



Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Friday, 07th October 2022

Quote for the week:

'Time for change: Action Not Words!' - BHM 2022

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families

Black History Month Oct 2022

Black History Month is marked throughout the month of October in the UK. In the UK, Black History Month was first marked in October 1987, as part of African Jubilee Year.



What is this year's theme?

2022 marks 35 years since Britain celebrated its first Black History Month in October 1987. A month that aimed to celebrate, commemorate and acknowledge the oft forgotten or overlooked contributions and achievements of Black people in Britain and the wider world.

This year's theme is **Time of Change: Action not Words**, a theme that aims to encourage people to speak up against racism and be active not passive bystanders to the injustices we see.

At Comber Grove Primary School, we are continually striving to create an environment where pupils feel safe and welcomed no matter their origins, supporting pupils and staff in identifying the many forms of prejudice and racism that exists and the strategies to help support them in challenging these. It is not an easy journey, but one that we embark upon wholeheartedly and determinedly; striving to create a school where such national events as Black History Month act as months that highlight the developing great work in our subject curriculums and wider school activities, moving away from the tokenistic elements that often beset such events.

This Black History Month, Comber Grove Primary School are doing the following in celebration of Black contributions in Britain and the wider world.

- Whole School assemblies
- School Displays
- Menu options at Dinner time to include foods from African and Caribbean origin
- Celebrating Black British poets on National Poetry Day (Thursday 6th)
- The school library and class libraries are promoting and displaying books from influential authors of African and Caribbean origin.



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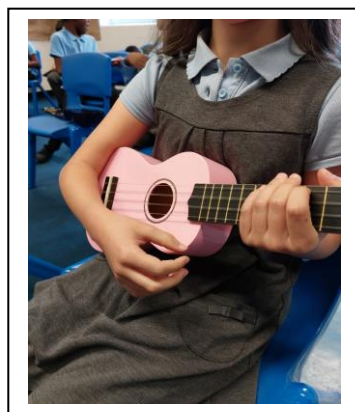
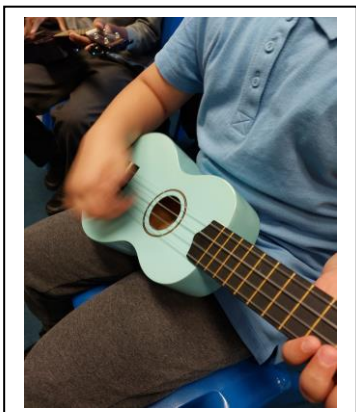
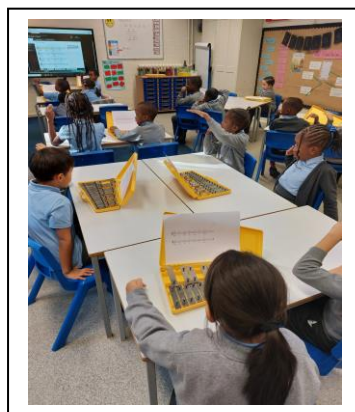
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Music at Comber Grove Primary School



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This week the school was alive with music being taught by Mr Symmons. We are all very excited and really looking forward to hearing our children play some tunes for us in the near future. Thank you parents/ carers for your feedback about our curriculum which we will continue to update.

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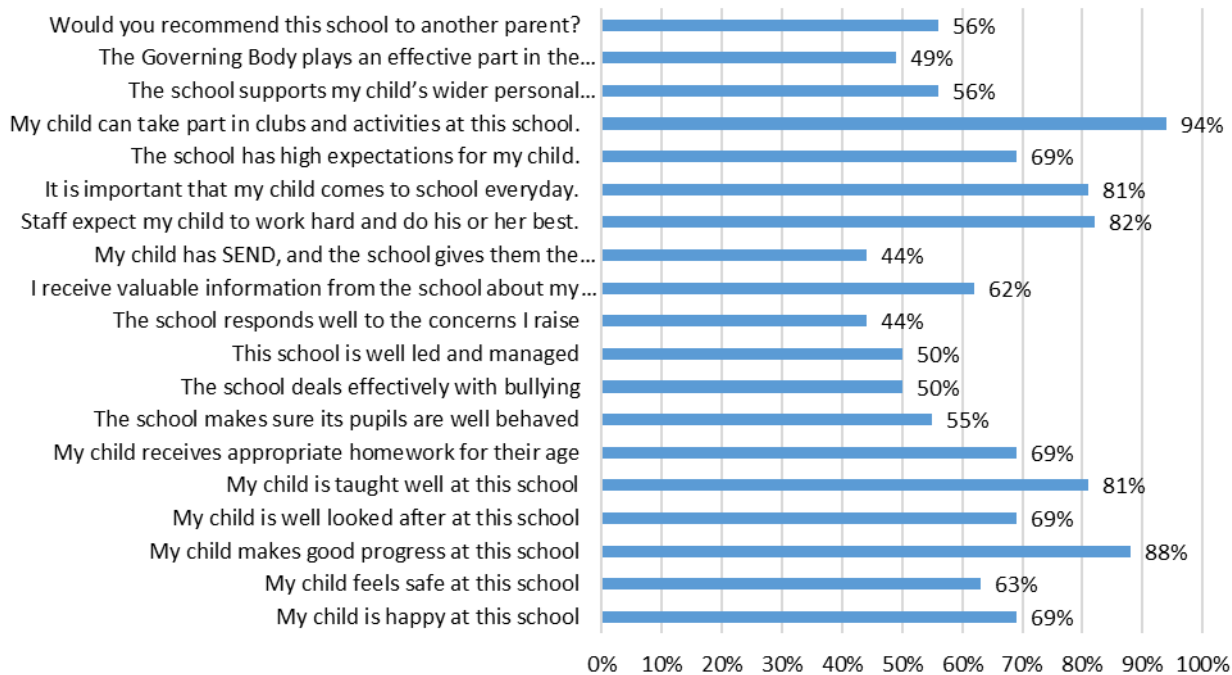
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Parent Survey Outcome

Recently, the school conducted a parent survey to gather information about how parents and carers perceive the school's performance. We are very grateful for all those who completed the survey and I have outlined the feedback, and our planned actions in a separate letter.

