



Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Friday, 13th October 2023

Dates
for your Diary



Key Dates:

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

06/12- Year 6 trip to Fire Station (TFL)

08/12-TUTORIAL DAY (school Closed to pupils)

14/12- School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

19/12- Class Parties

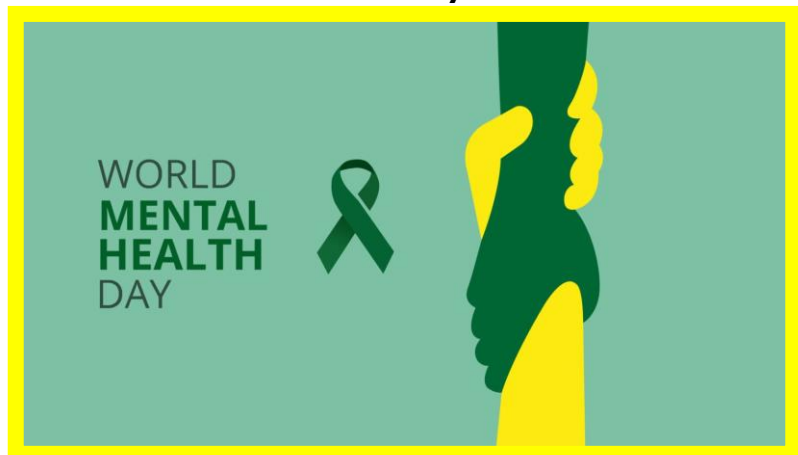
20/12-End of Autumn Term

21/12 to 05/01- Christmas Holiday

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

Mental Health Awareness Day



On Wednesday this week, we had a very special assembly led by Izzy and Rebecca (Groundwork London) for World Mental Health Day. We explored what makes us special, unique and what makes us a good friend. Our diverse qualities not only make each one of us extraordinary but also contribute to the incredible tapestry of our school community. During the assembly, we thought about the idea that despite our apparent differences, we often share more in common than we realise. It's a reminder that beneath the differences on the surface, **our similarities unite us**. One universal thread that binds us together is our **emotional well-being**; we all possess mental health. Just as we care for our physical health, nurturing our minds is equally crucial for overall wellness.

School Attendance



As you may be aware, school attendance is currently being discussed in the news and is high on the government agenda.

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Research has found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well.

(<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/05/18/school-attendance-important-risks-missing-day/>).

Being in school is **important** to your child's **achievement, wellbeing** and **wider development**.

It can be difficult to decide if your child really is too unwell. The NHS web page called 'Is my child too ill for school?' has really helpful information on this:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Good attendance is classed as being **96%** or above and this is our target within school. Each week we have a weekly attendance award for the class with the best attendance. Each half term, from December onwards, we will send home information regarding your child's attendance to enable you to keep track of this.

In the event that your child is unwell, please remember to report your child's absence by emailing us at: office@combergrove.sch.uk by **8:30am**. It is important that you give us a specific reason for the absence as we are unable to authorise any absences without this information. Words such as 'unwell' and 'poorly' are not specific enough for us to accept. We thank you for your continued support with this.

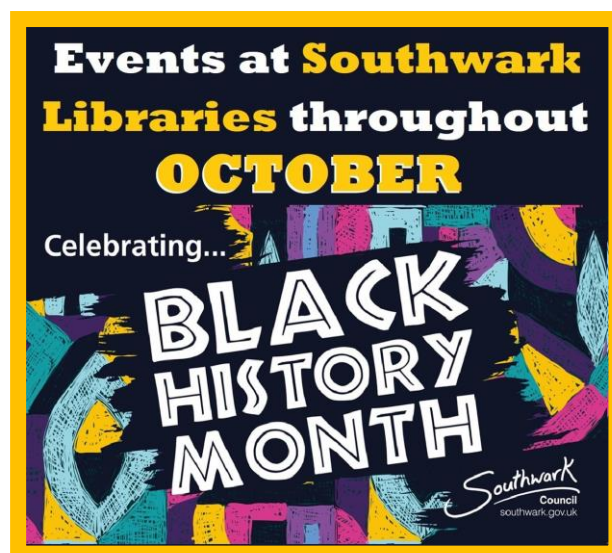
Black History Month

Southwark have announced a month-long programme of events, presentations, visiting authors and workshops for all, including half term activities for children.

