



Welcome to the February edition of our school newsletter! As we move into the second month of the year, we are excited to share the many wonderful activities, achievements, and events happening in our school community. From exciting classroom projects to upcoming school events, February is shaping up to be a month full of learning, growth, and connection.

We have celebrated Children's Mental Week, Chinese New Year, trips to the Theatre and much more! We are grateful for your ongoing support and involvement in making this a vibrant and engaging school year.

Thank you for being part of our Slade family, and we hope you enjoy reading all of the updates!

FEBRUARY

Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week 2025: Supporting Wellbeing at Our School

Last week, we were proud to take part in Children's Mental Health Week, an annual event dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of mental wellbeing in young people. The theme for this year was 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself', encouraging children to express themselves, share their feelings, and recognise the value of speaking with others. The more we can understand about ourselves, the more prepared we are to express our emotions and take on life's ups and downs.

Supporting Mental and Physical Wellbeing

At Slade, we understand that good mental health is just as important as physical health. That's why we ensure our pupils have access to a range of activities and support systems to help them feel safe, happy, and valued. Some of the ways we support our children's wellbeing include:

Mindfulness Activities - Short breathing exercises and reflection time to help children regulate emotions and manage stress.

Emotional Check-ins - Opportunities for children to share their feelings with teachers or in class discussions.

Physical Activity - Regular PE lessons, active, and movement breaks to promote a healthy body and mind.

Nurture and Wellbeing Groups - Small group sessions providing extra emotional support where needed.

A Culture of Kindness - Encouraging respect, friendship, and inclusion through our school values and My Happy Mind lessons.

Working Together

We recognise the vital role that families play in supporting children's mental health. We encourage parents and carers to take time to talk to their children about their emotions, ask about their day, and reassure them that their thoughts and feelings matter.

- Encourage journaling
- Make space for reflection
 - Be visual
 - Practice mindfulness
 - Communicate

Early Interaction Group



As it is the Year of the Snake for Chinese New Year, we created lanterns and ate noodles with chopstick. We explored Chinese numbers and enjoyed our music sessions with drum music, ribbons and dragons.



For Children's Mental Health Week the children explored the importance of self awareness and how to express emotions using sensory toys and visual aids.



We had lots of fun reading the 'Dear Zoo' book by Byron Campbell and used our tuff trays to explore making animal masks, painting animals and edible treats.



Pantomime Trip 'The Little Mermaid'



A Magical Morning Under the Sea

The Year 5 students had a truly enchanting morning as they gathered in the theatre to watch The Little Mermaid. As the lights dimmed and the opening music filled the air, the children were transported to a magical underwater world. With vibrant colours, playful sea creatures, and Ariel's mesmerising voice, the students were captivated by the beauty of the ocean depths.

They marvelled at the wonders of the sea, from the shimmering coral reefs to the schools of fish swimming gracefully around the screen. The excitement was palpable as they followed Ariel's journey, laughing at the funny moments and singing along to the catchy tunes. The timeless story of adventure, friendship, and the desire to explore beyond the familiar touched the hearts of the students. For that morning, they truly experienced the magic of "under the sea."



The children had a wonderful fun filled evening watching Paddington 2. Popcorn and laughter filled the studio and everyone enjoyed time with their friends.



On Wednesday 5th March the children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will be having a wonderful workshop with a Storyteller. Please pay a contribution of £3 on MCAS.



Career's Fair

Year 5 & 6 Careers Fair - A Day of Inspiration!

This week, Year 5 & 6 students had an exciting afternoon at the Careers Fair, organised by Mr. Bennett. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to meet a variety of professionals and explore the many career paths available to them.

We are incredibly grateful to all the professionals who took time out of their busy schedules to inspire our students and share their knowledge. Their presence made the event even more special, and we know our students walked away with new insights and a greater sense of the possibilities that await them in the future.

A big thank you to the following professionals for their time and support:

Heartlands Hospital, Anaesthetist - Christina Stamoulis

Quarter horse Coffee Roastery, Founder, Nathan Retzer

West Midlands Fire Prevention Team's, Simon Debenham

Celebrated Fiction & Screen-Writer, Claire Bennett

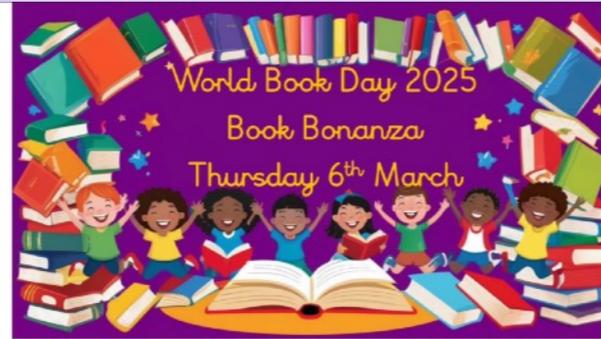
Mechanical Systems Engineer - Mohammed Wasiq

Erdington's MP - Paulette Hamilton

West Midlands Police Officer



World Book Day



Get ready for an exciting **Book Bonanza** on **Thursday, 6th March** as we celebrate **World Book Day** at Slade Primary School!

Come to school dressed as your **favourite book character** and join in a day full of **storytelling, fun, and adventure!** 📖🎭

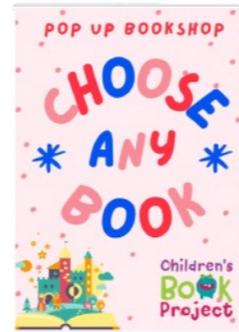
Here's what's in store:

- 🏆 **Best Dressed Competition** - Prizes for the most creative costumes!
 - 🗨️ **Storytelling Magic** - Use your Oracy skills to bring stories to life.
 - 📚 **Share Your Favourite Books** - Tell us about the stories you love!
- ✨ And so much more!

