from other local schools in a workshop led by the published children's poet Brian Moses. The children who attended have been enthusing about their poetry ever since! Read on into the newsletter to find out more about what they accomplished during the day.

Those of you that follow us on Twitter will have seen some of the letters written by Year 6 pupils who have applied to be part of the admin team in the school office at lunchtime. Well done and thank you to those pupils who have applied and have made it through to the next stage of the selection process. I look forward to interviewing you for the roles next week!

Planning ahead, there will be 4 INSET Days at the start of the academic year 2020/2021, meaning that the first day of term for pupils will be on Monday 7 September 2020. Please do check out the school website for all other dates for the remainder of this academic year.

Once again, in the interests of everyone's safety a reminder please that all children, including pre-schoolers, should not be scooting or cycling across the playground at the beginning or end of the school day. Many thanks for helping us to enforce this safety measure with your children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

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Around School

Writers Day at Stocks Green

On Tuesday a group of our Year 3 and 4 children travelled to Stocks Green Primary School to take part in a Writers Day.

The children were joined by Mrs Sandell, who happily is a fantastic writer herself and wrote us this report:

The day was hosted by Brian Moses (right), one of Britain's favourite children's poets. 32 children took part, with 16 from Slade. The other schools involved were Temple Meads, St. Lawrence's, Hilden Oaks and of course, Stocks Green.

To start with the children were given a marble and asked to 'say what they saw'. 'A galaxy', 'a multiverse' and 'a pyramid covered in toothpaste' (Spencer) were just some of the observations.

After that the children had a chance to make some outrageous claims in an exercise where their writing began with, I don't like to boast but 'I taught a penguin how to eat pizza while swimming away from a sea lion' (Charlotte), 'I walked on Saturn's rings' (Tilly), 'I told Boris Johnson off in public and he started crying' (Lena), 'Tottenham are better than Arsenal' (Lucas).

With the rhyming couplets, Brian encouraged the children to write with the start lines of Have you ever seen... 'Have you ever seen a cow play with a ball? Have you ever seen a whale in a hall?' (Xander). 'Have you ever seen a cow cooking noodles? Have you ever seen a cat training poodles?' (Luca).

Following that, the insults began!! Luckily, it was all in good spirit. They were partnered with someone from another school which made things slightly trickier but they rose to the challenge. Starting with 'You make me feel like...', 'You make me feel like a sumo wrestler's belly/You make me feel like a slushy Jelly' (Stan & partner). 'You make me feel like a rusty old bike/You make me feel like a smelly pair of trainers made by Nike' (Lucien & partner).

And then the compliments... 'You make me feel like a dove taking flight/You make me feel like a warm and cosy night' (Simone & partner). 'You make me feel like a cup of warm tea/You make me feel like the angels are singing for me'. (Bruce & partner)

I was extremely proud that all of the Year 4 children put their hands up and recognised repetition in the next poem, as they had been working on that in their English recently and then expertly applied to their repetitive piece. Mythical Creatures not being seen but finding clues to their existence was the subject of their next poem based on Brian's book, Dragon's Wood. They wrote about Big Foot (Jackson), Phoenix (Emi), The Yeti (Maya), Cerberus (Megan), Goblins (Amelia)

A poem about their house, from the rooms' perspective ended the day and what a fabulous day it was! The children were charming - a credit to the school.

<http://brian-moses.blogspot.com/>

Follow Brian on Twitter: [@amoses_brian](https://twitter.com/amoses_brian)

Many thanks to the parents and carers who were able to assist with transport to this event and of course, to Mrs Sandell for this report, we hope it'll be the first of many!



Swimming Reminder

Year 4 swimming lessons start on Wednesday. All of the children in Sphinx and Phoenix Classes will need to bring in their swimming outfit and a towel. This, of course, means our Year 5's swimming lessons have been completed, so a normal Wednesday morning returns for Dragon and Wyvern Classes.

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Around School

Slade For Everyone

One of the many pleasures in showing prospective parents around our school is their reaction to the calmness of the environment, our fully stocked library and when they see the size of the school field! One of the other elements of the school that every single visitor speaks highly and positively about, is our inclusivity.



We have a display just outside our main hall which is dedicated to the different cultures, languages and countries that are represented by the children and staff at Slade.

Here is a quick look at Slade in numbers;

406

Children on roll - this will increase to

420

in September 2020

17

Different countries of birth with

32

children born outside of the UK

Families from

24

different countries, in

6

continents (not Antarctica!)

European nations that our families have connections with:

19

English is not the first language for

64

pupils who speak

27

different languages

10

Children in our Titans Hearing Impaired Provision, learning and using

1

additional language with our fully qualified staff: British Sign Language!

Everyone at Slade is incredibly proud of the inclusive nature of the school and of all of our children for embracing and learning about the cultures and backgrounds, interests and lives of their friends whether they were born in Tonbridge, somewhere else in England, the UK, Europe or further afield - you even let a man from Maidstone write this newsletter!

