



Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Friday, 30th September 2022

Quote for the week:

'It takes a village to raise a child!' - African proverb

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families

Our current whole school attendance is significantly below the National expectation of 95.6%. It is important that your child/ren attend school on time every day.

Attendance Matters!

All parents and carers want the very best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that children have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly. If children do not attend school regularly, they may:

- **Struggle to keep up with schoolwork.** In a busy school day, it is difficult for schools to always find the extra time to help children to 'catch up' with lost learning.
- **They may not achieve their full potential.**
- **Children miss the social side of school life.** Poor attendance often affects their friendship groups. Children with lower attendance are more likely to find it difficult to make and keep friends – a vital part of growing up.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery and throughout their school journey will also help your child later in their life. Children who have poor school attendance records may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults.

We are here to help and want to work in partnership with you. Please contact the school office and ask to speak to Paula Trent (Family Support Worker), if you need support or are concerned about your child's attendance.

Persistent Absence: Please note that parents have a legal responsibility to inform the school of any absences. If a child's attendance drops below 90% they are considered 'persistently absent' and the school will request a meeting with parents or carers. At this point, the school may consult with the Education and Inclusion Team to discuss attendance concerns.

Have a restful weekend,

Lorram Black and Comber Grove Team

Attendance Ladder



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Safeguarding at Comber Grove Primary School

We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for children, staff, visitors, and promoting a climate where children and adults will feel confident about sharing any concerns that they may have about their own safety or the well-being of others. We aim to safeguard and promote the welfare of children by protecting them from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

Safeguarding Leads and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mr Lorrain Black
(Headteacher-DSL)

Miss Joanne Fielding
(Deputy Headteacher)

Mrs Judene Anchebe
(SENDCo)

Miss Paula Trent
(Family Support Worker)

Miss Clare Rowe
(HLTA)



What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

These trained senior members of staff take the lead responsibility for child protection.

Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include:

- ✓ Making sure all staff are aware how to raise safeguarding concerns
- ✓ Ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect
- ✓ Referring any concerns to social care
- ✓ Monitoring children who are the subject of child protection plans
- ✓ Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- ✓ Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring they are implemented and reviewed regularly



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Friday, 7th October 2022 at 9:30am Year 5 and 6 Coffee Morning

Come and meet the Headteacher and EYFS staff over a cup of coffee/ tea and a biscuit.



We want to hear from you and work with you as your Senior Leadership Team at Comber Grove Primary School.

A few items for discussion:

Parental Support - Class Dojo – Year 6 Residential School/ Home Communication Workshops Community Events

DATE:

Friday, 7th October 2022- Years 5 and 6 Coffee Morning at 9:30am

Come and SPEAK to us!!! We want to hear from you!!!

PARENT SURVEY

We want to hear from you. Please complete the parent survey below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHWBYpyE4yqU71KKgTV05sXQuBYBFQKYULdUJ25it3lIBDI/A/viewform?usp=sharing>

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Stars of the Week



Value of the Week: **COMMUNITY**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Eyup	Worked nicely in a team and playing nicely in the playground.
	Kadidjah	Playing nicely and working in a team.
Year 2 David Attenborough	Lekade	Helpful/ mature
	Aliyah	Great behaviour
Year 3 Mo Farah	Kamillia	For looking after or classroom and resources.
	Osman	For looking after or classroom and resources.
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Sarinah	For participating in class discussions and sharing her amazing knowledge.
	Tyler	For his kindness and fabulous behaviour.
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	George	Working really well with his partner in Math showing good teamwork.
	Narin	Working really well with her partner in Math showing good teamwork.
Year 6 Olive Morris	Luna	Great behavior and working in a team
	Lyna	Great behavior and working in a team



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day

Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%	This week's attendance: 88%
Years 1, 2 and 3	Year 3, 4 and 6
David Attenborough 86.9%	Mo Farah 94.4%
Class:	Attendance:
Reception Maggie Aderin-Pocock	80.2%
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	85.4%
Year 2 David Attenborough	86.9%
Year 3 Mo Farah	94.4%
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	88.9%
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	86.9%
Year 6 Olive Morris	87.9%

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Comber Grove Primary School Football Team 2022-2023



The first school football team of 22/23 season has been picked for a friendly against Jessop Primary School this Friday afternoon. There are going to be loads of opportunities for different children to play in different matches.