Let's make this a **magical day** full of books, imagination, and fun!
We can't wait to see your amazing costumes! 📖👗



COMING SOON.....



"We are excited to announce a fantastic opportunity with the Children's Book Project! Starting on February 24th, every child will receive a FREE book to encourage reading and spark their imagination. This initiative aims to provide children with access to wonderful stories, fostering a love for books and learning. We can't wait to see the joy these books bring to young readers!"



Scholastic Book Fair - March 17th to 20th

Get ready for an exciting reading adventure at our school's Scholastic Book Fair! Join us from March 17th to 20th, from 3:30 to 4:30 PM each day, with an extended time on March 19th until 6:00 PM. Come explore a wide variety of books for all ages and find your next favorite read! Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to support our school and encourage a love for reading.



"Parents Evening is scheduled for 19th March from 1pm to 6pm. Please ensure you book your time slot through MCAS at your earliest convenience. We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you."

Eid Celebrations



We're excited to invite everyone to a special Eid Craft Afternoon on 14th March! It will be a fun and creative way to celebrate Eid, with different time slots for each year group. Letters will be sent home soon with more details on the specific time for your child's class. We look forward to seeing all the beautiful creations and celebrating this joyful occasion together!

On the evening of 20th March, we will be hosting a special Iftar event for Year 5 and 6 pupils, alongside one member of their family. This gathering will be a wonderful opportunity for students and their families to come together in celebration, fostering a sense of community and togetherness during this blessed time of Ramadan. We look forward to sharing this meaningful experience with our pupils and their loved ones.



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Red Nose Day
Friday 21st
March

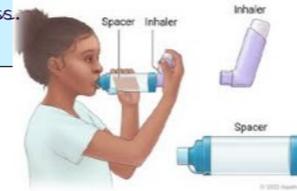
This Red Nose Day, let's celebrate 40 years of going big, giving big and feeling good with Comic Relief. Children can wear something **RED** to school with a small donation from £1. They will also be able to have their nose painted red or purchase red sweets and treats from 50p, let's do it together. Because when we all go big and give big, we can support incredible projects which help children to be happier, families stronger, women safer, communities prouder, and millions of lives fairer.



Medication in School

Does your child need to take medication whilst in school?

1. Medication Forms: You need to fill out a form in the office for any medication your child needs during school hours.
2. Inhalers: If your child has an inhaler, the school will send you a text to inform you of number of puffs administered. All inhalers should be signed in with a spacer.
3. Calpol (or similar medications): If your child requires Calpol, the school will contact you for permission first. If you've provided a supply, they will use it; otherwise, they'll ask you to bring some in.
4. Medical Conditions: Any existing or new medical conditions should be reported to the office.
5. Antibiotics: These will be stored in the main office fridge and given to your child according to the form you've filled out.
6. Eczema Cream & Inhalers: These will be kept in the classroom for easy access.





Ester has won some amazing medals in the City of Birmingham Gymnastics Competition.
Gold - Vault
Bronze - Group competition
4th place in the individual competition.

We are so very proud.

As much as we love telling you of all the AMAZING things that your children do whilst in school we want to hear from you!

Any achievements, activities or celebrations that you would like to share with Slade and all our families, please do. We would love to hear and celebrate with you.

**LET US
KNOW**

Send any information/photos to enquiry@slade.bham.sch.uk with the subject title 'my magical moments'

We can't wait to see and share.



The school gates open daily at 8.40am and lessons start promptly at 8.55am. Please make sure your child is on time so that they do not miss any of their learning time.

Nursery AM 8.30-11.30am.

Nursery PM 12.15-3.15pm.

Reception 8.45am-3.15pm.

KS1 8.45am - 3.20pm.

KS2 8.45am - 3.25pm.

Please can we remind you that you are unable to drop your child to the office before school time without prior arrangements being made and confirmed. This would only be considered in the case of an emergency. Also, a reminder that it is of high importance that your child is collected on time from the classrooms. Ensure that you call the office if you are running late, and time after 3.30pm your child will be sent to kids club at a late charge of £5 every 30 minutes.

If your child is unwell and not be able to attend school, it is essential that parents call the office.

0121 675 0618 from 8am or email enquiry@slade.bham.sch.uk.

Please make every effort to get in touch so that we can ensure the safety of your children.

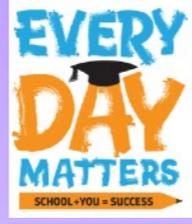
If you are unable to collect your child yourself and have made other arrangements please contact the office asap with a name and password to ensure that our safeguarding procedures are followed.



Purple jumper or cardigan
White polo shirt or blouse
Grey trousers/skirt/dress
Black shoes (no trainers)

Please can you ensure that
your child's uniform is labelled
with their name and class.

Children should not wear
jewellery to school. Where they
have their ears pierced, they
should only wear stud
earrings.



Attendance

Please can you ensure that non-emergency dental and optician appointments are booked outside school hours.

For any other medical appointments, we ask for evidence with via letter, appointment card or email. This is to support your child's authorised absence.

All lessons start promptly at 9.00am. Please can you ensure your child arrives by 8.55am through their allocated gate to avoid any learning time being missed.

We want our children in school and learning. Please support us with this by avoiding any unauthorised leave during term time. This ensures your children do not miss out on any learning and avoids any potential fines you may receive for taking unauthorised leave.

We aim for all children to achieve 96% or above attendance.

If your child is absent from school please report to the school office 0121 675 0618



PE / SWIMMING KIT(Yr2-Yr6)

A plain white t-shirt - with or
without logo

Black shorts/joggers

Trainers/black pumps

Girls - One piece swimming costume

Boys - Above knee trunks

Towel

No earrings are to be worn on swimming days.