Slade is happily for Everyone!

How many of these flags from just some of the countries of birth of our children do you recognise? We'll give you the answers next week.



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Around School

Do you share our passion?

If you feel inspired to be part of the support for our children with English as an additional language after reading page 4 today, please be aware there are a few days left to apply for an exciting job opportunity here at Slade.

The position will be working under the direction of the Inclusion Leader and class teachers to enable the pupils to learn successfully in class and for the pupils provision to be as inclusive as possible. To take direction as appropriate from the Inclusion Leader, Class Teachers or other professionals as to what reasonable adjustments should be made for the pupils to be successful in school. To liaise closely with the Inclusion Leader, Class Teachers and other professionals to agree suitable provision, including out of class support or supervision as necessary and to deliver any recommended interventions suggested by the professionals involved with the children e.g. speech and language programs.

If this is you, visit the [Kent Teach](#) website for more information and to apply. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 5 February.

Safer Internet Day 2020

Get set for Safer Internet Day, taking place on Tuesday 11 February 2020, when - once again - we'll join forces across the globe to work 'Together for a better Internet'.



The aim of Safer Internet Day is to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. In 2020, Safer Internet Day will encourage young people to explore how they manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and each other.

Safer Internet Day
2020 | **Tuesday**
11 February
Together for a better internet

Our Year 4 classes will be leading the Key Stage 2 assemblies in school, which parents in Phoenix and Sphinx Classes will be invited. Phoenix Class will lead the assembly at 09:00 and Sphinx at 14:45.

In addition, Miss Bates has been working with a group of Year 5 and 6 children who have become Digital Leaders through their Friday Enrichment session. The Digital Leaders will be presenting a film they have produced together for the KS1 children in their Safer Internet Day assembly.

[Find out more about Safer Internet Day 2020 here.](#)

Image of the Week

Our very own Mrs Hill live on KMTV's flagship news show on Thursday evening.

If you didn't manage to tune in, the programme is available on catch up through the Kent Online website <https://www.kentonline.co.uk/kmtv/>

If you've ever found one of Mrs Hill's hidden books, let us know which one and how much you've enjoyed reading it.



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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

96.1%

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

10 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 24 January	Year 1 Time Team	
Monday 27 January	Tapestry Login Help	Selected Year R ParentMail
Monday 27 January	Yao's Story Map	
Tuesday 28 January	Swimming Lessons Reminder	Selected Year 4 ParentMail
Tuesday 28 January	Open Morning Welcome	Booked in Parents ParentMail
Tuesday 28 January	Stocks Green Writing Day	
Tuesday 28 January	@AuthorsAbroad	  @SenacreWood
Tuesday 28 January	Wellington Boots	Pixie Class ParentMail
Wednesday 29 January	After School Tuition	Selected Year 6 ParentMail
Thursday 30 January	Year 6 Applications	
Thursday 30 January	KMTV Preview	
Thursday 30 January	KMTV with Mrs Hill	
Friday 31 January	Safer Internet Day Assemblies	Year 4 ParentMail
Friday 31 January	EYFS News	Year R ParentMail
Friday 31 January	Celebration Assembly Live	
Friday 31 January	Swimming Lessons Reminder	Selected Year 4 ParentMail
Friday 31 January	Sensory Circuits	Mrs Vaux's Sensory Circuits ParentMail

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AROUND THE WORLD IN 8 PANELS

by Slipper





The Fun Spot

The fun spot goes **Around the World**



Q – what confectionary do they sell at airports?

A - plane chocolates

Q- what travels around the world but stays in a corner?

A– a stamp

Q- what do you play tennis with on top of the world?

A- the moon



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

The puzzle - Can you find these worldly words in the grid?

AFRICA
AMERICA
ANTARCTICA
ASIA
AUSTRALIA
CONTINENTS
COUNTRIES
EUROPE
OCEANIA
WORLD

Next Week...

Slipper meets the Police

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Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 3 February - Friday 7 February	Mental Health Week
Monday 3 February	Metropolitan Police PC Baldwin visiting our Year R Classes
Tuesday 4 February 09:00 - 11:00	Parent and Carer Open Morning Book your place via https://slade.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/
Wednesday 5 February	Year 4 Swimming Payment and consent must be completed before 00:00 on 05/02/20
Thursday 6 February	Stradbroke Dentist Visit The second of two visits - this time to see our EYFS and KS1 children to talk dental hygiene

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

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

FURTHER AHEAD

Tuesday 11 February	E-Safety Day (see page 5)
Wednesday 12 February	Year 3 Roman Day
Friday 14 February	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 24 February	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday 25 February	Calculation in Maths Presentation
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
Wednesday 29 April	Residential Week Meeting for Year 6 Parents and Carers - 19:00
Tuesday 5 May	Class and Group Photographs - Matthew Walker Photography

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