



# Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dates  
for your Diary



## Key Dates:

- 26/09- Harvest Assembly (led by Pecan Foodbank)
- 29/09-EYFS Coffee morning at 9:30am
- 02/10-Black History Month begins
- 05/10-World Teachers' Day
- 06/10-Year 3 and Year 4 Coffee morning at 9:30am
- 09/10-Pupil Progress Meetings with Teaching Staff/SLT
- 13/10- SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER: Siblings/ Individual
- 20/10-Last day of Autumn Term
- 23/10-27/10: October Half term
- 30/10-Beginning of Autumn Term 2
- 03/11-Flu Vaccination
- 13/11-Assessment Week
- 17/11-BBC Children In Need
- 04/12-Pupil Progress Meetings with Teaching Staff/SLT
- 08/12-TUTORIAL DAY (school Closed to pupils)
- 14/12- School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 19/12- Class Parties

## A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,



Comber Grove Primary School pupils and staff proudly participated in '**Jeans for Genes**' today.

The '**Jeans for Genes**' campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. There are more than 6,000 genetic disorders - more than 30,000 babies are diagnosed each year.

### Most importantly, the campaign:

- **brings together** the genetic condition community in order to make a loud noise about the issues that matter to them,
- **shines a light** on the organisations that work tirelessly to improve the lives of affected individuals; and
- **celebrates** the achievements of those living with a genetic condition like sickle cell.

A huge Thank You and Well Done to everybody who took supported the fundraising today. **Together we raised £78!**

All the funds raised today go to the vital care and support the children who urgently need them.

Have a restful weekend and see you all on Monday!  
*Lorram Black and Staff of Comber Grove Primary School*

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## We love **LEARNING**



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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!



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*every student, every day*

### Attendance Winners

**School Target: 95.6%**

**This week's attendance: 91.4%**

Group	Present	Comment:
Nursery David Bowie	100%	<i>Excellent Attendance</i>
Reception Aderin-Pocock	92.8%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	87.3%	<i>Cause for Concern</i>
Year 2 David Attenborough	90.5%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Year 3 Mo Farah	96.7%	<i>Excellent Attendance</i>
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	90.8%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Year 5 Mae Jemison	89.2%	<i>Cause for Concern</i>
Year 6 Olive Morris	89.1%	<i>Cause for Concern</i>

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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>Ella</b>	For pushing herself to try her best this week in her work!
	<b>Kareem</b>	Well Done for working so hard in Maths this week.
<b>Year 2</b> <b>David Attenborough</b>	<b>Samir</b>	Thank you for helping others in your class.
	<b>Jamilatu</b>	Thank you for helping others in your class.
<b>Year 3</b> <b>Mo Farah</b>	<b>Jack</b>	Thank you for helping and supporting others in the class.
	<b>Musa</b>	Thank you for helping and supporting others in the class.
<b>Year 4</b> <b>Marcus Rashford</b>	<b>Fatima</b>	Thank you for keeping the class book corner tidy.
	<b>Rhoda</b>	Being very confident and being part of the class community.
<b>Year 5</b> <b>Mae Jemison</b>	<b>Brianna</b>	Helping to keep the class book corner tidy.
	<b>Tyler</b>	For helping others.
<b>Year 6</b> <b>Olive Morris</b>	<b>Emely</b>	For always showing the value of community this week! Well Done!
	<b>Giuseppe</b>	For always showing the value of community this week! Well Done!



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Child's name	Age	Class
Oluwadarasimi	9	Marcus Rashford
Jacob	9	Marcus Rashford
Samiatu	9	Marcus Rashford
Samuel	10	Mae Jemison
Amina	10	Mae Jemison
Paul	8	Mo Farah



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## Parent/ Carer Information and Support

### Updating Personal Information

**Thank you for returning your  
data sheets.**

If you haven't already returned  
your form, please return them  
ASAP!

### Harvest Assembly-

Tuesday,  
26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**This year we are supporting  
Pecan Foodbank.**

### Eligibility for Free School Meals (FSM)

If your child is entitled to **FSM** (not the same as Healthier Free School Meals), the school will be able to claim additional funding via the Pupil Premium.

Please check your eligibility and return the reply slip to  
the main school office

**for the attention of Mrs Roberts- SBM**

### School Gates close at 8:50am!

Please ensure that no child is left  
on the playground unattended in  
the mornings.

### School Contact Information:

**Telephone: 020 7703 4168**

**Email:**

[office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk)

**School Website:**

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

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## Who are we?