Congratulations to:

Djibril, Freddie, Sasha, Melih, Khaleed, Kazim, David and Thiara

Thanks again to Jade (Miee's Mum) at Cycle Works for all her support!
Mr Wesley Cain
Sports Teacher



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School Information & Events

Dates for your Diary	
Wednesday, 05/10/2022	World Teacher's Day
Friday, 07/10/2022 (change of date!)	Year 5 and Year 6 Coffee Morning at 9:30am
Monday, 10/10/2022	'Hello Yellow Day' - wear yellow (World Mental Health Day)
Friday, 21/10/2022	End of Autumn Term 1 (school closing normal time)
Monday, 24th to Friday, 28th October 2022	HALF TERM (School closed)
Monday, 31/10/2022	Children return to school
Friday, 11/11/2022	Armistice Day
Monday, 14/11/2022	Anti-bullying week
Wednesday, 07/12/2022	Winter Fayre, 3:30-5pm (school hall)
Friday, 09/12/2022	PARENT DAY
Friday, 16/12/2022	School Closing at 2pm
Monday, 19th to Friday, 30th December 2022	CHRISTMAS Holiday (School closed)
Monday, 2 nd January 2023	Bank Holiday (School closed)
Tuesday, 3 rd January 2023	INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 4th January 2023	First day of Spring Term 1 (Pupils return)

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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

Applying for Reception Place for September 2023

If your child will be five between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024 (date of birth 1.9.18 – 31.8.19) you need to apply for a school place. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023. More information on the process can be found here:

[Starting Primary School in Southwark Brochure 2023 24.pdf](#)

We will be conducting tours of the building during school time, but numbers will be limited.

Please contact the school and book your place as soon as possible on:
020 7703 4168.

Tours will be taking place every Wednesday between 9:30 and 10:30am on the following dates:

5th October 2022 at 9:30am

12th October 2022 at 9:30am

19th October 2022 at 9:30am

9th November 2022 at 9:30am

16th November 2022 at 9:30am

23rd November 2022 at 9:30am

The tours will give you the opportunity to ask questions that can be answered by EYFS staff. As numbers are limited, contact the school as early as possible.

Please let any friends or neighbours with children in this age range you may know about this as well. Southwark Admissions deal with the applications.

IMPORTANT– having a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in our Reception – you must still apply. Also, even if you have other children in the school, you must apply and please ensure that you say on your application that your child has siblings at Comber Grove Primary School.

Closing Date: Sunday 15th January 2023.



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School Day (times of the day) Comber Grove Primary School



	Keystage 1	Keystage 2	
Gates open:	8:45am	8:45am	
Whistle blows:	8:55am	8:55am	
Learning starts:	9:00am	9:00am	
End of day gates open:	3:05pm	3:15pm	Children are collected by parents/ carers from the KS1 playground.
School finishes:	3:10pm	3:20pm	Children are collected by parents/ carers from the KS2 playground.
Gates close at the end of the day:	3:15pm	3:25pm	All children who have not been collected are taken to the main school office where they must be collected by a responsible adult.

Nursery and Reception times are shared directly with parents/ carers.

All children who arrive at school after **9am** should access the school through the main school gate and go straight up to the office to be registered.

Please inform the school if you are running late and will not be able to collect your child on time!

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Term Dates 2022-2023

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INSET DAYS for staff (School closed to pupils)	Thursday, 1 st September 2022 and Friday, 2 nd September 2022
First day of Autumn Term 1 (Pupils return)	Monday, 5 th September 2022
End of Autumn Term 1	Friday, 21 st October 2022
Half Term (School closed)	Monday, 24 th October 2022 to Friday, 28 th October 2022
First day after Half term (Autumn Term 2)	Monday, 31 st October 2022
Parent Day	Friday 9 th December 2022
End of Spring Term	Friday 16 th December 2022 (2pm finish for children)
CHRISTMAS Holiday (School closed)	Monday, 19 th to Friday, 30 th December 2022
SPRING TERM	
Bank Holiday (School closed)	Monday, 2 nd January 2023
INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)	Tuesday, 3 rd January 2023
First day of Spring Term 1 (Pupils return)	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
End of Spring Term 1	Friday, 11 th February 2023
Half Term (School closed)	Monday 13 th February to Friday 17 th February 2023
First day after Half term (Spring Term 2)	Monday, 20 th February 2023
Parent Day	Friday 24 th March 2023
End of Spring Term	Friday, 31 st March 2023 (2pm finish for children)
EASTER Holiday	Monday, 3 rd April to Friday, 14 th April 2022
SUMMER TERM	
INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)	Monday, 17 th April 2023
First day after EASTER Holiday (Summer Term 1)	Tuesday, 18 th April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)	will be taken on Monday, 1 st May 2022
End of Summer Term 1	Friday, 26 th May 2023
Half Term (School closed)	Monday, 29 th May 2023 to Friday, 2 nd June 2023
INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)	Monday, 5 th June 2023
First day after Half term (Summer Term 2)	Tuesday, 6 th June 2023
Last day of Summer Term	Friday, 21 st July 2023 (2pm finish for children)

