

Kender Newsletter



Kender school opened on 8th June 1874.

This year we will celebrate 150 years.

Watch this space...



Wednesday 31st January:
MHST coffee morning



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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

Friday 26th January 2024 (the anniversary Year 1874 to 2024)

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

This week we had a visit from the early Education Department, from Tampere in Finland. They were really impressed with the children and the school and left these comments:

'What a lovely visit...so impressed with your outdoor activities...children were truly committed to their school work.'

Thank you all for the entries for the **Kender at 150** logo competition. The winner or winners will appear on this newsletter next week. The first meeting of the organising committee took place yesterday. Already we have some great ideas to help mark this achievement. Next week I will use the majority of this newsletter to outline what is being planned for the summer term. If you have further ideas, please email Alice Luxmoore at SBM@kender.lewisham.sch.uk. Our next planning meeting will be on 22/02/24 at 16.00, everyone is welcome.

Another reminder about home reading diaries. We expect that children read at home every night. Please ask them to show you their reading diaries and see how regularly they are reading. Mums and dads of children in Yrs 1 & 2 you can write comments in their diaries. For our older children they should be writing in their diaries by themselves.

Next week, two events for your diaries:

Mental health Support Team will be hosting a coffee morning next Wednesday, with a focus on Being an Emotional Coach. Starts at 9.15am, come to the main entrance.

Hatcham Gardens update. Presentation of plans from Peabody at Kender, 6 to 7pm on Wednesday; again come to the main entrance.

Published today, the latest edition of the Kender Times and the first ever Climate Action Report: <https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/page/?title=Kender+Times&pid=166&action=saved>

I wish you all a relaxing weekend and I'll see you on the Faulkner street gate next week.

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	22/01/24	23/01/24	24/01/24	25/01/24	26/01/24	Av...
Rec	90%	93%	90%	93%	87%	
Yr 1	89%	88%	88%	87%	88%	88%
Yr 2	91%	93%	93%	88%	89%	91%
Yr 3	90%	96%	95%	99%	96%	95%
Yr 4	99%	97%	95%	97%	98%	97%
Yr 5	92%	93%	96%	96%	98%	95%
Yr 6	90%	94%	95%	96%	91%	93%
Comment	Year 4!!! More green on the attendance figures next week please....					

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

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 21st 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.

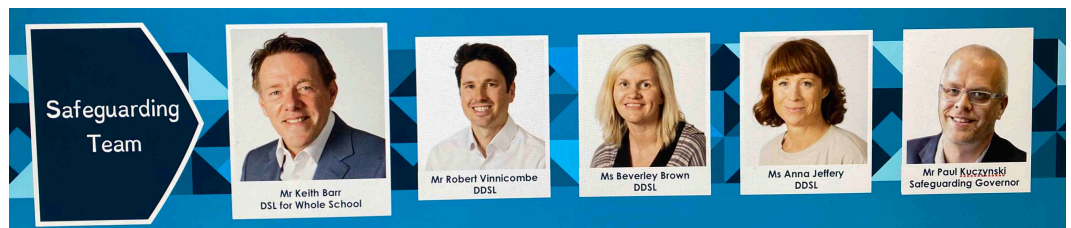
Year 3 Explores Buddhism at Buddhapadipa Temple: Our Year 3 students embarked on a fascinating journey to the Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon as part of their Religious Education (R.E.) exploration of Buddhism. The trip was a resounding success, providing our children with an immersive experience that deepened their understanding of this ancient and peaceful faith.

Literacy Insights at Elmhurst Primary School: Members of our English Team had the privilege of visiting Elmhurst Primary School in Newham for their Literacy open morning on Tuesday. This visit was particularly beneficial as Elmhurst is a bit further along on their "writing for pleasure" journey. Our team gained valuable insights into their approach to the English curriculum, enhancing our strategies for fostering a love of writing among our children.

Football at Blackheath: Our girls' and boys' football teams are gearing up to compete against other Lewisham schools at Blackheath tomorrow morning. We wish both teams the best of luck! Come on Kender!

I wish all our families a restful weekend, see you on Monday.

Mr Vinnicombe
Deputy Headteacher



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

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Kender is 150....

Planning for a PTA meeting asap....

Come and join us and be part of shaping this amazing year....