



Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 1

Friday, 13th January 2023

Quote for the week:

'The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.' -Coretta Scott-King

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

Helping children learning about their Brilliant Brains!



At Comber Grove Primary School, we are committed to developing and improving support for our pupils' **social, emotional and mental well-being**. We are therefore excited to be part of a national initiative which will involve working with a new Southwark MHST (Mental Health Support Team), to increase early help for children and young people beginning to struggle with aspects of their social and/emotional development.

In addition to providing support to parents/carers on an individual basis, the project involves the school working closely with the service to develop whole-school systems, structures and resources that support pupil well-being. This could take the form of group or whole-class work, contributing to assemblies, support for parental involvement and staff support and training.

We will be accessing the service through an assigned Educational Wellbeing Practitioner (**EWP - Izzy Garnett**) who will get to know the school community well and provide an intervention called '**Brain Buddies**' for our Year 6 pupils.

The course aims to

- develop students' understanding of what emotion regulation is
- focusing on psychoeducation and skills building in understanding, identifying and developing strategies for children to regulate their emotions through self-care, self-calming strategies and thinking strategies such as problem-solving.

We are really excited to be part of this very exciting National initiative.

Wishing you all a very restful and safe weekend,
Lorram Black and Team Comber Grove



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Adios Lewis Griffiths

Lewis joined Comber Grove's governing body in March 2021 with a particular focus on improving the wellbeing for both pupils and staff.

He has been very supportive in his role as Mental Health Governor.

Lewis worked with children throughout his career as a teacher, a learning mentor and even a child's entertainer and recently worked in business development for a company that strives to improve children's emotional and physical wellbeing with a particular focus on improving resilience, self-esteem and mental health.



Lewis has been offered the opportunity to travel to Mexico and Central America for 6 months and has resigned from the Governing Body.

On behalf of the Comber Grove community, we would like to wish Lewis well with his travels and look forward to him returning to us in September!

Go well Lewis! Adios!

APOLOGY!!! School Gate and Access Intercom

Thank you for your patience during the past week as we have experienced a technical difficulty with the School Gate Intercom Access.

A new replacement phone was ordered, arrived this morning and has been fitted.

It has been a very frustrating time for all, including school staff, but **Thank you for your patience and understanding!**

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Stars of the Week



Value of the Week: **COMMUNITY**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Daniel	Well done for working hard all week!
	Michael	Always being very kind and polite to other pupils.
Year 2 David Attenborough	Josephine	For always being calm and considerate.
	Tsolaye	Sharing his fantastic ideas during lessons.
Year 3 Mo Farah	Sara	Always helping other pupils in the class.
	Ayaz	Always helping other pupils in the class.
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Gulsen	Helping others and setting a good example.
	Maria	Helping others and setting a good example.
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	Yasmin	Always producing excellent work which is neatly presented.
	Jayden A.	Settled well into Comber Grove Primary School.
Year 6 Olive Morris	Aziz	Works well as part of a Team to complete his work.
	Tianna	Works well as part of a Team to complete her work.



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School Attendance Matters

Can We Help?

Your child's school attendance is very important, and we are here to help. If you need support to increase your child's attendance, please contact any member of the Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team (Mr Black, Ms Fielding, Mrs Anchebe, Ms Rowe or Ms Trent).

Call the school on: **020 7703 4168** or email: office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Days off school add up to lost learning!

175 NON-SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, household jobs and other appointments.

0 DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days) 100%	6 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE 96%	15 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE 92%	19 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE Below 90% (Persistent Absentee)
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	CAUSE FOR CONCERN
Best chance of SUCCESS!	Harder to make good progress.	Less chance of success.	Serious concern. Possible court action!

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS
every student, every day

Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%	This week's attendance: 90.7%
Years 1, 2 and 3	Year 4, 5 and 6
<u>Well Done:</u> David Attenborough 95.2%	<u>Well Done:</u> Olive Morris 94.4%
Class:	Attendance:
Reception Maggie Aderin-Pocock	73.1%
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	93.3%
Year 2 David Attenborough	95.2%
Year 3 Mo Farah	93.4%
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	89.6%
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	86.8%
Year 6 Olive Morris	94.4%

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School Information and Events

 Dates for your Diary 	
Tuesday, 17 th January 2023	Regeneration Project (surveying area outside school)
Wednesday, 18 th January 2023	Groundwork London EWP (Educational Wellbeing Practitioner) supporting children and families at Grange Primary School
Monday, 6 th to Friday, 10 th February 2023	Children's Mental Health Week, THEME: 'Let's Connect'
Wednesday, 8 th February 2023	SCHOOL DISCO (times to be confirmed)
Thursday, 9 th February 2023	Full Governing Body Meeting at 5pm
Friday, 10 th February 2023	School closing at 3:15pm for Spring Half term
Half Term: Monday, 13th to Friday, 17th February 2023	
Monday, 20 th February 2023	First day of Spring Term 2
Wednesday, 1 st March 2023	National offer day for Secondary Schools
Thursday, 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day
Friday, 3 rd March 2023	Parent Coffee morning at 9:30am
Monday, 6 th to Friday, 10 th March 2023	Assessment Week
Friday, 10 th March to Sunday, 19 th March 2023	British Science Week –THEME: 'Connections'
Thursday, 16 th March 2023	Staffing Committee Meeting at 4pm
Thursday, 23 rd March 2023	Full Governing Body Meeting at 5pm Beginning of Ramadan
Friday, 24 th March 2023	Parent OPEN Day
Wednesday, 29 th March 2023	SPRING Fair
Friday, 31 st March 2023	End of Spring Term. School closing at 2pm

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Comber Grove School Communication Procedures 2023

Introduction:

We at Comber Grove Primary School want to make it easy for you to get in touch with any concerns or questions you might have. This procedure, outlined below, is to make it clear and easy for parents to communicate with the school regarding any queries. We hope this explains clearly the process for expressing concerns, and clarifies which member of staff is best placed to speak to you about given issues.

