



Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Summer Term 1

Friday, 12th May 2023

Quote for the week:

'Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of being!' - John Wooden

A message from the Headteacher:

Dear Comber Grove families,

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week (15th to 21st May 2023). This is being organised by the Mental Health Foundation.

The theme this year is '**Anxiety**' to help increase awareness and understanding of anxiety and think about things we can do to help us feel calmer and happier.

Having some anxiety – or worries – is totally normal. But sometimes our thoughts can get carried away and our worries get on top of us. It happens to lots of people.

Anxiety is a normal emotion in us all, but sometimes it can get out of control and become a mental health problem.

Lots of things can lead to feelings of anxiety, including exam pressures, relationships, starting a new job (or losing one) or other big life events. We can also get anxious when it comes to things to do with money and not being able to meet our basic needs, like heating our home or buying food.

In fact, the Mental Health Foundation says anxiety is one of the most common mental health problems we can face. In a recent survey they carried out, a quarter of adults said they felt so anxious that it stopped them from doing the things they want to do some or all of the time.

On a positive note, there are lots of things we can do to help us feel less anxious. One very simple way is with kindness.

On **Wednesday, 17th May 2023**, Groundwork Project will be organising a number of Anxiety-related activities for our Comber Grove Community.

- Parent Drop in Sessions (1:1)- 9:00am – 10:30am (confidential room available!)
- Sessions for supporting Staff at Comber Grove Primary School
- Assemblies for Pupils (in keystages)

All these sessions will be led by staff of Groundwork Project, who support our pupils at school



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SATS- 2023

THANK and WELL DONE Year 6

Year 6 pupils and staff enjoyed a well-deserved pre-SATs English Breakfast this morning.

We are very PROUD of ALL our children in Year 6!
They have all shown true resilience this week.

Well done Year 6 for all of your hard work, determination and concentration throughout the week.

Two Senior Local Authority Officers who visited our School unannounced on Wednesday to observe the Administration of the SATs were very impressed with how our children calmly completed their SATs! Your children are a real credit and testament to all your support and guidance at home!

Thank you families for making sure that your children attended school everyday this week and for ALL your support at home in preparation for the SATs.



Thank you to all the staff at Comber Grove Primary School for supporting and encouraging our pupils during the SATs week! The staff went over and above to ensure that the children were well fed before the tests, and supported them during the tests ensuring that they remained calm throughout the week.

The staff and children spent a well-deserved restful afternoon as a post SATs treat!

Well Done and Thank you Everybody!

Wishing you all a very restful weekend,
Lorram Black and Staff Comber Grove Primary School



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SATs Don't:

**SATs don't measure sports,
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.**

**SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.**

**SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.**

**SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.**

**SO sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember YOU'RE THE BEST!!!**



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KS1 SATS	
Day and Date	Subject
Monday, 15 th May 2023	Paper 1 Spelling (20 minutes)
	Paper 2: Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary (20 minutes)
Tuesday, 16 th May 2023	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic (20 minutes)
Wednesday, 17 th May 2023	Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning (35 minutes)
Monday, 22 nd May 2023	English Reading Paper 1 (30 minutes)
Tuesday, 23 rd May 2023	English Reading Paper 2: (40 minutes)

PE:

PE will be taking place on Tuesday afternoon, but not on Wednesday during SATs week.

Snacks:

Pupils will be provided with snacks before they complete their tests.

We will try to keep the week as 'normal as possible' for our Year 2 pupils!

KS1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

Week beginning Monday, 12th June 2023 to Friday, 16th June 2023

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Week beginning Monday, 19th June to Friday, 23rd June 2023



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Dear Comber Grove families,

Good role Models while on the school premises

At Comber Grove Primary School, we value the positive relationships forged with parents and visitors to our school. We encourage close links with parents and the community and believe that our pupils benefit when the relationship between home and school is a positive one. We also strive to make our school a place where as adults we model for our pupils the behaviour we teach and expect. In general, we place a high importance on good manners, positive communication and mutual respect.

