

Kender Newsletter



Kender school opened on 8th June 1874.

This year we will celebrate 150 years.

Watch this space...



Monday 22nd January:
Year Three trip to Buddhist Temple



Wednesday 31st January:
Hatcham Gardens meeting, 6 to 7pm at Kender school



Thursday 8th February: Year Six trip to Natural History Museum



Friday 9th February: school closes for half-term



Monday 19th February: school re-opens

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I wish everyone a healthy and happy 2024.

I am delighted to say the first week back has been an excellent week. The children have settled back to learning very quickly and it's lovely to see them all refreshed and ready for school.

We have been reminded that 2024 is a very important year for Kender school. In 1874, on 8th June, Kender Street school opened for the first time. This year means Kender will mark 150 years of there being a school on this site. We will, of course need to mark this occasion with suitable celebrations. To this end, we are calling for volunteers to be part of an Organising Committee. Ideally we'd like this committee to feature children, parents, members of the community, Staff and governors; and, of course, people who used to come to Kender. If you would like to be part of this group please email Alice Luxmoore at SBM@kender.lewisham.sch.uk.

Already, we have announced a logo competition for the children. Please help them to design a new logo for our newsletter and future publicity material. You can find the details on the school website:

<https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=1372>

Year Six went on an amazing trip to Kew Gardens yesterday. It was an excellent day and has provided the children with essential information and background learning for the term ahead. I must remind you all that trips are an **essential feature** of children's learning and very important that they attend. In addition, the price that we can organise these trips is significantly lower than if you organised a similar trip. Please help us if you can to make the contributions we request; it makes a huge difference to what we can offer.

Thank you to the children in year six, whose behaviour was exemplary.

Applications for places in our Reception class in September close on Monday. It is vital that prospective parents make this deadline. Please remind family and friends if they have children born between 1.9.2019 and 31.8.2020 that they must apply before 23.59 on 15.1.24. If anyone needs help, please let the office know: we're always happy to offer support.

Finally, we have a date for the next meeting re: Hatcham Gardens. Wednesday 31st January, 6 to 7pm at the school. Peabody and the LA will be sharing plans for the new park.

Have a calm and restful weekend and I'll see you on the Briant street gate next week.

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	08/01/24	09/01/24	10/01/24	11/01/24	12/01/24	Average
Rec	90%	89%	97%	97%	94%	
Yr 1	84%	87%	92%	85%	90%	88%
Yr 2	86%	85%	90%	89%	91%	88%
Yr 3	93%	95%	88%	88%	93%	91%
Yr 4	88%	97%	92%	91%	88%	91%
Yr 5	93%	95%	93%	91%	93%	93%
Yr 6	94%	92%	91%	88%	88%	91%
Comment	Much, much better next week please Kender...!!!					

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 closes early to children for Christmas break, Tuesday 19th December, at 2.30pm.

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 June

End of term: Wednesday 24th July, 2.30pm

PE

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.

Reading

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.

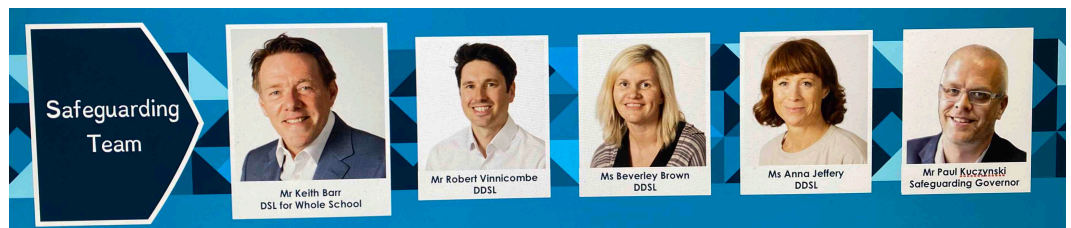
Welcome Back to School - A Fantastic Start to the New Year! I hope this message finds you well and that the new year has begun on a positive note for all our families. A warm welcome back to everyone as we dive headfirst into the bustling routine of school life.

Year 6 have wasted no time in embarking on a remarkable learning adventure yesterday (Thursday) when they set off on a visit to Kew Gardens. The trip proved to be an enriching experience for all the children, providing them with a unique opportunity to explore the wonders of nature, specifically the tropical rainforest at Palm House.

Educational visits are not only intended to bring joy to our children but also to contribute significantly to the curriculum. The visit to Kew Gardens, for example, will enhance both the Science and Geography curriculum and will also help Year 6 with their writing. I really believe such hands-on experiences are invaluable in nurturing a love for learning and fostering a deeper appreciation for the world around us.

As the weather takes a colder turn next week, please ensure your children are equipped with hats, scarves, gloves, and coats to stay warm at school, especially whilst they are out on the playground. Your cooperation in ensuring that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather is greatly appreciated.

Have a relaxing weekend! Mr Vinnicombe



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Phone number: 020 76394654

PTA/Friends of Kender:

Looking forward to more events in 2024.

Happy New Year to all from the Kender PTA.