

Kender Newsletter



Kender school opened on 8th June 1874.

This year we will celebrate 150 years.

Watch this space...



Friday 9th February: school closes for half-term



Monday 19th February: school re-opens



Tuesday 12th March & Thursday 14th March: parents' evening meetings

Friday 9th February 2024 (the anniversary Year 1874 to 2024)

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Half-term! Well done children and to all of you for making it through a cold and, occasionally, very wet half-term. The children have been fantastic and have worked really hard. I do hope you will all have some time for a rest and some family time over the next week or so.

Some dates for your attention:

Sunday 11th February, Lunar New Year in London....

The London Lunar New Year Parade...the parade will be on Sunday February 11, the day after the Lunar New Year. Where does the parade start?

The main parade starts on **Charing Cross Road** at 10.15 and finishes on Shaftesbury Avenue at around midday, after which there will be a lions' eye-dotting ceremony in Chinatown and stage performances in Trafalgar Square.

Thursday 22nd February, 4.00pm, Kender at 150 meeting, at the school.

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 able to share. Do remember, if you have further ideas, please email Alice Luxmoore at SBM@kender.lewisham.sch.uk.

Wednesday 28th February, 6 to 7pm, at the school, meeting to hear an update on Hatcham Gardens; all welcome.

Tuesday 12th March and Thursday 14th March: Parents' Evenings.

Children's achievements

We'd all like to wish Millie in Y6 the best in her upcoming boxing bouts at All Stars Boxing Gym and in Chatham later this month. Millie is one of our many children who works diligently at her interests out of school. If any parent or carers would like us to celebrate their children's achievements out of school, do let us know.

I wish you all an enjoyable week and I'll see you on the Kender street gate from Monday 19th February.

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	05/02/24	06/02/24	07/02/24	08/02/24	09/02/24	Average
Rec	82%	87%	81%	87%	87%	
Yr 1	93%	96%	96%	94%	90%	94%
Yr 2	88%	91%	89%	91%	90%	90%
Yr 3	93%	98%	98%	90%	95%	95%
Yr 4	98%	96%	96%	94%	96%	96%
Yr 5	95%	98%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Yr 6	94%	93%	88%	93%	80%	90%
						94%
Comment	Year Five leading the way again! 26 children with 100% attendance since September!!! Are you one of them?					

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.

What a half term it's been, short but jam packed!

🎉 Happy Lunar New Year! 🎉

To all our families celebrating, we wish you a joyous and prosperous Lunar New Year! It's been great to see the vibrant sea of red as our children immerse themselves in the festivities, the special lunch looks great!

📖 Half Term Homework 📖

Just a friendly reminder that homework will be given out over the half term break, as per usual. All homework is due back on Tuesday after the break.

📅 Important Reminder for Year 6 Parents 📅

A quick reminder for our Year 6 parents: the deadline to pay the balance for the school journey is approaching in June. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help!

👋 Farewell to Goo Ptohides 👋

We bid farewell to Goo Ptohides as they embark on their Teacher Apprentice journey, returning to their base school. We extend our heartfelt thanks and wishes for success in all their future endeavours. As we say goodbye, we eagerly anticipate welcoming back Mrs. Esoe after the half term break!

Wishing you all a fantastic half term break!

Mr Vinnicombe



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 (21st 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).