



# Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 2

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Quote for the week:

*'Every brilliant experiment, like every great work of art, starts with an act of imagination.'*  
– Jonah Lehrer

## A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

### British Science Week

This year's theme for the 2023 British Science week was 'Connections'!

Throughout the week Comber Grove Primary School became a busy hub of experimentation, research, discovery and teamwork as our budding scientists worked together to solve a multitude of science conundrums put to them.

It has been a truly fantastic week. The children have had so much fun while learning. They have completed a range of experiments, designed science posters, worked in teams and have really developed their creative problem-solving skills. A huge **thank you** to Miss Shuhana Begum our Science Leader and all the staff for organising this successful week.



The week ended with an excitingly engaging Science Fair where classes were able to showcase their experiments!

Have a restful weekend!

*Lorram Black and Team Comber Grove*

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### Parent OPEN Day- Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**THANK YOU** to all the staff for preparing so diligently for this weeks' parent teacher meetings.

Thank you to all our parents/ carers who took the time to attend these meetings today with teachers and support staff to support your child's progress and the work of the school. Our continued partnership will ensure that our pupils continue to learn, progress and reach their potential holistically!



#### **ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY:**

Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly and punctually in order to optimise their learning, achieve the best they can and get the most out of their school experience.

Failure to do so is an offence under section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996. If a child is registered at a school they must by law attend that school regularly and punctually.

Children should only miss school if they are ill or unable to attend for some other unavoidable reason. Comber Grove Primary School believes attendance is a shared responsibility, involving the whole school community and local community. We will work with families to early identify the reasons for poor attendance and try to resolve any difficulties.

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## Smoothie Bikes



**Comber Grove pupils and parents designed and made smoothies using their favourite fruit and vegetables. They used an eco-friendly smoothie bike to blend the ingredients and made delicious healthy smoothies! A big 'Thank you' to the Southwark Council Environment Team and Miss Rosie O'Brien for organising this very exciting event for us! The children and families really enjoyed riding the smoothie bikes!**





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# Ramadan Mubarak

Wishing all our Muslim families and  
staff a very Blessed and Holy  
Ramadan Mubarak!



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## Science WEEK Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Scientists



Nurses



Doctors



Astronauts



Dentists



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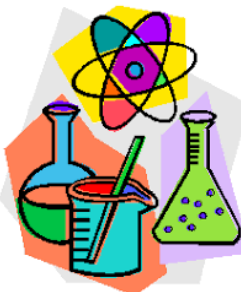
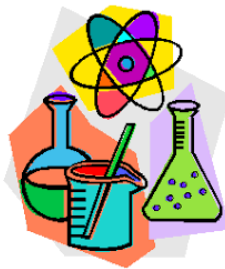
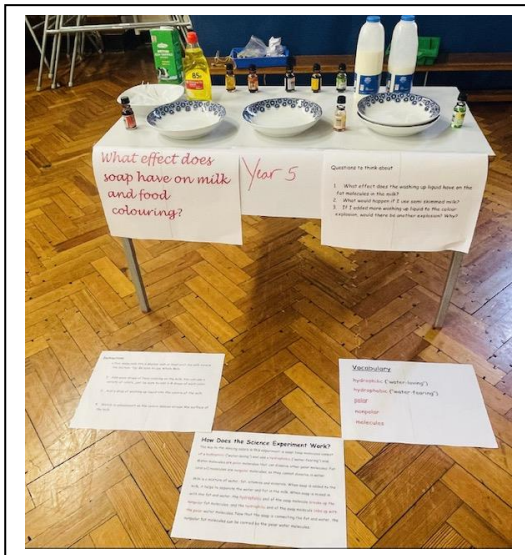




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## Science Fair



Hope you enjoyed visiting our Science Fair!

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## Science Investigation Year 5/6- Mae Jemison



Year 5/6, Mae Jemison Class carried out the Magic Rainbow Milk Experiment this week as part of Science Week.

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# Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Reminder that clocks go  
forward by ONE (1) hour on  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023.



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**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**  
*every student, every day*

**Attendance Winners**

<b>School Target: 95.6%</b>	<b>This week's attendance: 89.8%</b>
<b>Years R, 1, and 2</b>	<b>Year 3, 4, 5 and 6</b>
<b><u>Well Done:</u> Aderin Pocock 91.7%</b>	<b><u>Well Done:</u> Mo Farah 98.9%</b>
<b>Class:</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>
<b>Reception Maggie Aderin-Pocock</b>	<b>80.6%</b>
<b>Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah</b>	<b>91.3%</b>
<b>Year 2 David Attenborough</b>	<b>81.7%</b>
<b>Year 3 Mo Farah</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>Year 4 Marcus Rashford</b>	<b>87.3%</b>
<b>Year 5/6 Mae Jemison</b>	<b>88.8%</b>
<b>Year 6 Olive Morris</b>	<b>92.1%</b>

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## School Information and Events

Dates for your Diary	
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Parent OPEN Day
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	British Summer Time (clocks spring forward by 1 hour)
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	LA Progress Review Meeting (date has changed!)
Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	End of Spring Term. School closing at 2pm
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY: Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils) TRAUMA Training for staff
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	First day after EASTER Holiday (Beginning of Summer Term 1- pupils return to school)
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Eid Celebrations at school (tbc)
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Coronation Bank Holiday (School closed)
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	KS2 SATS (Time table to follow)
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Mental Health Awareness Week (MHST)
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Parent Coffee Morning, Anxiety Workshop and Assemblies (MHST)
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	End of Spring Term 1 (school closing at normal times)
<b>Half Term (School closed): Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>	
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	First day after Half term (Summer Term 2- pupils return to school)
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	KS1 Phonics Screening Check
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Year 6 Residential to Mersea (Essex Outdoors)
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	Last day of Summer Term. School closing at 2pm

**\*We are in the process of finalising our Summer Term Calendar with all important end of year events and activities, including Eid Party, Prize-giving Celebration, Year 6 performance, Sports Days, Meet the Teacher Day and Class Parties**

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**Book your place:**

<https://jaegar-hc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/15>

*Southwark*  
Council  
southwark.gov.uk



Activity programme for  
children and young people

**3 April to 6 April 2023**

[www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun)

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### After Diagnosis - Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

An Online Workshop for Parents and Carers  
after your child's assessment with ARD Service

Meet other families from Lambeth and Southwark and ask your questions to the Speech and Language Therapists

Children Under 5 Years	Date	Time
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	10:00 – 11:30am
	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	1:00 – 2:30pm
	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	10:00 – 11:30am

Primary Age Children (approx. 5-11 years)	Date	Time
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	1:00 – 2:30pm
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	10:00 – 11:30am
	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	1:00 – 2:30pm

Secondary Age Young People (12 years +)	Date	Time
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	1:00 – 2:30pm
	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	10:00 – 11:30am

How to book – email your details to [gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net)

- include your name, your child's name / date of birth
- date you wish to attend
- add 'After diagnosis - Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder' workshop as the subject of your email



OR

- Scan the QR code



For any other queries related to the Autism and Related Disorders (ARD) Clinic please contact:  
Lambeth (Mary Sheridan Centre): 020 3049 5964 Southwark (Sunshine House): 020 3989 0370