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Primary School

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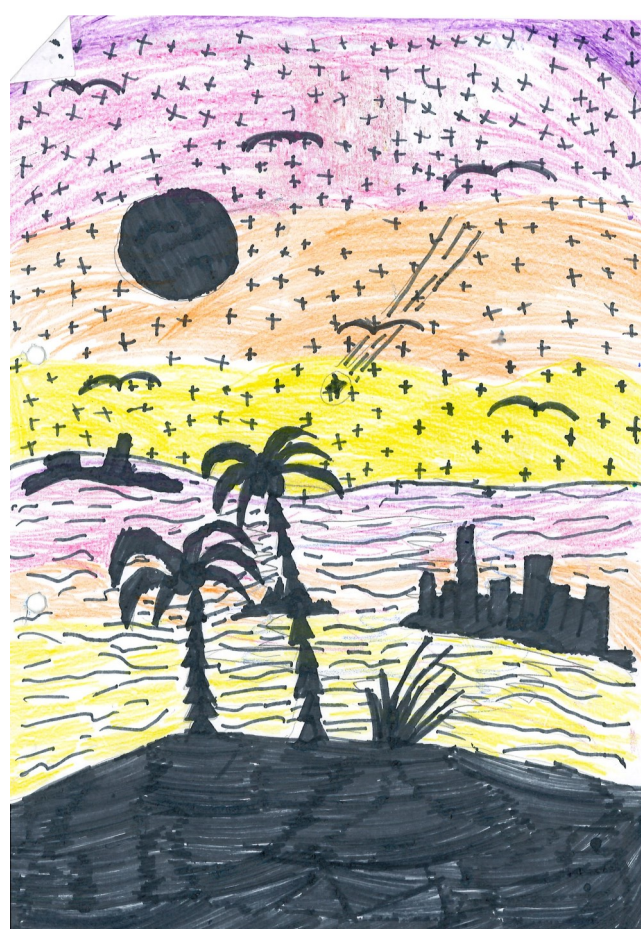
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Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

Those of you that follow our Twitter feed will know that we've been drawing on the expertise of some of our talented parents this week, adding to the learning opportunities that we plan for all our children here in school. Monday saw PC Baldwin visit our Reception classes to speak to the children about life as a police officer in the Met. Later that day, Year 6 were treated to an engaging and thought provoking presentation about climate change by Mrs Cole. Then Wednesday saw Mr. and Mrs Goldthorp support the Year 2 pupils with their puppet making topic by teaching the children about lip syncing and eye focus! Do read on to find out more about these visits! Thank you to all four of you for the giving of your time in this way, it's very much appreciated.

Thank you too to those parents who attended our second Open Morning on Tuesday of this week; it was lovely to see so many of you in attendance. Don't forget that at the start of Term 4 we will be holding 2 curriculum information sessions for parents focusing on 'Calculation in Maths'. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about how we teach calculation in Maths across the school, enabling you to then support your child using the same methods in their learning at home. The session will explain the main points in our calculation policy with some of our older children demonstrating the methods to you. There will hopefully be time for you to enjoy doing some calculations yourselves too! These sessions will be held on 25 February at 9am and then repeated at 2.45pm. Both sessions will be held in the main hall and last for approximately 45 minutes. We look forward to seeing you there.

At the start of the week in my Monday morning assembly we marked the beginning of 'Children's Mental Health Week' by considering this year's theme 'Find your Brave'. Set up by children's mental health charity Place2Be, this week shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. The charity aims to raise awareness of the importance of supporting children and young people's mental health and provides resources for families and organisations to use. If you want to find out more and see some of the resources available for your children then do visit the Place2Be website at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Congratulations and well done to those children in our football team who represented the school this week as they played away from home against Longmead Primary School and won their first match of the year 2-0. The match report follows in this newsletter but just to say that all those who played performed brilliantly and were great ambassadors for the school. Thank you to Mr. Watts, for organising the event and to all the parents who went along to support.

