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Friday, 23rd June 2023

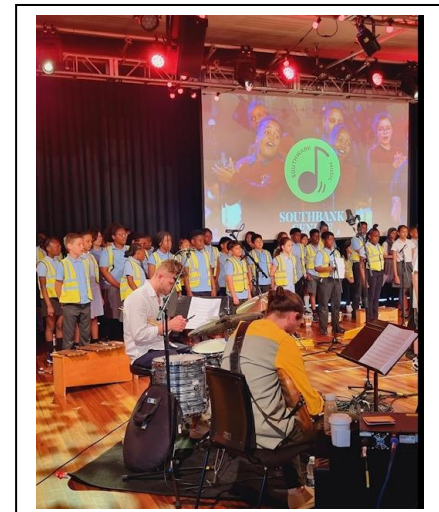
Quote for the week:

'If you judge people, you have no time to love them.' - Mother Teresa

A message from the Headteacher:

Dear Comber Grove families,

A Jazz Festival celebrating Chevalier de St-Georges Well Done Year 5 and Year 6



Our year 5 and Year 6 pupils were **OUTSTANDING** at the Jazz Festival on Thursday evening. We are very proud of them.

Thank you to the Staff who supported them during the rehearsals, the staff who accompanied them and ALL the families who attended and supported our children! **THANK YOU!!!**

Parent Governor Vacancy

I'm pleased to inform you that Mr Lee Strong will continue as Parent Governor for 2023 as his nomination was un-opposed! Congratulations Mr Strong!

Enjoy a restful weekend!

Lorram Black and Staff Comber Grove Primary School

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Jazz Festival

Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-George (1745 to 1799), was a French champion fencer, virtuoso violinist, conductor and composer. He was of Creole descent and he is seen as the first classical composer of African descent to receive widespread critical acclaim. The celebrated swordsman and virtuoso violinist was a pioneering black composer whose name and reputation at one point eclipsed that of his younger contemporary, Mozart. He composed numerous works, including string quartets, sonatas, violin concertos, symphonies, symphonies concertantes and stage works



Thank you to Pete Latanka for rehearsing with our pupils and giving them the opportunity to perform in the world famous Royal Festival Hall!

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Future of Comber Grove!

The proposal of an amalgamation is at a very early stage and negotiations with other schools that may be in a similar position will take place soon. This type of decision does not happen overnight, and consultations will be carried out in the Autumn Term.

During the consultations you will be given the opportunity to meet the Local Authority to ask any questions you have. There is no final decision as yet! **PLEASE DO NOT PANIC!!!** The process for joining with another school will take time and the date for any potential amalgamation would be the 1st September 2024.

Comber Grove is as important to us as it is to you, and we will be there at every stage of the consultation period and any negotiations that may take place.

I want to assure all parents that in my thirty-five (35) years as an Educator and School Leader, I have never been part of a more significant decision that I have been involved in such as this one regarding the future educational provision for the children of Comber Grove Primary School. My commitment at this time is to support you as our parent body and to guide your children through this next process.

We will continue to ensure that the children are at the heart of any decisions made and support you all through this. In the meantime, we ask that you are patient and don't make any rush decision!

PE Kit Reminder.

The PE Uniform has been chosen to be in line with the colour scheme that children wear on non-PE days so that they look smart and in uniform at all times.

Staff have noticed that some children are coming into school in black tracksuits and trainers in a range of colours.

There are many advantages to the children arriving in their PE kit, but if this is to be successful, it is important that the PE uniform is followed in the same way as the regular uniform.

Please could you ensure that your child wears the correct kit.

The PE Kit is:

Plain Black OR Navy Blue Joggers (no logo)

Plain Black Shorts (no cycle shorts please)

White t-shirt

Suitable trainers or plimsolls.

Polite Reminder:
**Cycling shorts are
not PE uniform!**

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At the heart of our efforts to exceed expectations for our pupils is our partnership with parents/carers.

Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting the messages from school, including the importance of punctuality to school, 100% attendance to school on every day as well as ensuring your child is always respectful, responsible and ready to learn

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP AT HOME?

