

Kender Newsletter

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Kender school opened on 8th June 1874.



Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November:

Half-term



November 2024:

Walk to school month



Monday 18th November:

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



Tuesday 26th November & Thursday 28th November



Friday 20th December:

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

Friday 25th October (the anniversary Year 1874 to 2024)

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

We have reached the end of a very long first half-term. It has been a very successful term with so many children settling well into their new classes and, already, making strong progress. The children and staff will need a rest; after this we will be ready for more excellent learning from Monday 4th November.

Please note that **Parents' Evenings** for Yrs 1 to 6 this term are on **Tuesday 26th November and Thursday 28th November**; pop these dates in your diary. Week beginning Monday 4th November, teachers will be writing autumn term targets and SEND support plans and will share these with you at your parents' evening appointment; be sure to book an appointment when these go live via Arbor. The office are always happy to help if you need assistance.

November is our walk to school month. This is an initiative led by Transport for London. We encourage you all to find ways to enable the children, and yourselves, to walk to school. Staff are being encouraged too. If you do have to travel far to get here, you could get off the bus a few stops earlier and walk the remaining journey, or even park your car several streets away and then walk to school. It is the time of year when children need good coats, hats and scarves to ensure they are ready for being outside and enjoying the autumn/winter weather.

This afternoon all children will come home with School Super Zone leaflet and map. This leaflet shows you some of the greener streets to walk along and some places of interest to see as you walk to and from school.

Over half-term, please find time to check your child's book bags. Please spend some time reading with your child or encouraging them to read to you. Children in KS2 can write their own reviews in their reading diaries - let's see lots on diary entries when we return to school on Monday 4th.

Also, if they are short of elements of PE kit, half-term is a good opportunity to replenish their PE kit. There is a uniform give away on 1st November from 3-5pm at Unit 17 in Lewisham Shopping Centre.

After half-term, the Multi-Sports Club for Year one is being changed to a Gymnastics club. If your child would like to take part in this club it runs from 3.45 to 4.45 on a Tuesday. Come on you keen gymnasts and sign up...

Thank you for all your support and encouragement this half-term, it is always very much appreciated.

I'll be on the Kender Street gate after half-term; see you all on Monday 4th November.

The clocks go back this weekend.

Have a great weekend!

	21/10/24	22/10/24	23/10/24	24/10/24	25/10/24	Average
Rec	81%	95%	89%	92%	88%	
Yr 1	92%	90%	90%	82%	91%	89%
Yr 2	86%	84%	94%	93%	92%	90%
Yr 3	91%	96%	94%	98%	94%	95%
Yr 4	81%	90%	88%	89%	85%	87%
Yr 5	95%	96%	95%	98%	88%	94%
Yr 6	96%	100%	100%	100%	98%	98 %
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.

What an amazing half term!

One last final reminder from me for year 6 parents: the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is Thursday 31st October. Most children are recorded as applying for a place but there are still a few who haven't. Please ensure you have confirmed your school choices by the 31st October.

A reminder to all year groups that your teacher will have given your child homework to complete over the half term break. Please make some time to complete this but it is equally important to spend some quality time together as a family too!

I have seen lots of year groups publishing their poetry into a class book. Your child might bring home their wonderful poetry that they've been working on do make some time to read it with them, we are incredibly proud of all their hard work this term.

Have a relaxing week and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 4th November.

Mr Vinnicombe, Deputy Headteacher



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Phone number: 020 76394654

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