Today your child will be bringing home some of their work from this term to share with you over the weekend. Please enjoy talking to your children about their topics and the learning that has taken place whilst celebrating their achievements during the terms. We ask that all books and folders are returned to school on Monday in order for the children to be able to use them in class next week!

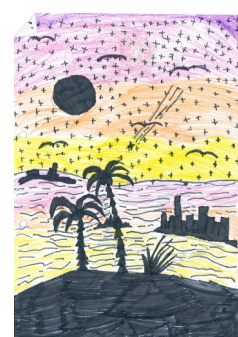
Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade.

Front Page Star

What a fantastic piece of art to show off on the front page today.

Many thanks to Anshika in Sphinx who completed this just for the school newsletter. We love sharing the children's talent and are very grateful to Anshika for allowing us to use her picture this week.



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Learning from our Parents

This week we have been grateful and pleased to be joined by parents who gave up their time to come in to school to talk to our children about their jobs which link in closely to this term's topics.

The Police

On Monday, PC Baldwin visited the Year R and Year 2 children. PC Baldwin is an officer for the Metropolitan Police, working out of Lewisham Police Station. He brought a operational police van down with him as he firstly spoke to Elmer and Gruffalo Class. He described his role as a medic officer and ran through the main responsibilities of a police officer - Keeping people safe, catching wrongdoers and upholding the peace. He went on to describe the different parts of his uniform and riot equipment such as helmet and shield.

After that, PC Baldwin took a question and answer session with Year 2 where he was challenged on his life working for the MPS, the worlds oldest and biggest police service, and the different ranks in the hierarchal system of the police. Everyone learnt that the different colours on the officer's helmets signify their rank.

Climate Change

Working for Great Portland Estates, Mrs Cole leads on advising big companies on reducing and minimising their carbon footprint. She informed the Year 6 classes that with each small change everyone can make a big difference to the future of the planet and the impact of climate change.

She described how there is now even an environmentally friendly concrete that can be used that doesn't contain cement that companies can use when they are planning a new build or reconstruction of their premises. Mrs Cole also consults on the electricity usage and how by reducing commuting times for staff also helps. Finally, the children were asked to think more about which materials to use when planning a new building - Mrs Cole explained that she tries to use more sustainable approach of using replantable timber rather than steel.

Puppet Stars

Then on Wednesday, Gnome and Sprite Classes were treated to a visit from some of the stars of Furchester Hotel, Sesame Street and The Muppets as puppeteer and parent Mark Goldthorp brought along a selection of puppets to show the children the secrets behind a successful stage or screen show. The children learnt about lip synchronisation so it gives an accurate portrayal of the puppet speaking as well as how to focus the eyes of the puppets, whether they be hand, string, sock or marionette. The children described the workshop as 'epic!' which is high praise indeed.

Thankyou to all of our visitors for sharing these moments with us.

Pictures from these visits are on our Twitter feed.

Slade For Everyone: Which flags did you know?

Last week we celebrated the diversity of our school and gave you a quiz on just 14 flags representing the nationalities of children here at Slade. How many did you recognize? Here are the answers:



Brazil



India



Singapore



New Zealand



U.S.A.



Philippines



Russia



Nederland



Romania



The U.K.



France



Ireland



Denmark



Hungary



Around School

Welcome to Slade

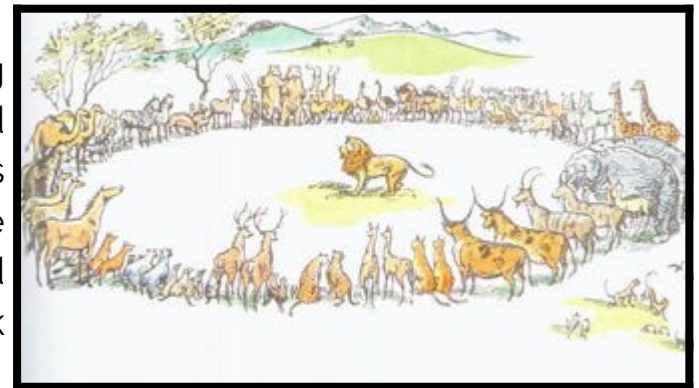
This week we have been delighted to welcome Tristan and his family to Slade.