Almost all parents, carers and visitors to Comber Grove Primary School are keen to work with us and are supportive of the school. However, on very rare occasions the behaviour of a small number of parents falls short of what we expect. This sometimes manifests itself in aggression or abuse towards members of the school community.

The overriding principle is that all members of our school community have the right to work or be in school without fear of aggression or abuse from parents. Our Governing Body has a requirement to protect staff and pupils from such aggression.

I would like to assure you that any incident of inappropriate behaviour towards any member of staff, pupils or other parents will not be tolerated and this may result in a parent being banned from the school premises. Should any parent choose to approach a child or another parent outside of the school, it is well within the rights of the other parent to pursue the matter with the police. However, every endeavor is made to avoid this and we would encourage you to ensure that you speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss any issues you may have in the first instance.

We always inform our parents that we are happy to deal with any concerns that they may have, but these must be dealt with in the appropriate manner. An appointment to speak with a member of staff must be made.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

L.Black

Mr Lorrain Black

Headteacher

12/05/2023

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Attendance Winners

Attendance Winners	
School Target: 95.6%	This week's attendance: 95.2%
Years R, 1, and 2	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
<u>Well Done:</u> Benjamin Zephaniah 95.3% And David Attenborough 95.3%	<u>Well Done:</u> Olive Morris 100%
Class:	Attendance:
Reception Maggie Aderin-Pocock	87.5%
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	95.3%
Year 2 David Attenborough	95.3%
Year 3 Mo Farah	96.9%
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	89.4%
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	96.6%
Year 6 Olive Morris	100%

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School Information and Events

Dates for your Diary	
MAY 2023	
Monday, 15 th May 2023	Beginning of KS1 SATS
Monday, 15 th to Friday, 19 th May 2023	Mental Health Awareness Week (MHST)
Wednesday, 17 th May 2023	Parent Coffee Morning at 9:00am
	Assemblies for KS1 and KS2
	Anxiety Workshops for children and staff
Thursday, 18 th May 2023	Full Governing Body Meeting at 5:00pm
Friday, 26 th May 2023	End of Spring Term 1 (school closing at normal times)
Half Term (School closed): Monday, 29 th May 2023 to Friday, 2 nd June 2023	
JUNE 2023	
Monday, 5 th June 2023	INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 6 th June 2023	First day after Half term (Summer Term 2- pupils return to school)
Wednesday, 7 th June 2023	Local Authority PRM with school leaders and governors
Thursday, 8 th June 2023	KS1 Sports Day
Thursday, 8 th June 2023	Governing Body Staffing Committee Meeting at 4:00pm
Friday, 9 th June 2023	KS2 Sports Day
Monday 12 th to Friday, 16 th June 2023	KS1 Phonics Screening Check
Monday, 19 th to 23 rd June 2023	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
Thursday 22 nd June 2023	Southwark Jazz Festival- Southbank Centre
Friday, 7 th July 2023	SUMMER FAIR (3:00-5pm)
Monday, 10 th July 2023	Year 6 Performance to Parents (5:30pm)
Thursday, 13 th July 2023	Whole School Awards Assembly at 2pm
Friday, 14 th July 2023	Year 6 Award Ceremony and prize-giving at 2pm
July 2023	
Friday, 14 th July 2023	Families receive End of Year Reports for 2023
Friday, 14 th July 2023	Year 6 PROM (5-7pm)- School Hall
Monday, 17 th July 2023	Children 'Meet New Teacher' sessions
Tuesday, 18 th July 2023	LA PROGRESS REVIEW MEETING at 8:30am
Wednesday, 19 th July 2023	'Carnival of Cultures' and international food festival/ End of Year Class Parties
Friday, 21 st July 2023	Last day of Summer Term. School closing at 2pm

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Dates for your Diary



SUMMER HOLIDAYS:

Monday, 24th July to Friday, 1st September 2023

Monday, 4th September 2023- INSET Day 1

Tuesday, 5th September 2023- INSET Day 2

First day of Autumn Term 1: Wednesday, 6th September 2023

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Parent Wellbeing

PARENT DROP IN
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MHST

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9am - 10:30am
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