**Southwark Foodbank exists to ensure that no one in Southwark goes hungry.**

**Our vision is for a UK without the need for foodbanks.**

Our aim is to build a collective vision for a time when emergency food aid is no longer needed. But we can only achieve this by organising together as a community in Southwark, and by working closely with our foodbank users and community members with lived experience of food insecurity. You can be a part of making change happen by joining with us and signing up to this vision.

[www.pecan.org.uk/southwark-foodbank](http://www.pecan.org.uk/southwark-foodbank)



DONATE HERE



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## HARVEST ASSEMBLY - Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 -

**Tinned tuna**

**Canned curry**

**Canned stew**

**Canned meatballs**

**Canned peas**

**Canned carrots**

**Canned peas**

**Cookies/ biscuits**

**Pasta sauce**

**Canned tomatoes**

**Rice**

**Noodles**

**Oatmeal**

**Dry cereal (Weetabix Rice Krispies, Cornflakes, etc.)**

**Canned tomato soup**

**Canned vegetable soup**

**Canned chicken noodle/ mushroom soup**

**Chocolate spread**

**Jam**

**Chocolate bars**

**Shower gel**

**Granola bars**

**Instant Coffee**

**Tea bags**

**Shampoo**

**Feminine hygiene products**

**Laundry soap powder**



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# School Photographer (Siblings and Individual Photos)

## Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023



## School Uniform



### Girls

- Grey skirt, dress or trousers
- Light blue shirt or polo shirt
- Grey jumper or cardigan
- Blue checked summer dress

### Boys

- Grey trousers
- Light blue shirt or polo shirt
- Grey jumper or cardigan

\*All children should wear sensible black shoes. Trainers are acceptable if they are **all black**.

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Southwark Schools



This form should take no longer than 2 minutes to complete.

## Flu Immunisation Consent Form 2023

Please scan the QR Code and complete the form.

This form should not take longer than 2 minutes to complete.

**Please complete the consent form even if you decide you do NOT want to vaccinate your child against flu this year!**

On **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup>** **October 2023** between 2.30pm to 5.00pm,

Immunisation Nurses will be at the:

Rye Oak Children & Family Centre  
Whorlton Road, Peckham,  
SE15 3PD

Walk in and get **help** completing the **FLU Vaccine consent forms.**



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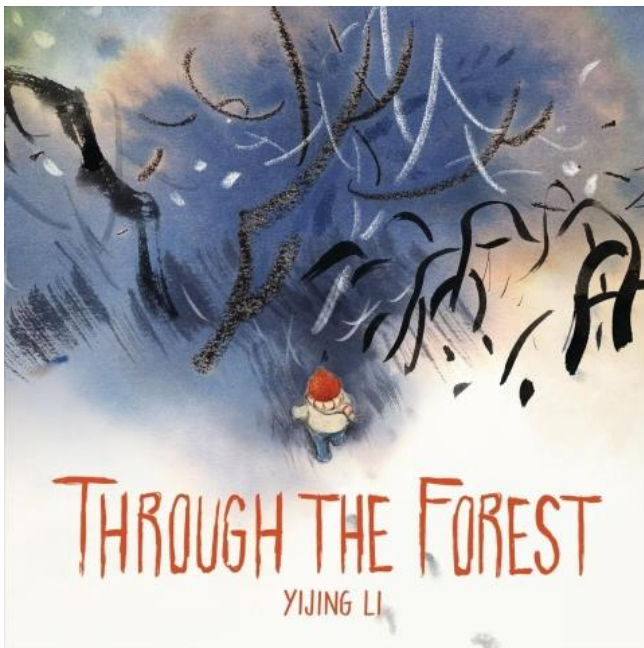
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## Book Recommendations this week

