



Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 2



Friday, 11th November 2022

Quote for the week:

'If you want to be happy, be!' –Lee Tolstoy

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

Remembrance Day 2022 11/11/2022



Today the pupils and staff commemorated Remembrance Day by respectfully observing the 2 minutes' silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month of the year (11/11/2022)- Armistice Day.

Our pupils have been learning about what makes them happy, which is one of our school values. There are many things that make us happy including being able to say 'Thank you' to all the many men and women who fought for our freedom. A special mention goes to the children from Year 6 for their beautiful poetry reading at the Remembrance Day Assembly this morning: Freddie, Mahalee and Daniella.

Major John Macrae, a doctor and poet, was upset by the death of his friend Lieutenant Alexis Helmer on 2nd May 1915. That evening he wrote the poem 'In Flanders fields' which is still read and remembered at this time:

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

- Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)



Have a restful weekend,

Lorram Black and Comber Grove Team

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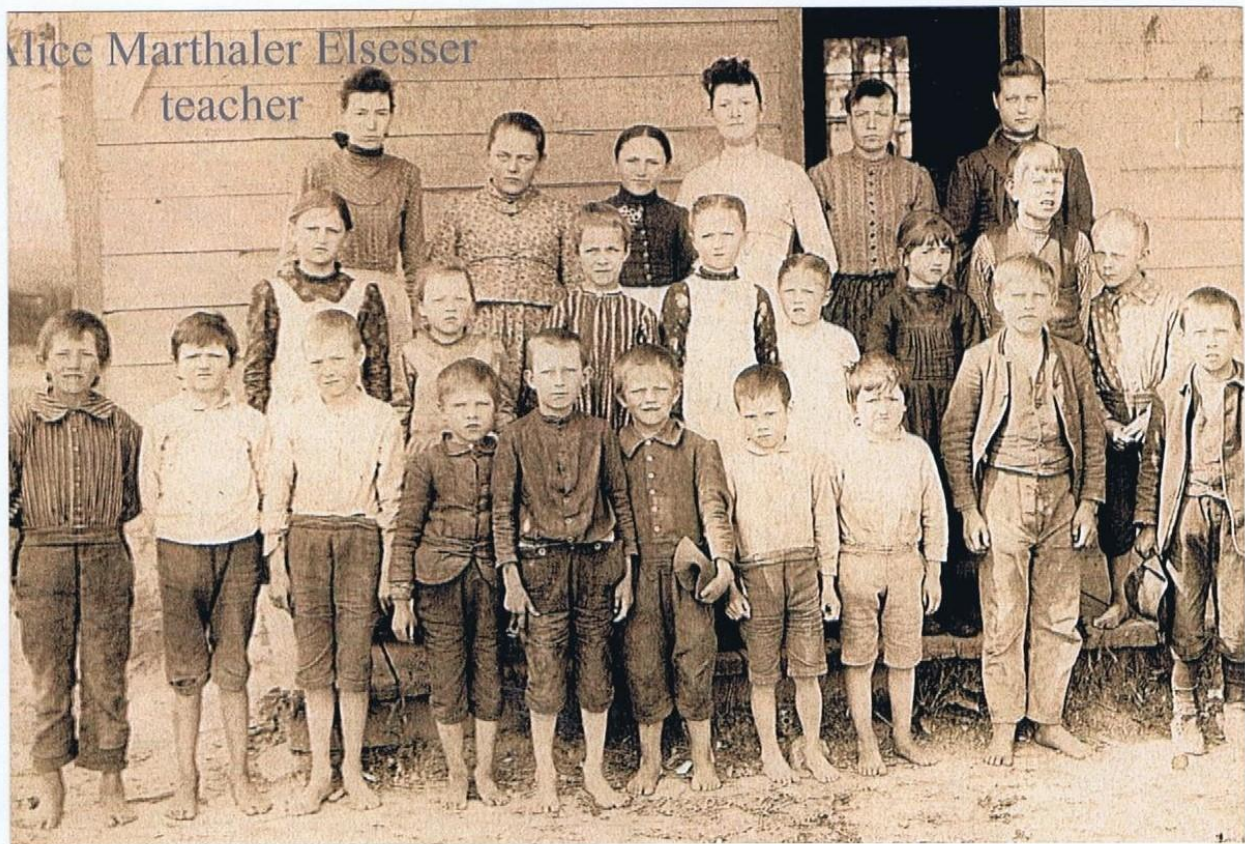
Leipsic Road School (now called Comber Grove Primary School)

Our school was originally named Leipsic Road School but both the name of the road and the school were changed to Comber Grove during or soon after the First World War when German names were changed throughout the country, including of course the name of the royal family from Saxe-Coburg to Windsor.

Our school was built by the London School Board in 1877 designed by its chief architect Edward Robson, but the original school was demolished and rebuilt in 1910. The replacement Edwardian design is a simple yet elegant architectural composition of stock brick with red brick dressings, slate roofs and tall half dormers. When the school was built at that time it was a latecomer to an already well-established residential community of 19th century terraced houses.

Leipsic School
Approx 1899

Alice Marthaler
Elsesser, Teacher





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Jack Stephen Swindale (1880 – 1941)



Jack was the third son of Joseph Swindale and Mary Jane Gregg. He was born on 29th July 1880 in the tiny Lake District (Cumberland) village called Haverigg, very close to the sea.

