

Kender Newsletter



Kender school opened on 8th June 1874.



Wednesday 25th September:

European Day of Languages



4th to 10th October:
World Space Week



Wednesday 9th October:
Open Morning, 9.15am



Saturday 12th October:
Open Morning, 9.15am

Friday 13th September (the anniversary Year 1874 to 2024)

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Thank you to all the mums and dads who attended Meet the Teacher and Meet the Headteacher meetings. We hope these have been helpful and supportive in making this term a successful start for your children; an equally successful school year too. There will be further information available on the website by the end of next week, which will include: curriculum planning for the year ahead, class timetable and newsletter for the autumn term. In the newsletter next Friday, I will remind you to check your child's class page on the site.

The school website is undergoing a review and I have a further meeting this afternoon to finalise the design concepts. The Nursery will have a separate site, with a link from the landing page of the school site.

This week I received the trailer for the Kender Lives film. We made this film as part of the Kender@150 celebration as a lasting digital memorial to the school over many successful years. I was amazed with the quality of this short clip and know that the main film will be amazing. There will be a special evening planned for a full screening of the film. In the meantime, please visit our Instagram site (KenderSchool) to see the clip; you could add 'likes' to this once you've viewed the trailer.

On Wednesday 25th September, we will be celebrating European Day of Languages. Please contact the school office if you might be available to come into school and share your language skills on this day.

Please note we have a large collection of children's glasses in the school office. If your child has mislaid their glasses please pop into the office to collect them. Already we have had some jumpers go missing, please label your children's clothing with a very clear and obvious name label - thank you.

Of further note, I have made several home visits since the start of term, all for children and families who have not returned to school at the start of term, and for families who have not informed us as to the reason why. The start of the academic year is so important for all children and those children who have yet to return will miss crucial elements of class learning and will miss opportunities to join after school clubs.

Also, almost all of our clubs are now full. Apologies if you were unlucky, there is such high demand at the start of term.

The children have been fantastic this week. I've seen some fabulous learning with many proud faces.

I'll be on the Kender Street gate next week.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	09/09/24	10/09/24	11/09/24	12/09/24	13/09/24	Average
Yr 5	96%	96%	98%	94%	96%	96%
Yr 6	91%	95%	95%	95%	93%	94%
Yr 3	85%	94%	96%	97%	96%	94%
Yr 2	92%	94%	91%	94%	96%	93%
Yr 4	92%	92%	90%	90%	88%	90%
Yr 1	91%	83%	91%	87%	88%	88%
Rec	83%	82%	85%	85%	85%	
All year groups improving. Even better next week please...						

Term Dates: 2024/25

Autumn Term

INSET day: Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September

School re-open:
Wednesday 4th September

Autumn Half-term

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November.

School re-opens

Monday 4th November

INSET day: Friday 20th December

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

Spring Term

School re-opens for children on Monday 6th January 2025

Half-term

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February,

School re-opens for children on Monday 24th February 2024

School closes, 2.30pm on Thursday 4th April.

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

Summer Term

INSET day: Tuesday 22nd April

School re-opens for children on Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Half-term

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

School re-opens to children Monday 2nd June 2024

School closes to children for the summer break, Tuesday 22nd July, at 2.30pm.

INSET days: we have one more to allocate

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.

Hi everyone, it was great seeing so many families at the meet the teacher and meet the headteacher events this week!

Year 6 parents, there will be a 'Starting secondary school in 2025' event on Wednesday 25th September 2024, 5-8pm at the Catford Civic Suite (Catford Rd, London SE6 9SE). Do go along and find out more about all the secondary schools in Lewisham if you have the time.

Also, Mr Barr will be hosting a Secondary Transfer meeting in the big hall, where he will be talking parents through all things to do with secondary transfer on Monday 16th September at 5pm. Remember, the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is Thursday 31st October and you must apply using the eAdmissions website. If you have any questions about the process or need any help with the website please contact me and I will be more than happy to help.

Robert Vinnicombe
Deputy Headteacher



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Phone number: 020 76394654

Friends of Kender/PTA

Next meeting:

Monday 16th September, 5.30pm

Via Zoom.