Tristan has joined Phoenix Class in Year 4. We wish Tristan and his family a fantastic and successful time over the next two and a half years at our school.

Narnians Sign Up

Many thanks to all of the parents who have already sent back their registration forms for our Narnians Wraparound Care.

If you have set up an account with SCOPAY, our online booking service, you will have received the new agreement terms and conditions alongside the registration form during the week. As we edge closer to the summer we will expect all users of the breakfast and after school facilities at Slade to have completed and returned the form. This will impact on the ability to book spaces from the summer terms in April.



Please also note, if you are a regular customer, you should make sure your bookings are made in good time and that the account is topped up if emergency sessions need to be made. Regular bookings and cancellations can be made up to 48 hours in advance for Breakfast Club and 24 hours for After School Club.

If you have any question, or comments about the Narnians Breakfast and After School Clubs please email or dedicated inbox: wraparound@slade.kent.sch.uk.

A21 Closures

Highways England have asked us to publicise their essential work to the Manor Farm subway and Medway Viaduct.

The subway will be completely rebuilt whilst the parts of the viaduct will be repaired. Feedback from road users has led the agency to schedule this work to happen in one longer session rather than a series of weekend closures.



Most of the work is also happening during the February school break, so be aware if you are out for the day.

Summary of Closures:

Overnight lane closures and delays expected on the A21 between Sevenoaks Weald Interchange and Vauxhall Lane Interchange on every night from Monday 10 February to Thursday 13 February from 20:00 to 06:00.

The A21 will be **closed in both directions** between Sevenoaks Weald Interchange and Vauxhall Lane Interchange from 22:00 on Friday 14 February to 06:00 on Monday 24 February.

For updates, follow Highways England on Twitter @HighwaysSEAST

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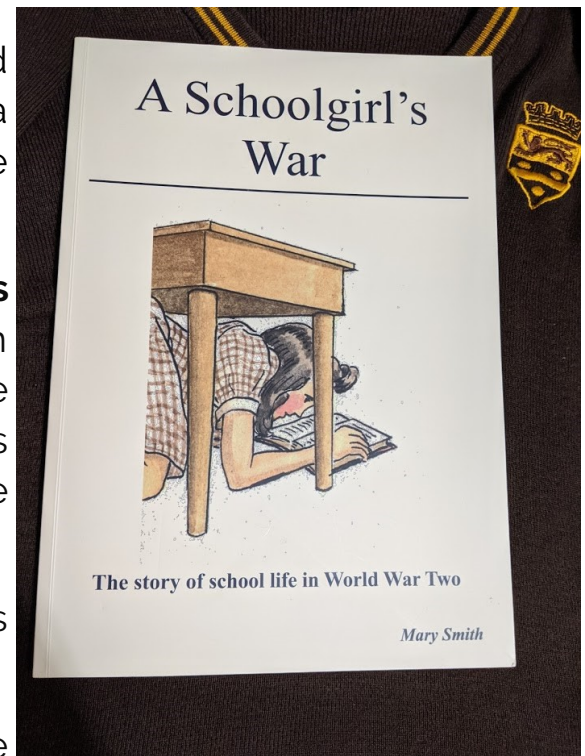
Thankyou to the Lions Club

The Lions Club of Tonbridge have followed up on their very kind donations at Christmas time to children at the school and indeed on a series of book donations made by parents and friends of Slade recently.

This week we were presented with a copy of the book **A Schoolgirls War, the story of school life in World War Two**. The book has been put together beautifully by former headteacher at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, Mary Smith, based on first hand accounts from paintings and drawings of art teacher Helen Keen and the reflections of pupils who remember their wartime schooling.

