



# Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 2

Friday, 03<sup>rd</sup> March 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,

This week's whole school value: **COMMUNITY!**

Covid-19, although a distant memory has had and still is having an impact on how we, the community of Comber Grove Primary School are supporting the school, our children and each other. Comber Grove Primary School needs families who support the ethos of the school, spread positive messages about the school and contribute to the school in many small ways. Are **YOU** making Comber Grove Primary School **'the school of choice'**?

Today, the children of Comber Grove Primary School, once again, demonstrated the true value of **COMMUNITY** in a very real way. Thank you and Well Done to everybody who dressed up as a book character and celebrated World Book Day! This is a true example of community where our children can teach us adults how to accept each other, despite our many differences.

***'Each one of us can make a difference. Together we make change!'***



Thank you all for your ongoing support and encouragement!

Have a restful weekend!

*Lorram Black and Team Comber Grove*

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## WORLD BOOK DAY Friday, 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2023



*"World Book Day is an opportunity to appreciate books and celebrate authors."*

**THANK YOU** everyone for joining in our World Book celebration today!

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## Supporting Reading at Home



Talk about books



Choose books you want to read



Listen to books being read aloud



### Find your reading SUPERPOWER!

Have FUN and ENJOY reading!



Make time to read



Take books home to read



### TEN tips to support children to read:

- Encourage your child to read
- Read aloud regularly
- Encouraging reading choice
- Read together
- Create a comfortable environment
- Talk about books
- Bring reading to life
- Make use of your local library

## Parent reading strategies

### How parents can support children on their reading journey

The two types of reading that you can be doing at home:

1

Reading TO your child



2

Developing reading fluency using one of the following strategies

20 minutes per day = 1.8 million words, 66 hours per year and 66.1 hours of reading by Grade 6

5 minutes per day = 262,500 words, 21 hours per year and 21.0 hours of reading by Grade 6

1 minute per day = 20,000 words, 4 hours per year and 4.0 hours of reading by Grade 6

Strategy 1 - For very early readers (the first 3-6 months of formal schooling)

How it works:

- Choose simple, repetitive books.
- The parent can hold the book.
- Look at the cover of the book and talk about what it's going to be about.
- Take a picture walk (flicking through the pages and discussing the pictures).
- Now look at page one and:
  - you read a sentence first by placing your finger carefully under each word as you read - ensure your child is looking at the book
  - now you read the SAME sentence TOGETHER
  - now your child reads the sentence on his/her own
- Praise by saying "great reading!"
- Turn to the next page, look at the picture and discuss, then repeat steps 1-3 above.

Read the whole book like this, offering lots of praise and encouragement.

Please see the link below for a demonstration of the approach: <https://bit.ly/2Vq0NNb>



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## A New BUG HOTEL

Thank you to  
Equans  
for their generous  
donation of a new  
Bug Hotel.



Bug hotels benefit lots of different types of minibeast and insects such as ladybirds, bees, spiders and woodlice. Minibeasts can then use your bug hotel as **a safe space to shelter, lay their eggs, raise their young, and seek refuge from predators.**



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## Stars of the Week



### Value of the Week: **COMMUNITY**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
<b>Year 1</b> <b>Benjamin Zephaniah</b>	<b>Daniel</b>	For showing community spirit in teamwork.
	<b>Jamilatu</b>	For showing community spirit in teamwork.
<b>Year 2</b> <b>David Attenborough</b>	<b>Zidan</b>	For always contributing in the class and helping others.
	<b>Emir</b>	For always contributing in the class and helping others.
<b>Year 3</b> <b>Mo Farah</b>		
<b>Year 4</b> <b>Marcus Rashford</b>	<b>Jayden</b>	Welcome to our class! For joining our Year 4 class and becoming an amazing member of our community.
	<b>Escarlin</b>	Welcome to our class! For joining our Year 4 class and becoming an amazing member of our community.
<b>Year 5/6</b> <b>Mae Jemison</b>	<b>Alex</b>	Working well with peers. Well Done!
	<b>Emari</b>	Working well with peers. Well Done!
<b>Year 6</b> <b>Olive Morris</b>	<b>Whole class</b>	For working well with each other on the TfL and Citizenship trip!
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## 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](mailto: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	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
100%	96%	92%	Below 90% (Persistent Absentee)
<b>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>CAUSE FOR CONCERN</b>
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**

<b>School Target: 95.6%</b>	<b>This week's attendance: 93.3%</b>
<b>Years R, 1, 2 and 3</b>	<b>Year 4, 5 and 6</b>
<b><u>Well Done:</u> Aderin Pocock 99.1%</b>	<b><u>Well Done:</u> Mae Jemison 93.9%</b>
<b>Class:</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>
<b>Reception Maggie Aderin-Pocock</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
<b>Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
<b>Year 2 David Attenborough</b>	<b>88.8%</b>
<b>Year 3 Mo Farah</b>	<b>94.7%</b>
<b>Year 4 Marcus Rashford</b>	<b>90.8%</b>
<b>Year 5/6 Mae Jemison</b>	<b>93.9%</b>
<b>Year 6 Olive Morris</b>	<b>93.2%</b>

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## School Information and Events

 <b>Dates for your Diary</b> 	
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Assessment Week</b>
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March to Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>British Science Week –THEME: ‘Connections’</b>
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Teacher Strike Action (tbc)</b>
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Staffing Committee Meeting at 4pm</b>
	<b>Teacher Strike Action (tbc)</b>
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	<b>Beginning of Ramadan</b>
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Parent OPEN Day (more information to follow closer to the time!)</b>
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>British Summer Time (clocks spring forward by 1 hour)</b>
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>SPRING Fair</b>
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>LA Progress Review Meeting</b>
Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	<b>End of Spring Term. School closing at 2pm</b>
<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	<b>INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils) TRAUMA Training for all staff!</b>
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	<b>First day after EASTER Holiday (Beginning of Summer Term 1)</b>
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	<b>May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)</b>
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	<b>Coronation Bank Holiday (School closed)</b>
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	<b>KS2 SATS (Time table to follow)</b>
<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	<b>INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)</b>
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	<b>First day after Half term (Summer Term 2)</b>
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	<b>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	<b>KS1 Phonics Screening Check</b>
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	<b>Year 6 Residential to Mersea (Essex Outdoors)</b>
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	<b>Last day of Summer Term. School closing at 2pm</b>

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# **SPRING FAIR**

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023**



Please put this date in your dairy.

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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### 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



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## Welcome to the Autism and Related Disorders (ARD) Service

Your child has been referred to the ARD Service for an assessment

Book your place onto:



### 'What will happen at my child's autism assessment: An online workshop for Parents and Carers'

The workshop includes information about:



- What Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is
- What will happen on the day of the assessment
- Where to look for more information about ASD

The workshops are run by the Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) Team

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Write 'Subject' of email as **ARD Assessment Workshop**

To: [gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net)  
Cc:  
Subject: ARD Assessment Workshop

Include **your name**

Your **child's name / date of birth**

To ARD team  
My name is XXX  
My child's name is XX and date of birth (DOB) is XXX

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### Need help with another language for this letter?

You can get an interpreter here:

<https://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/patients/your-care/language-support/language-support-services.aspx>



Call 020 7188 8815



Email [languagesupport@gst.nhs.uk](mailto:languagesupport@gst.nhs.uk)

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