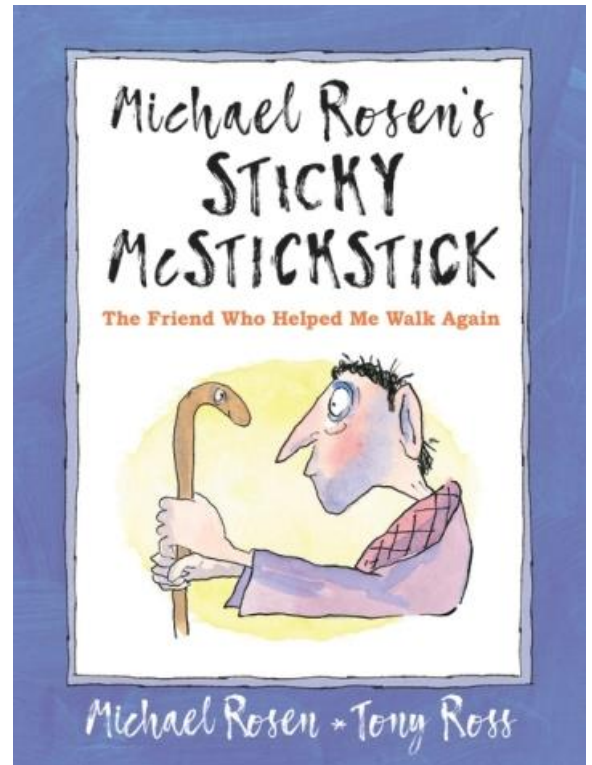
### KS1 Book



Author: Yijing Li  
Illustrator: Yijing Li  
Publisher: Lantana

Lost and alone, a young boy enters the forest not knowing the path that lies before him. He meets a figure called Emptiness who guides him on his way. Together they find keepsakes deep in the forest that trigger memories, both good and bad. As he moves closer to the sun-filled meadow on the other side of the forest, the boy learns that to be truly happy, he must embrace his past. A powerful and moving tale about the importance of memories in the winding journey of life.

### KS2 Book



Author: Michael Rosen  
Illustrator: Tony Ross  
Publisher: Walker

A powerful and personal story from one of Britain's best-loved authors about his recovery from coronavirus. After being admitted to hospital in 2020 with coronavirus, Michael Rosen had to learn to walk again. With the support of doctors and nurses and a walking stick he names "Sticky McStickstick", he manages to embark on the slow steps to recovery. This moving picture book from the former Children's Laureate, with illustrations from Tony Ross, tells a story of perseverance and hope, and is a testament to the importance of overcoming fear and learning to accept help.

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## Secondary School Applications 2024-2025

### Key dates

#### Application for a secondary school place for September 2024 intake

Date	What should parents/carers look out for?
1 September 2023 to Tuesday 31 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ The admissions process starts.</li><li>■ Contact schools for a copy of their prospectus and details of their open days/evenings. We strongly advise families to check each school's website for details on how and when they will be holding their open day/evening as this may be subject to change at short notice. Please view page 8 for further information on school open days/evenings.</li><li>■ Apply for secondary schools by completing an online application at <a href="http://www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a></li><li>■ If any of the schools you have listed as one of your preferences requires a supplementary information form (SIF), you must complete and return the SIF directly to the school. You should contact the school to check their individual closing date.</li></ul>
Tuesday 31 October 2023, 11.59pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Closing date for submitting online applications.</b></li><li>■ You must ensure that we have received your online application and you have uploaded any additional supporting documents with it by this date.</li></ul>
Friday 1 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Applicants who apply on time will receive their child's offer of a school place by email after 5pm. This email will also include information on what to do next.</b></li><li>■ <b>Applicants can also view the outcome of their application during the evening at <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a></b></li></ul>
Friday 15 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ No action is required if you are a Southwark resident and want to accept the school place offered to your child.</li><li>■ Should you wish to reject the offer of a school place allocated to your child, you must notify the school admissions team by email at <a href="mailto:schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk">schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk</a> and include your unique application reference.</li></ul>
Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Check dates of appeal hearings with individual schools.</li></ul>

### **IMPORTANT!**

**Closing date: Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

If you need any support with your secondary School Application, please do not hesitate to call the school on: **020 7703 4168** to make an appointment with a member of the SLT/ Admin.

We are here to assist you!

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GROUNDWORK

# Parent Coffee Mornings

## With Groundwork's Mental Health Support Team

**Feel free to drop by to have a chat  
with Rebecca and Izzy if you have any  
concerns about your child's wellbeing**

**We offer non-judgmental, confidential  
support**

**Wednesday Mornings  
From 9-10:30am  
At Comber Grove Primary School**

**Free tea and coffee will be provided**

**For more information email: [MHST@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:MHST@groundwork.org.uk)**

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 **Harris** Academy  
Peckham

## WELCOMES YOU TO OUR BASKETBALL ACADEMY

COME DOWN TO OUR  
OPEN EVENING TO SEE  
OUR AMAZING  
BASKETBALL ACADEMY  
AND STUDENT-ATHLETE

**THURSDAY  
5TH  
OCTOBER  
2023**

**5:30-7:30PM**



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