

Kender Newsletter



Kender school opened on 8th June 1874.



Saturday 12th October:
Open Morning, 10.30am



Wednesday 16th October:
Open Morning, 9.15am



Thursday 17th October:
Tea & Cakes, 3.30 to 4.30



Friday 25th October:
Dress in black, green, orange or for Halloween.



Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November:
Half-term

Friday 11th October (the anniversary Year 1874 to 2024)

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been another really good week in school. There are always plenty of things happening in a single week. Today we held our first fire drill of the year. I am pleased to say that all children and staff were safely out of the building in under 3 minutes and 40 seconds.

I attended Lewisham Director's Briefing on Thursday. There were presentations on Children's Social Care, outcomes for children in Lewisham compared to National and London schools and a representative from UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools.

Next week we hold our first event where we can all meet together. If you can bake or bring in some cakes/biscuits for this event we'd be very grateful. There is an FoK/PTA meeting next week to discuss the final arrangements. If you can attend and help this event please let us know or join the meeting on Monday.

Thursday 17th October, 3.30-4.30pm - welcome to the new academic year; tea/coffee and cake

Also next week, Rachel Waite, our School Improvement Partner will be in school on Tuesday. This day is designed as an opportunity for the school to sharpen its improvement focus. The Chair of Governors will attend and there will be a school walk to see how well the children are engaging with their lessons. The school will receive a report which confirms our improvement aims whilst finding agreed aspects to build for further future successes.

On Tuesday, Coach Perry will take a group of children from year Six to compete in a Handball tournament at Deptford Green. Deptford Green is working hard to offer a broad range of outreach opportunities and this is the first we've signed up for. Children from Year Five will have a similar opportunity later in the year. Good luck Kender!!!

We need your help! If you have any old toys, dressing up clothes or old/unwanted pots/pans/kitchen utensils we need these for our PlayPod and mud Kitchens. Please help if you can.

Friday 25th October is the last day of term. Children are free to dress in black, orange, green or dress for Halloween. This will be a day for fun and there will not be a specific assembly, or learning focus covering aspects of Halloween.

I'll be on the Faulkner Street gate next week; see you all on Monday.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	07/10/24	08/10/24	09/10/24	10/10/24	11/10/24	Average
Rec	94%	92%	86%	88%	92%	
Yr 1	91%	91%	86%	94%	91%	91%
Yr 2	89%	88%	92%	88%	94%	90%
Yr 3	89%	87%	85%	87%	89%	87%
Yr 4	85%	87%	88%	84%	78%	84%
Yr 5	94%	94%	95%	92%	94%	94%
Yr 6	95%	97%	96%	95%	100%	97%
Well done Year Six! Hope to see you all in school 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.

Another incredibly busy week full of learning and adventures at Kender!

Head Girl and Head Boy Speeches

On Monday, our shortlisted candidates for Head Girl and Head Boy will be giving their speeches during assembly. This is an exciting time for our children and I am really looking forward to hearing their ideas and seeing their leadership potential shine. We wish all the candidates the very best of luck!

Reminder for Year 6 Parents

A friendly reminder to our Year 6 parents: the deadline to apply for a secondary school place for your child is fast approaching. Please ensure you submit your application by 31st October via the eAdmissions website.

Singing Assemblies

I had the absolute pleasure of attending our singing assemblies this week, and I must say, the children sounded fantastic! Their enthusiasm and talent truly shone through and it was a joy to see everyone participating so energetically. I'm already looking forward to assemblies next week...

Year 5 Trip to the Science Museum

A huge well done to everyone in Year 5 who showed incredible resilience during their trip to the Science Museum. Despite the setback of being evacuated from New Cross Gate station, both the adults and children regrouped back at school and found an alternative route to South Kensington. Their determination paid off and they were able to enjoy an amazing learning experience. A big thank you to all the parent helpers and Year 5 staff for ensuring the trip was a success despite the challenges! Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend. See you on Monday.

Mr Vinnicombe
Deputy Headteacher



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Phone number: 020 76394654

Friends of Kender/PTA

Next meeting: Monday 14th October, 5.00pm or 5.30pm, time tbc

Some events this term:

Thursday 17th October, 3.30-4.30pm - welcome to the new academic year, cake sale

Thursday 12th December, 3.30-7pm - Movie Night for the kids