Parent Survey-Septembert 2022



Once again, many thanks to those who completed our survey, which will be repeated in the Spring and Summer Terms.

If you have any further comments, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team before or after school, in the playground.

Have a restful weekend,
Lorram Black and Comber Grove Team



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Stars of the Week



Value of the Week: **EMPATHY**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Kamilla	Always kind and considerate towards others.
	Michael	Always kind and considerate towards others.
Year 2 David Attenborough	Zidan	For being helpful and kind.
	Joshua	For being helpful and kind.
Year 3 Mo Farah	Hanna	For being kind and showing empathy to other children when they are upset.
	Mia	For being kind and showing empathy to other children when they are upset.
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Tehmiya	For always helping others and being a fantastic team player.
	Sufyyan	For always helping others and showing kindness.
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	Emely	For ensuring that her peers have understood the given instructions
	Raiyan	For always willing to support his peers once he has completed his tasks.
Year 6 Olive Morris	Miee	For being a good friend
	Emmanuel	For always showing empathy



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day

Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%	This week's attendance: 89.3%
Years 1, 2 and 3	Year 3, 4 and 6
David Attenborough 87.7%	Olive Morris 95.6%
Class:	Attendance:
Reception Maggie Aderin-Pocock	77.1%
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	84.9%
Year 2 David Attenborough	87.7%
Year 3 Mo Farah	93.3%
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	93.3%
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	88.2%
Year 6 Olive Morris	95.6%

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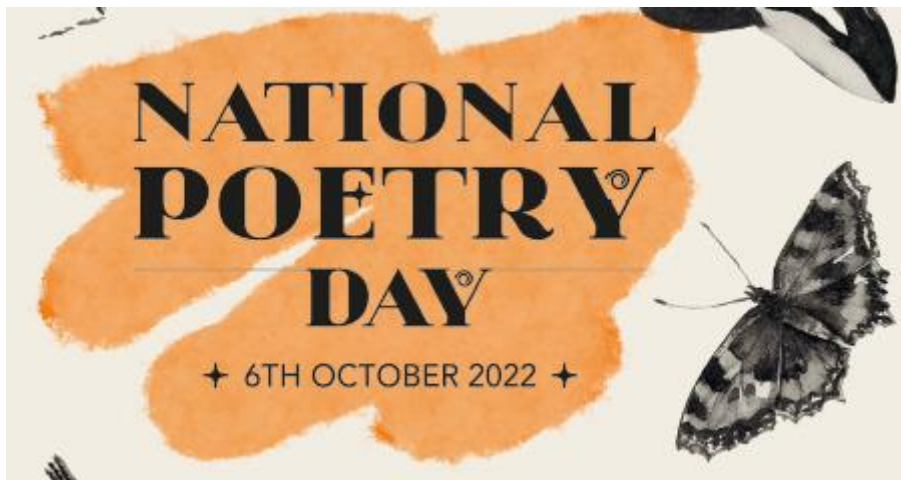
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Celebrating National Poetry Day on Thursday, 6th October 2022



National Poetry Day is the annual mass celebration on the first Thursday of October that encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends.

Each year we come together because voices,

words and stories help to bridge understanding in our community.

National Poetry Day generates an explosion of activity nationwide, thousands of amazing events across the UK – on doorsteps and at kitchen tables, in gardens and streets, in schools, libraries and public spaces both online and offline – all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together.

We had a wonderful Assembly led by Miss O'Brien celebrating National Poetry. Year 6 children performed and shared their favourite poems in assembly. The assembly explored what poetry is and what it means to us all in school. The whole school then performed a poem called 'The Word Bird' which was written by Sally Crabtree on the theme of the environment.

The children were wonderful, and it was such a fantastic way to spend the morning.



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School Information & Events

Dates for your Diary	
Monday, 10/10/2022	'Hello Yellow Day' - wear yellow (World Mental Health Day)
Thursday, 13/10/2022	Year 4 Visit to Wallace Collection
Monday, 17/10/2022	EYFS Reading and Phonics Workshop at 2pm
Thursday, 19/10/2022	Multi-sports morning with PESSN (Selected Year 3 pupils)
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
Wednesday, 09/11/2022	Year 4 Visit to Pizza Express
Friday, 11/11/2022	Armistice Day
Monday, 14/11/2022	Anti-bullying week
Wednesday, 30/11/2022 (change of date)	Winter Fair, 3:30-5pm (school hall)
Wednesday, 07/11/2022 (change of date)	Winter Performance (2-3pm)
Friday, 09/12/2022	PARENT DAY
Wednesday, 14/11/2022	Class Parties
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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**Come to school dressed in something Yellow on
Monday, 10th October 2022**

#HelloYellow

IS BACK

10.10.2022

Dig out your neon socks, custard scarf and banana hat and show young people that how they feel matters this **World Mental Health Day**. It's simple: **Wear yellow, get fundraising, and have fun!**

Get ready to say #HelloYellow!

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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:

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.