- ✓ Ensure a calm and orderly start to your child's school day as this is essential for pupils to be able to learn.
- ✓ Use clear routines and expectations for the managing the behaviour of your child, applied consistently and fairly.
- ✓ Encourage exceptional attendance and punctuality so that disruption to your child's education is minimised.
- ✓ Support your child to develop the motivation and positive attitudes to learning, as these are important predictors of attainment. Developing positive attitudes can also have a longer-term impact on how pupils approach learning tasks in later stages of education.
- ✓ Foster a positive and respectful attitude to the world in which they are growing up in prioritising that they feel safe, and where no bullying, discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual abuse and sexual violence – online or offline – are not accepted.



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Stars of the Week



Value of the Week: EMPATHY

| Class: | Pupil: | Reason: |
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| Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah | Fayhim | For showing encouragement to other children in Maths. |
| | Jamilah | For showing empathy to others in classroom discussions. |
| Year 2 David Attenborough | Zidan | For being a kind and helping others and for excellent writing. |
| | Joshua | For being a kind and helping others and for excellent writing. |
| Year 3 Mo Farah | Ellington | For interacting positively with his peers and helping others. |
| | Ayaz | Hardworking in class and always very helpful towards his peers. |
| Year 4 Marcus Rashford | Logan | For always being empathic and helping others. |
| | Tehmiya | For always being empathic and helping others. |
| Year 5/6 Mae Jemison | Whole class | For excellent performance at the Royal Festival Hall and participating in the Jazz Festival. |
| Year 6 Olive Morris | Whole class | For excellent performance at the Royal Festival Hall and participating in the Jazz Festival. |

We would like to recognise the children who have been great examples of our school values and have shown true commitment to their learning. Well done!!!



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Attendance Winners

| School Target: 95.6% | This week's attendance: 93.6% |
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| Years R, 1, and 2 | Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 |
| <u>Well Done:</u> David Attenborough 95.8% | <u>Well Done:</u> Mae Jemison 95.7% |
| Class: | Attendance: |
| Reception Maggie Aderin-Pocock | 94.1% |
| Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah | 91.9% |
| Year 2 David Attenborough | 95.8% |
| Year 3 Mo Farah | 91.8% |
| Year 4 Marcus Rashford | 92.8% |
| Year 5/6 Mae Jemison | 95.7% |
| Year 6 Olive Morris | 89.9% |

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School Information and Events

| Dates for your Diary | |
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| JUNE 2023 | |
| Friday, 30 th June 2023 | Year 5 and Year 6 Day Trip to Mersea, Essex |
| July 2023 | |
| Monday, 10 th July 2023 | Year 6 Performance to Parents (5:30pm) Reception Sports Day (at school) <i>(families invited to attend)</i> |
| Wednesday, 12 th July 2023 | Nursery Sports Day (at school) |
| Thursday, 13 th July 2023 | Whole School Awards Assembly at 2pm and Music presentation <i>(families invited to attend)</i> |
| Friday, 14 th July 2023 | Year 6 Award Ceremony and prize-giving at 2pm <i>(families invited to attend)</i> |
| 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 Reception Graduation Celebration at 1:30pm <i>(families invited to attend)</i> |
| 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 |
| SUMMER HOLIDAYS: Monday, 24 th July to Friday, 1 st September 2023 | |
| Monday, 4 th September 2023- INSET Day 1 | |
| Tuesday, 5 th September 2023- INSET Day 2 | |
| First day of Autumn Term 1: Wednesday, 6 th September 2023 | |

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Comber Grove Primary School is a very diverse school with pupils and staff speaking over 26 languages and coming from a culturally diverse background.

In order to celebrate our diversity, we will be holding an exciting Carnival of Culture Day on **Wednesday, 19th July 2023**

The children will be learning about different countries and their cultures.

We would therefore like to encourage all children to dress in a costume from their country.

If you do not have a traditional dress to represent your heritage, children are encouraged to wear very **BRIGHT COLOURS!!!**

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Parent Wellbeing Support Group

**With Groundwork Mental
Health Support Team**

Wed 14th June - Anxiety

**Wed 21st June - Managing
Emotions and Stress**

Wed 28th June - Transitions

Wed 5th July - Wellbeing

You can attend to any sessions that
you wish. Sign up on the day.

Held at Comber Grove Primary School



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