INSET DAYS:

Thursday, 1st September 2022
 Friday, 2nd September 2022
 Tuesday, 3rd January 2023
 Monday, 17th April 2023
 Monday, 5th June 2023

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Christmas Day- Tuesday 27th December 2022 (substitute day)
 Boxing Day- Monday 26th December 2022
 New Year's Day- Monday 2nd January 2023 (substitute day)
 Good Friday- Friday 7th April 2023
 Easter Monday- Monday 10th April 2023
 May Day Bank Holiday- Monday 1st May 2023
 Spring Bank Holiday- Monday 29th May 2023
 Summer Bank Holiday- Monday, 28th August 2023

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Our Class Names

We understand the importance of representation and children learning both about and from a diverse range of people. Our classes are each named after role models, both current and from history, of people we can draw inspiration from.

We have tried as much as possible to name our classes after people from our local community. This is to broaden horizons and allow the children to see people from their own community who have broken barriers and helped us (in many different ways!).

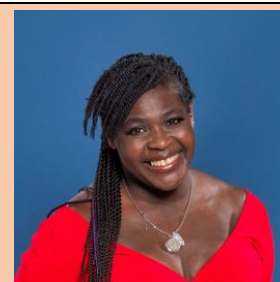
Nursery - David Bowie Class

David Bowie was a musician and pop culture icon from South East London whose popularity never saw its cessation. David Bowie was a hero because he has worked for countless charities, influenced multiple contemporary artists, and still remained humble while doing so.



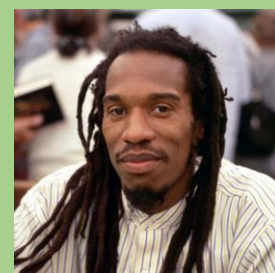
Reception – Maggie Aderin-Pocock

Margaret Ebunoluwa Aderin-Pocock (MBE) is a British space scientist and science educator. She was born in London to Nigerian parents, and was raised in Camden, London. Her middle name Ebunoluwa comes from the Yoruba words "ebun" meaning "gift" and Oluwa meaning "God", which is also a variant form of the word "Oluwabunmi" or "Olubunmi", meaning "gift of God" in Yoruba.



Year 1 - Benjamin Zephaniah

Benjamin Zephaniah is a British writer and poet, who is known for his poetry as well as novels, plays, and other works. His poetry is called "dub poetry," which means that it is performed—the words are recited over the beat of reggae music. His work is funny, gritty and inspires us to follow his example as a writer!



Year 2 - David Attenborough

Sir David Attenborough has inspired millions by bringing the natural world into our homes. He fights for nature and against climate change, with his educational and awe-inspiring work and documentaries.



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Year 3 – Mo Farah

Sir Mohamed Muktar Jama Farah (CBE) is a British [long-distance runner](#). His ten global championship gold medals (four Olympic and six World titles) make him the most successful male track distance runner ever, and he is the most successful British track athlete in modern [Olympic Games](#) history.



Year 4- Marcus Rashford

Marcus Rashford (MBE) is an English professional footballer who plays as a forward for Premier League club Manchester United and the England national team. He is a campaigner against racism, homelessness and child hunger in the United Kingdom.



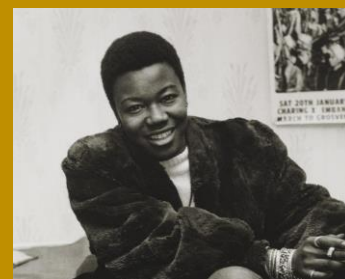
Year 5/6 – Mae Jemison

Mae Carol Jemison is an American engineer, physician, and former NASA astronaut. She became the first black woman to travel into space when she served as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle *Endeavour*.



Year 6 - Olive Morris

Olive Elaine Morris was a Jamaican-born British-based community leader and activist in the feminist and anti-racism campaigner. She was an inspiring and prolific community activist in South London in the 1970s.



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