29th September 2023

Kender Newsletter

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Swimming for children in Year Three:

Monday 25th September to Friday 6th October:



Wednesday 27th Sept: Yr4 to Oxleas Woods



Tuesday 10th October: Yr3 to Tate Modern



Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th October: Yr6 to St Pauls



Wednesday 18th October: Yr5 to National Maritime Museum



Friday 20th October: INSET Day, school closed to children

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

At last we've had the whole playground for the children to use for their play. The children have been really enjoying the additions to the climbing equipment. Do remember that all local parks have slightly different climbing equipment and play facilities for children to enjoy. Children like challenging themselves and if you have time please take them to different local parks; most within walking distance.

We are still lobbying Peabody and Lewisham to reinstate Hatcham Gardens as soon as possible. March 2024 now seems the most realistic earliest date for completion. I met with children today from Years 5 & 6 who will be writing the next edition of the Kender Times; Hatcham Gardens will be a feature article.

We can talk more about this campaign at the PTA/FoK Get Together next Thursday. All parents are welcome and it starts at 3.30, either in the main playground or the large hall. If you can help spare some time to help, or bake some cakes for this event, it would be very much appreciated. If you can bake cakes or donate some biscuits please bring these to the school office on Thursday morning. Please check the posters which will be around the school from Monday.

Cleaners

Do you want to help us keep our school clean and tidy? We are looking for three cleaners to join our friendly team, working from 15.30 - 18.00 Monday to Friday during term times. We would prefer some experience but this is not essential as we will give training in all aspects of the role. Depending on experience, the hourly pay is between £11.95 and 13.67. If you're interested in applying, please come to the office so we can give you an application pack. The deadline to submit your application is 2 October 2023 and the interviews will be on 5 October 2023.

Please remember, we are aiming for all children to be taking home reading books overnight; which means **bringing their book bags each day**. If you still need to purchase a book bag from school pease contact the school office.

Have a calm and relaxing and I'll see you all on Monday; I'll be on the Briant Street gate most days next week.

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	25/06923	26/09/23	27/09/23	28/09/23	29/09/23	Av
Rec	84%	87%	89%	84%	77%	
Yr 1	92%	89%	92%	85%	81%	88%
Yr 2	96%	95%	91%	93%	91%	93 %
Yr 3	98%	95%	95%	93%	88%	94%
Yr 4	92%	92%	88%	85%	88%	89 %
Yr 5	87%	89%	93%	92%	96%	9 1%
Yr 6	93%	90%	94%	90%	92%	92 %
School	93%	92 %	93%	90%	89%	9 1%
KS2	93%	92 %	93%	90%	9 1%	92 %

Comment Year six making visits to Secondary schools, which is approved and very important for them to do!

Keep going Kender, hope to see you all in school next week...!

Term Dates: 2023/24 Autumn Term

INSET day: Friday 20th October

Autumn Half-term

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October.

School re-opens

Monday 30th October

INSET day: Wednesday 20th December

School closed to children for Christmas break, Wednesday 20th December.

Spring Term

School re-opens for children on Monday 8th January 2024

Half-term

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February,

School re-opens for children on Monday 19th February 2024

School closed to children for Easter break, Friday 29th March.

Summer Term

INSET day: Monday 15th April

School re-opens for children on Tuesday 16th April 2024

Half-term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

School re-opens to children Monday 3rd June 2024

INSET day: Friday 7th July

End of term: Wednesday 24th July, 2.30pm



The days we have P.E. can sometimes vary so please ensure your child has their P.E. kit on a Monday and takes it home on a Friday.



Please read at home every day. Your child should bring their reading record and book into school every day. We will change books once a week. We also have daily whole Class focused Guided lessons Reading.

Homework

As well as reading, homework is assigned each week on Fridays and should be returned to school by Wednesday the following week.

From the Deputy Headteacher...

Year 3 Swimming: Our Year 3 students are making remarkable strides in their swimming lessons, and I had the pleasure of joining them on Monday. The progress they made during that lesson was truly impressive, and I'm sure it won't be long before they become extremely confident swimmers.

Important Reminders: Please remember that children should bring their P.E. kit to school every Monday and take it home on Fridays. By getting changed for P.E. children can fully immerse themselves in their P.E. lessons in a safe way. Additionally, I'd like to emphasise the importance of daily reading with your child. We understand the demands of busy family life, but the impact of daily reading practice on your child's progress cannot be overstated. Thank you for your ongoing support; it really makes a difference.

Year 6 Parents - Secondary Application Workshops Update: I've had an enthusiastic response from many parents who have already signed up for our upcoming secondary application workshops (next week). However, if you are a Year 6 parent who would like assistance with the application process and eAdmissions website, there are still available slots. Please feel free to ask me or you can arrange a time through Miss George in the office.

Robert Vinnicombe - Deputy Headteacher



If you have any concerns please contact the school office. Phone number: 020 76394654

PTA/Friends of Kender:

Kender Get Together

Thursday 5th October @ 3.30

Please come and help or get baking....