You can find out more on their website:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage/search?c=341>

The events are free and a true celebration of our community.



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**



Children in EYFS enjoying a variety of exciting learning activities this week.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!



Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%

This week's attendance: 92.6%

Group	Present	Comment:
Nursery David Bowie	100%	Excellent!
Reception Aderin-Pocock	95.2%	Requires Improvement
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	87.3%	Cause for Concern
Year 2 David Attenborough	94.8%	Requires Improvement
Year 3 Mo Farah	88.1%	Cause for Concern
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	96.8%	Excellent!
Year 5 Mae Jemison	92.4%	Requires Improvement
Year 6 Olive Morris	92.6%	Requires Improvement

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Stars of the Week



Value of the Week: **CREATIVITY**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Elma M.	Showing brilliant work in Art.
	K'Shari	Demonstrating good PE skills,
Year 2 David Attenborough	Adama	Showing creativity in Art lessons!
	Hussain	Showing creativity in Art lessons!
Year 3 Mo Farah	Mangnin	Demonstrating mathematical creativity! Well Done!
	Jamal	Showing creativity during class through her imagination to develop ideas through discussions.
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Ellington	For innovative thinking and creative pieces of work during Art and thinking outside of the box in Science lessons. Good job!
	Fatima	Always having a creative mind leading to interesting questions and pieces of work!!! Well done!
Year 5 Mae Jemison	Slma	For showing a lot of creativity, especially during Art lessons. Well Done!
	Ariana	For showing a lot of creativity especially in art. Well Done!
Year 6 Olive Morris	Khalid	Has found creative ways to improve his learning and find out new things.
	Djenebou	Has been very creative in her homework and extra work she's been doing at home! Well Done!

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Child's name	Age	Class
David	10	Year 5
Dane	7	Year 2
Ayda	5	Reception



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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

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**.

Reminders from the Office

While we understand that children may occasionally need to stay home due to not feeling well, it's important for us to have clear information about the reasons for your child's absence. Simply stating that a child is "not feeling well" without providing more specific details could result in the absence being categorised as unauthorised.

School Contact Information:

Telephone: 020 7703 4168

Email:

office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk

School Website:

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

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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">■ The admissions process starts.■ 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.■ Apply for secondary schools by completing an online application at www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions■ 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.
Tuesday 31 October 2023, 11.59pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Closing date for submitting online applications.■ You must ensure that we have received your online application and you have uploaded any additional supporting documents with it by this date.
Friday 1 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 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.■ Applicants can also view the outcome of their application during the evening at www.eadmissions.org.uk
Friday 15 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ No action is required if you are a Southwark resident and want to accept the school place offered to your child.■ 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 schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk and include your unique application reference.
Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Check dates of appeal hearings with individual schools.

IMPORTANT!

Closing date: Tuesday, 31st 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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HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEME

23rd Oct to 27th Oct 2023

We will look after your child whilst you are at work or place of study, where they will be provided with a range of fun fill play and learning activities and a hot meal.

OUR SERVICES

- Creative Activities
- Development Exercises
- Off-site Trips
- Play-based learning

**SCAN HERE TO
APPLY NOW**



FUTURE DATES

Our Next Holiday Playscheme will be taking place in:

- 12TH FEB TO 16TH FEB - 1 WEEK
- 29TH MAR TO 12TH APR - 2 WEEKS
- 27TH MAY TO 31ST MAY - 1 WEEK
- 29TH JUL TO 30TH AUG - 5 WEEKS

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.caspuk.org
Contact Us: 0207 708 2711

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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

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