

# Kender Newsletter

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Kender school opened on 8th June 1874.

This year we will celebrate 150 years.

Watch this space...



**Monday 5th February:**  
dress to express



**Friday 9th February:**  
wear red day



**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 2nd February 2024 (the anniversary Year 1874 to 2024)

**Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,**

Another really good week in school. I was pleased to share some fabulous writing and home reading diaries in assembly this morning. Huge praise must go to Year Five; everyone in school, each class, everyday this week; wow!!!

Next week is Children's Mental Health week. There are a number of events taking place. We have a survey for children to complete to indicate their perspective on how school contributes to their mental wellbeing. To raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health, on Monday 5th February, we would like to invite all children, staff and parents to 'Dress to Express'. This could be through favourite colours, hairstyles, favourite sports kits, fancy dress, party clothes...whatever your child wants to wear as an expression of themselves. Be as creative as you like!

There will be assemblies on this day delivered by the Mental Health Support Team

On another note, I need to clarify our approach to children being collected by older siblings. In our policy it states very clearly that we do consider siblings over 16yrs collecting children. Occasionally, following parental requests we allow siblings in Yrs 8 and 9 to collect brothers and sisters in Yrs 3 or 4. Children in Yrs 5 and 6 can go home by themselves with written permission. The policy below applies with no exception to the children in EYFS and KS1.

**The suitability of an older sibling (aged 16 years or above) caring for a younger child needs to be considered on a case-by-case basis, by a judgment of the potential risks of this arrangement; the maturity of the child collecting/being collected; the length and nature of the journey home, the behaviour and relationship of the children collecting/being collected.**

**Kender at 150.** Ideas are developing for this celebration, nothing is finalised as yet; I will communicate the details just as soon as we have a clear programme of events. So far Ms Luxmoore has visited the National Archive and Mario Toraldo is gathering memories and links from previous attendees at Kender. There is some fascinating reading, with really clear memories that we will be bale to share. Do remember, if you have further ideas, please email Alice Luxmoore at [SBM@kender.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:SBM@kender.lewisham.sch.uk) . Our next planning meeting will be on **22/02/24 at 16.00**, everyone is welcome.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend and I'll see you on the Briant street gate next week.

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	29/01/24	30/01/24	31/01/24	01/02/24	02/2/24	Average
<b>Rec</b>	83%	83%	93%	80%	87%	
<b>Yr 1</b>	92%	92%	96%	98%	96%	95%
<b>Yr 2</b>	87%	90%	91%	91%	93%	92%
<b>Yr 3</b>	95%	90%	93%	99%	95%	94%
<b>Yr 4</b>	94%	84%	91%	100%	100%	94%
<b>Yr 5</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Yr 6</b>	90%	87%	88%	93%	86%	89%
						94%
<b>Comment</b>	<b>Wow!!! Year Five amazing!</b>					

**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.

It's been another busy week and productive week at Kender.

**Year 5 Writing Moderation:** On Thursday, our wonderful Year 5 teachers participated in a writing moderation session with the Brindishe schools. This collaborative effort is aimed at enhancing the assessment of our children's writing skills. The insights gained from this session will positively contribute to a more refined and comprehensive approach to assessing progress in literacy. We appreciate the commitment of our teachers to continuous improvement in the pursuit of excellent writing.

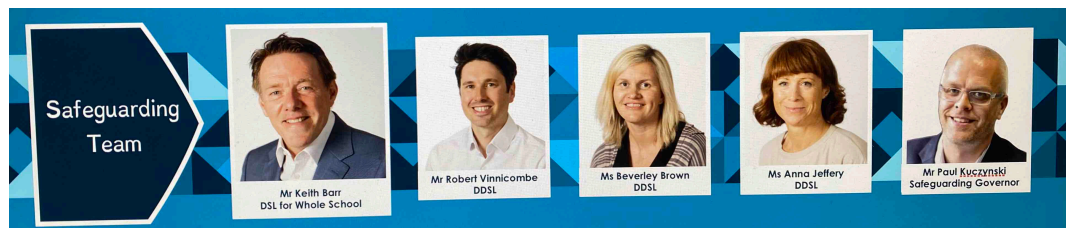
**Educational Visits:** Just a reminder that next week there are some exciting opportunities for our children to embrace educational adventures outside the classroom. On Wednesday, both Year 3 and Reception classes will be heading to the Horniman Museum, where they will have the opportunity to learn in an interactive environment. On Tuesday, Year 1 will be visiting the Young V & A Museum to enrich their History topic on Toys. On Thursday, Year 6 will be visiting the Natural History Museum, a place of wonder and discovery that will undoubtedly enhance their Science topic on Evolution.

**Dress to Express Day - Monday:** I'm looking forward to Monday, when everyone will have the chance to "Dress to Express." It promises to be a very exciting day of creativity and individuality as we showcase our unique personalities through our clothing. I can't wait to see all the outfits! As for myself, I'm still pondering what to wear – decisions, decisions!

Thank you very much for your continued support, and we look forward to another fantastic week of learning and fun at Kender!

Have a restful weekend.

Mr Vinnicombe  
Deputy Headteacher



**If you have any concerns please contact the school office.**

**Phone number: 020 76394654**

### Friends of Kender

The next Friends of Kender meeting will be on next Wednesday (7<sup>th</sup> Feb) at 5.30pm. This will be a hybrid meeting to enable extra people to join. There is a Zoom link which is available via email.

For those attending school in person, the meeting will be in the MPR, starting at 5.30pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there, Mary King (Chair of the PTA).