

Kender Newsletter



Kender school opened on 8th June 1874.



Friday 25th October:

Dress in black, green, orange or for Halloween.



Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November:

Half-term



Monday 18th November:

Writing Residency week, including Governor day, Wednesday 20th November



Tuesday 24th November & Thursday 26th November



Friday 20th December:

INSET day, school closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 19th December.

Friday 18th October (the anniversary Year 1874 to 2024)

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Congratulations to our Kender Year Six Handball Team!

For the first time we entered a Handball competition at Deptford Green. The team played really well and came third in the overall completion and were improving match by match, winning the last one 8 to nil. Well done to the team and to coach Perry who did an excellent job coaching them with such a short amount of preparation time. Our team from Year 5 will take part on 3rd December...come on Kender!!!

On Tuesday our School Improvement Partner was in school working with school leaders to support us in moving the school on its improvement journey. I will share her full report with staff and governors, here are a couple of lines from her summary:

'The school has a strong creative presence as you walk around, children are polite and learning behaviours across the school... are developing well...the learning environments were very strong with clear curriculum coverage and the writing process clearly evident to support the children.'

We still 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.

Next week teachers will be visiting a local school, taking books from all classes to moderate our writing outcomes. This is a really supportive process and helps us to gauge how well our children are progressing with their writing. Earlier today, some children from years 6, 3 and 1 read some of their poems in Above & Beyond assembly- there were some fabulous pieces being shared!!!

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. School finishes at the normal time of 15.30 and wraparound care runs as usual.

Congratulations, and thank you to the Kender PTA/FoK for the Cake Sale yesterday. A lovely opportunity to meet and chat, all over a drink and a cake or two! Great effort, well done to everyone involved.

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

Have a great weekend!

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	14/10/24	15/10/24	16/10/24	17/10/24	18/10/24	Average
Rec	91%	92%	80%	80%	80%	
Yr 1	94%	91%	86%	88%	84%	89%
Yr 2	94%	98%	96%	95%	94%	95%
Yr 3	91%	93%	80%	95%	94%	91%
Yr 4	81%	90%	83%	88%	88%	86%
Yr 5	98%	94%	96%	96%	96%	96%
Yr 6	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Years 5 & 6 leading the way...						

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 jam packed and exciting week at Kender!

Secondary Transfer Workshops – A Reminder for Year 6 Parents

Our secondary transfer workshops have now come to an end. As we approach the deadline, please remember that **the last day to apply for a secondary school place is Thursday 31st October**. Applications must be submitted online via the eAdmissions website. If you haven't yet applied or need assistance with the process, don't worry – there's still time! Feel free to come and see me, and I'll be happy to help with any questions or concerns.

Poetry in Above and Beyond Assembly

This morning, I had the pleasure of listening to some truly outstanding poetry during our assembly. Children from Years 1, 3, and 6 showcased their talents, reading poems on the themes of **autumn** and **social justice**. Their creativity and expression were simply amazing, and it's wonderful to see our **Writing for Pleasure** programme inspiring such brilliant work. Next week, we'll be hearing more poetry from Years 2, 4, and 5, and I'm already excited to see what they've come up with! Who knew we had so many budding poets in the school?

Head Girl and Head Boy Elections

This week, our students have been casting their votes for who they believe should be Kender's next **Head Girl and Head Boy**. This is an important part of the process, and I'm proud of how seriously our children are taking their roles in shaping our student leadership.

Once the votes are in, I'll be working with Mr. Barr to analyse the results and shortlist candidates for interviews. I look forward to seeing which of our fantastic pupils will step into these leadership roles.

As always, I'd like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend. Thank you for your continued support!

Mr. Vinnicombe

Deputy Headteacher



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

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Friends of Kender/PTA

Monday 4th November, 5-5.45pm, PTA/FoK meeting via Teams

Thursday 7th November, 3.30 to 5.30, help build a mud kitchen; volunteers needed please!

Monday 11th November, 5.30-6.30pm, PTA/FoK annual general meeting

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