His parents were Joseph Swindale and Mary Ann Gregg. Joseph was a carpenter at the local iron ore mine and Mary Jane was a dressmaker.

John went to the teacher's training college in Chester in 1901 and in 1902 he came down to London to teach French at Lepsic Boys School (now called Comber Grove Primary School) in August 1903.

John Swindale became a senior teacher in the Boys' School and managed the school in the absence of the Head of the Boys' School.

On 4th August 1914 John married Mabel Minnie Larkins in St Paul's Church, Newington (near Elephant and Castle).

The 4th August 1914 was an extremely important date, as this was the day that Britain declared war on Germany and the First World War began.

John continued teaching and their first son, John Alexander was born on 20th December 1915.

He enlisted in the army in January 1916, just as conscription was brought in. Conscription meant that men of a certain age were made to join the Army or the Navy.

After leaving the army, he returned to Leipsic Road Boys School on 27th January 1919.

John stayed at the newly named Comber Grove Boys School until July 1924 – he had been there since 1903.

In October 1925 he transferred to Brownhills School which later became Catford Boy School.

John's school was evacuated to Sayers Croft Camp School at the outbreak of the Second World War. His family including his two sons who were serving in the Forces came to visit him.

Sadly he died at the age of 61 at the beginning of the summer holidays in 1941.



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Stars of the Week



Value of the Week: **HAPPINESS**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Mohammed B.	For always being happy and caring in the class.
	Bianca	For showing the value of happiness by always smiling. Well Done!
Year 2 David Attenborough	Manuella	Well done for always being positive and happy in the class.
	Musa	Well done for always being positive and happy in the class.
Year 3 Mo Farah	Asmiyah	For always being a happy member fo our class.
	Samiatu	For making others happy and being a happy member of our class. Well Done!
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Sufyann	Always staying positive and spreading happiness.
	Ariana	Always staying positive and spreading happiness.
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	Hayden	Always happy while completing his work.
	Alejandra	Always happy while focusing on her work.
Year 6 Olive Morris		



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day

Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%	This week's attendance: 89.2%
Years 1, 2 and 3	Year 3, 4 and 6
David Attenborough 89.6%	Marcus Rashford 97.6%
Class:	Attendance:
Reception Maggie Aderin-Pocock	84.1%
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	86.4%
Year 2 David Attenborough	89.6%
Year 3 Mo Farah	80%
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	97.6%
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	89.6%
Year 6 Olive Morris	97.5%

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Year 4 Visit to Pizza Express



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School Information and Events

Dates for your Diary	
Friday, 11/11/2022	Armistice Day
Monday, 14/11/2022	Anti-bullying week
Tuesday, 15/11/2022	Wear Odd Socks Day
	Year 5/6 Trip to Cinema
Thursday, 17/11/2022	Individual and Sibling Photos
Friday, 18/11/2022	Coffee Morning at 9:30am (<i>Teaching Maths</i>)
	BBC Children In Need- wear yellow or spots and donate £1
Monday, 21/11/2022	Year 6 Visit to British Library Workshop
	Cinema Night, 3:30 - 5pm Year 1 to Year 3)
Thursday, 24/11/2022	Cinema Night, 3:30 - 5pm Year 4 to Year 6)
Wednesday, 30/11/2022	Winter Fair , 3:30-5pm (school hall)
Friday, 02/11/2022	Coffee Morning at 9:30am (<i>Supporting Behaviour</i>)
Wednesday, 07/12/2022	Winter Performance (2-3pm)
	SCHOOL DISCO (letter and times to follow)
Friday, 09/12/2022	PARENT DAY (pupils attend school at appointment times with parent/carer)
	School Dinner Taster Day (11am-1pm) for Parents/ Carers
Tuesday, 13/12/2022	Christmas Jumper Day/ School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday, 14/12/2022	Class Parties
Friday, 16/12/2022	Parent/ Carer Breakfast at 9:30am (all welcome)
	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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Anti-Bullying Week

Monday, 14th to Friday, 18th
November 2022

This Anti-Bullying Week,
let's come together and **reach out**
to stop bullying.

**REACH
OUT**



Monday 14th to
Friday 18th November
#AntiBullyingWeek
#ReachOut

- Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out.
- Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know is being bullied. Reach out and consider a new approach.
- And it doesn't stop with young people. From teachers to parents and influencers to politicians, we all have a responsibility to help each other reach out. Together, let's be the change we want to see. Reflect on our own behaviour, set positive examples and create kinder communities.
- It takes courage, but it can change lives. So, this Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together and reach out to stop bullying.

[Anti-Bullying Week 2022 - Parent Pack.pdf \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](#)

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Odd Socks Day

Tuesday, 15th November 2022



Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. In 2022 we will be celebrating Odd Socks on Tuesday, 15th November 2022

Odd Socks Day is an opportunity to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness!

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun!

It's an opportunity to express ourselves and celebrate our individuality and what makes us all unique!

unique individual special fun
quirky one and only exquisite original

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Children in Need

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**Wear your Spots or wear
yellow on
Friday, 18th November 2022**

Donate £1 towards Children in Need

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Bake Sale



**Prefects are holding a
Bake Sale on Friday,
18/11/2022**

**Cakes, cookies, all
things sweet
Please support!!!**



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