



Comber Grove Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Friday, 09th December 2022

Quote for the week:

'Everything you can imagine is real.' – Pablo Picasso

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

It has been a week full of song and festive spirit at Comber Grove Primary School! We were all very impressed with the confidence shown by our youngest children in EYFS and how well they sang and performed. KS1 and KS2 impressed the audience with their range of Winter inspired songs which they sang with such gusto. The performances were interspersed with solo singing, poetry and jokes by Lyron and Mahalee who added to the wonderful festive atmosphere!

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family who came to see the children perform. It meant a lot to the children to have you there, enjoying the outcome of their hard work. A huge thank you to staff as well for all of their hard work and efforts!

I'm delighted to let you know that this winter, Southwark Council will be hosting Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun. They are partnering with local holiday club providers across the borough to provide an exciting programme of meals and activities for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, who are eligible for free school meals.

The programme wants to give local families access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the winter holidays.

Each programme will provide:

- Free, healthy and tasty food
- Fun physical activity sessions
- A wide range of other activities to suit different ages and personalities
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families

Details about the programme are available at www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun

I encourage you to book a place for your child/children to ensure they have an enjoyable and memorable winter holiday period.

Don't forget that we have early finish on Friday 16th December and pupils will be dismissed at 2pm. Wishing our school.

Wishing our school community a warm and peaceful weekend!

Lorram Black and Team Comber Grove

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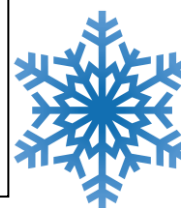
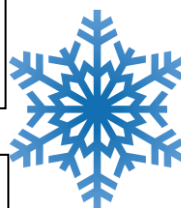
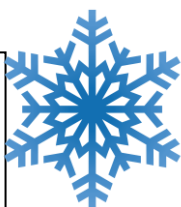
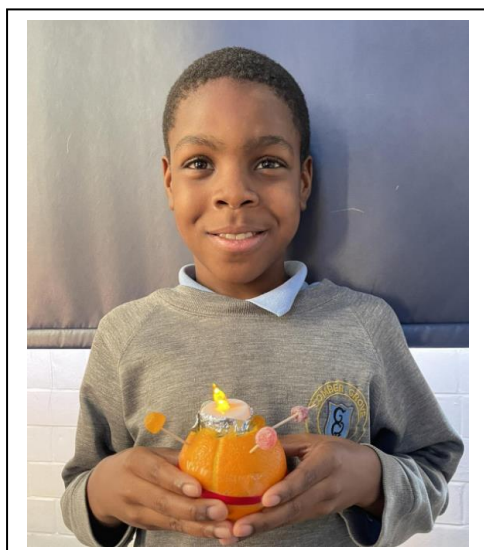


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Making Christingles in Year 4 (Mo Farah)

Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the ceremony. Christingles are oranges wrapped in red tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top.



Year 4 (Mo Farah) enjoyed making and learning about Christingles this week!

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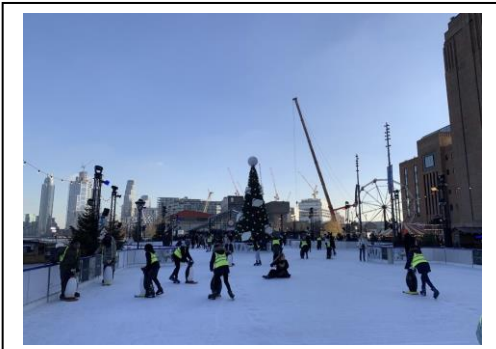
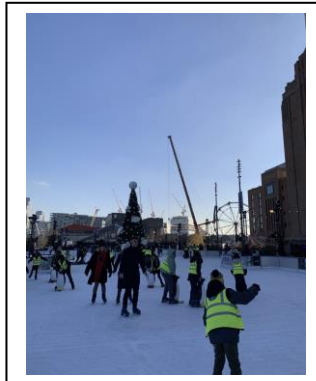
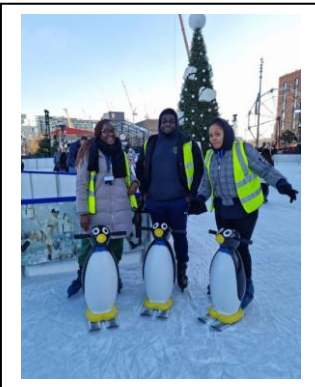
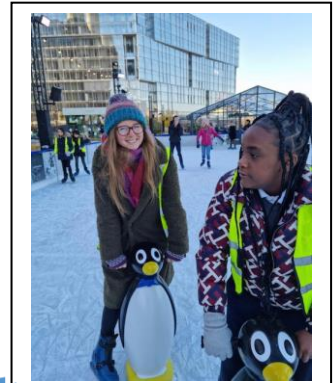
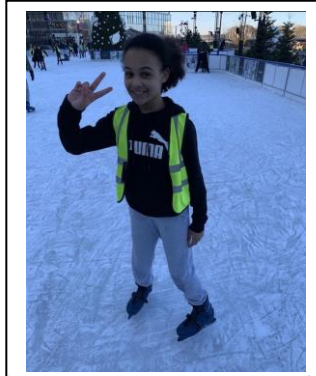
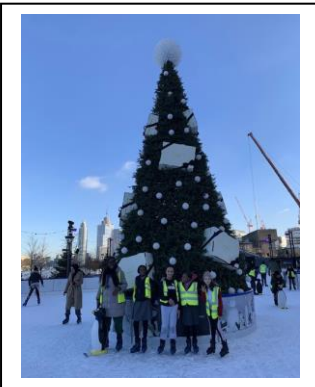
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Year 5 and 6 went ice-skating and enjoyed themselves!!!



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day

Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%	This week's attendance: 86.8%
Years 1, 2 and 3	Year 4, 5 and 6
Benjamin Zephaniah 90.4%	Olive Morris 96.1%
Class:	Attendance:
Reception Maggie Aderin-Pocock	76.6%
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	90.4%
Year 2 David Attenborough	87.7%
Year 3 Mo Farah	90.4%
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	79.6%
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	83.3%
Year 6 Olive Morris	96.1%

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School Information and Events

Dates for your Diary	
Wednesday, 14/12/2022 (change of date!)	Christmas Jumper Day/ School Christmas Dinner
Thursday, 15/12/2022 (change of date!)	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)
	SCHOOL DISCO (will be taking place in the Spring Term)

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Celebrate
Christmas

HARRISON
food with thought

Christmas 2022

Roast Turkey with Poultry Chipolata,
Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing and Gravy
Halal Choice

Seasoned Baked Fresh Salmon

Seasonal Vegetable Loaf with Tomato and
Cranberry Sauce

Roast Potatoes

Roasted Parsnips

Citrus Carrots

Braised Savoy Cabbage

Chocolate Fudge Cake

Seasonal Fruit Platter

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**I'M JOINING SAVE THE CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

**Save the
Children**

**All pupils encouraged to wear a
colourful jumper or Christmas
themed jumper and join in the
FUN on
Wednesday, 14th December 2022!!!**

Staying Safe On-Line

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Does your child play Roblox?



Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market.



The game offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online.

Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans. Roblox allows children to gain real world coding skills and encourages creativity and Entrepreneurship.

However, as with any on-line game, it is important that parents and carers are aware of any potential risks. Being aware of risks and regular dialogue helps support your child's online safety. In the guide below, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as online daters, in-app purchases and contact with strangers:



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a "sandbox" title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others - such as scam links or general hostility - while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online - and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with - potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people - who might not necessarily be child friendly - into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss - and what they should never tell a stranger online - will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

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