We understand the importance of a strong working relationship between parents and staff in supporting all of our children in their learning. In addition to these procedures, the Headteacher (Lorram Black), and Deputy Headteacher (Joanne Fielding) look forward to speaking to parents in the playground and at school entrances. If you have concerns about your child, you should speak to your child's class teacher including any SEND.

Safeguarding:

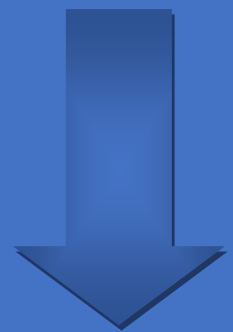
At Comber Grove Primary School, it is of paramount concern that all of our children are happy and safe. If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Leads: Lorram Black, Joanne Fielding, Judene Anchebe, Paula Trent or Clare Rowe. They are always available to speak to you.

Chain of Communication

Class Teacher:

You should approach your child's class teacher, in person where possible, in the first instance to discuss:

- Home learning
- Social, academic and personal progress
- Classroom and playtime incidents.
- Organisation issues, e.g. lost property which is not in 'Lost property Area'
- SEND concerns



SENDCO:

Mrs Judene Anchebe in person or by email at office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk

- Queries regarding additional needs your child may have.
- Safeguarding concerns



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Deputy Head Teacher

Ms Joanne Fielding in person or by email via the school office at: office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk to discuss:

- After School Club payment and places.
- Safeguarding concerns
- Volunteering at the school

Family Support Worker

Ms Paula Trent: in person or by email via the school office at:

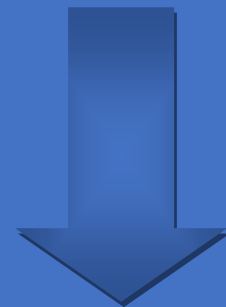
office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk

- Queries about behaviour income support,
- Housing support
- Support with online applications

Headteacher:

You should approach **Mr Lorrain Black** (office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk) to discuss:

- unresolved issues after speaking to the classteacher and SENDCo
- Safeguarding concerns as mentioned above
- Attendance
- Request for authorised absences
- Punctuality (lates)



The School Office:

The majority of other queries you may have, which are not answered on our website, are best dealt with by the school office in person, by telephone:

020 7703 4168, or by email at office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk

You could also speak to

Ms Yazmyn O'Doherty (Administrative Assistant) or **Mrs Susan Roberts (School Business Manager)**

- This may include questions about school meals, updating contact details, absences or other points of which you wish to inform school. Arrangements for end of day pick-ups and appointments

A range of useful information can also be found on our school website

<https://combergroveprimary.co.uk/>

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SPRING FAIR

Wednesday, 29th March 2023



Please put this date in your diary.

We would like to invite as many parents/ carers as possible to help plan our Spring Fair this year.

Please speak to Ms Joanne Fielding if you are able to offer your help, support, volunteer!!!





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Harrison Bear's Frosty Feast

HARRISON
food with thought



19th January 2023

100% Homemade Beef Burger
Vegetable Burger
Falafel Patty

Chunky Chips
Baked Beans
Sweetcorn
Salad Selection

Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream Sponge Roll
Seasonal Fruit

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NHS
South London
and Maudsley
NHS Foundation Trust

An Online Workshop On
Eventbrite

"MY TEENAGER SEEMS
DEPRESSED, HOW DO I
TALK TO HIM ABOUT
THIS?"

HOW MIGHT MY
CULTURAL BELIEFS
IMPACT MY CHILD'S
MENTAL HEALTH?

SCAN HERE



EMAIL: SOUTHWARKCWPTTEAM@SLAM.NHS.UK FOR
MORE INFORMATION

FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

DATE: THURSDAY

19TH JANUARY 2023

TIME: 5-6PM

Opening Conversations About
Mental Health With Your Child:
Emotional Wellbeing Workshop for
Parents/Carers of 12-18 Year Olds



Chattertime

A weekly **online session** for parents and children aged
from **15 months - 4 years** who live in **Lambeth** or
Southwark.

Run by a qualified Speech and Language Therapist

During the session we will share advice and support on
the development of early speech and language skills.



The session
includes singing,
stories,
support and
advice

Mondays
10:30 - 11:00 am

To book a place please register with your local Lambeth children's
centre or email gst-tr.contactslt@nhs.net
You will then be sent a link for the session.
You must provide your child's full name, date of birth and postcode.



Spring 2021



Follow us on Facebook for top tips and
activity ideas: [@EvelinaSLT](https://www.facebook.com/EvelinaSLT)

E-mail: gst-tr.contactslt@nhs.net
Website: www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage

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Southwark Children and Family Centres
Peckham, Peckham Rye and Nunhead

INCREDIBLE YEARS AUTISM PROGRAMME

The Incredible Years Autism Programme offers great strategies for promoting children's language skills, school readiness, emotional self-regulation, social skills, empathy, and building positive relationships. It provides evidence-based strategies for parents and carers to enhance their parenting confidence and understanding of the valuable role that they play in promoting their children's development.

Starting Wednesday 22nd
February 2023 10am -12pm,
every Wednesday for 14
weeks

Book your place
02038485780
Childrenscentre@ivydale.
southwark.sch.uk

Rye Oak Children & Family Centre
Whorlton Road SE15 3PD



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