We are very grateful to the Lions Club for the donation, which has already caught the eye of a lot of the staff at school!

To buy your own copy, just visit the [MGGS website](#) or your favourite online book retailer.



Football at Longmead

This headline is written with apologies to Tonbridge Angels fans, who will know that Football at Longmead is one of football's lesser heard phrases recently as the weather has seen the local team play only one home match since 14 December!

No such problems just around the corner though as Longmead School hosted our football team on Wednesday evening.

Mr Watts took our squad up the Shipbourne Road and was delighted to come away with a victory, maintaining the team's 100% record on opposition turf.

The ground was inevitably heavy and the game was suitably competitive with some good challenges going on across the pitch.

The goals came either side of the break, Jesse with a brilliant free kick in the first half and the victory was secured with a second half effort from Yannis.

Congratulations to the team for a solid and winning performance and to everyone at Longmead School for making us so welcome and for hosting the game.



Longmead 0 - 2 Slade

Jesse

Yannis

The team representing Slade were:

Arno, James, Finlay, Colin, Yannis, Jesse, Eduardo, Ben, Mandalay.

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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

97.6%

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

96.3%

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

5 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
Monday 3 February	EYFS Vision and Hearing Screen	Year R ParentMail
Monday 3 February	Roman Day Reminders	Selected Year 3 ParentMail
Monday 3 February	PC Baldwin and Mrs Cole Visit to School	
Monday 3 February	Narnians Wraparound Agreement	Narnians Users ParentMail
Monday 3 February	Sensory Circuits	Mrs Brown's Sensory Circuits ParentMail
Monday 3 February	Pasta Sauce Making	Year 4 ParentMail
Monday 3 February	Open Morning	Booked Parents ParentMail
Monday 3 February	Teacher of the Year	  @inspireschools1
Monday 3 February	Climate Change Talk	  @jecolejan
Wednesday 5 February	Trip to Tonbridge Castle	Year 4 ParentMail
Wednesday 5 February	Puppet Show, Mr Goldthorp Visit	
Wednesday 5 February	Buster's Book Club, Joanna Adeyinka-Burford	
Wednesday 5 February	Matchday Live	
Thursday 6 February	A Schoolgirl's War @TonbridgeLions @MGGS_	
Friday 7 February	Celebration Assembly Live	
Friday 7 February	EYFS News	Year R ParentMail

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STORY

ORDER, ORDER





The Fun Spot

Riotous Fun this week!



Q – what was the tall policeman on?

A- the height side of the law

Q- why were all the police under their duvets?

A- it was an undercover mission

Q- how does the police arrest robbers eating ketchup?

A- red handed

Many thanks to William S in Hydra class (once again)
for providing the “ketchup” and “undercover” jokes
thank you William!

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

BADGE
CAR
FORMS
HELMET
LAW
POLICE
POLICE CAR
SIRENS
STATION
WALKIE TALKIE

Don't let dressing up get you down!

World Book Day at Slade

Let the PTA take the stress out of World Book Day (Thursday 5 March) for you – all next week we will be collecting your unwanted fancy dress costumes in the playground after school. We'd really appreciate it if you could either donate items in their original packaging, or in individual bags to help keep costumes together.

After the February break, we'll be selling the costumes in the playground for a few pounds – come and pick up a bargain while also helping to reduce, reuse and recycle!

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Coming up...

NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Tuesday 11 February	Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 11 February	Internet Safety Day and Assemblies All children will attend special assemblies through the day
Tuesday 11 February	Internet Safety Day Assemblies Parents and Carers in Phoenix Class are invited to the assembly at 09:00
Tuesday 11 February	Internet Safety Day Assemblies Parents and Carers in Sphinx Class are invited to the assembly at 14:45
Wednesday 12 February	Sports Leaders Training Year 6 Sports Leaders will have received a separate letter about this event
Wednesday 12 February	Year 3 Roman Day Payment and permissions should be made by today
Friday 14 February	Last Day of Term 3

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

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 - See Page 9
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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