



# Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Friday, 06<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dates  
for your Diary



## Key Dates:

- 09/10-Pupil Progress Meetings with Teaching Staff/SLT
- 09/10-EYFS Parent Phonics Workshop at 2:30pm
- 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
- 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,

### Happy World Teachers' Day!

World Teachers' Day is held annually on 5<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate all Teachers around the globe. This international day celebrates the unwavering dedication, tireless effort, and boundless enthusiasm of Teachers who shape generations to come. It is a reminder of the profound impact that teachers have on individuals and society, spotlighting their crucial role in shaping the future by imparting knowledge and skills to students. Our children had some very p



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### School Photographer- Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Individual and Siblings photos will be taken. Please ensure that pupils are dressed in their full school uniform.



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

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## Happy World Teachers' Day!

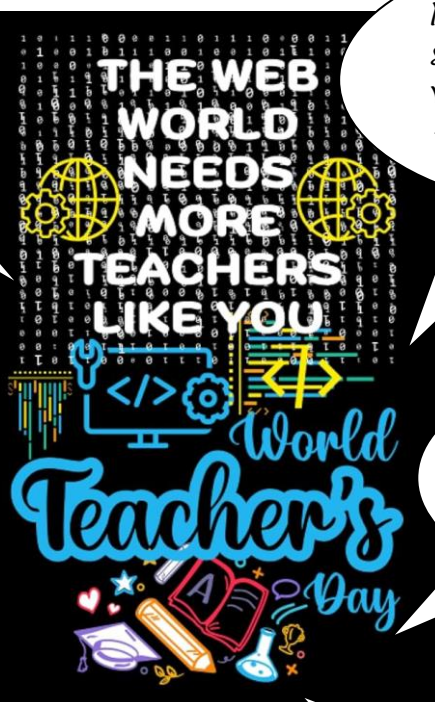
My Teacher is so nice and she is beautiful. She always says that I'm good!  
-(Harper-Reception)

He is such a kind Teacher. When I struggle with Maths, he helps me a lot.  
-(Ayaz- Year 4)

Thank you for helping us with our work.  
-(Jamilatu- Year 2)

My Teacher is very strict, but she is also very kind to us.  
-(Year3)

Miss Fiona is very kind to us.  
-(Harper-Reception)



Miss Fiona teaches us cursive writing.  
-(Esther- Year 1)

Time flies when you're learning with Mr Scholfield!  
-(Giuseppi- Year 6)

She is kind to others and always giving us compliments.  
- Ariana (Year 5)

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## Welcome Back to School Ela!



We are very excited  
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welcoming Ela back to  
school next week!

Please join us in making  
her feel welcome!

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Whether you want to wear all yellow or just a little bit of yellow, any yellow is a little thing we can do to make a **BIG** difference to young people's mental health.

For more information please see: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/> and remember to wear yellow and donate to YoungMinds. Together we can create a brighter future for young people's mental health.

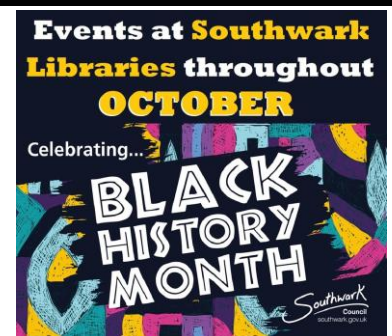


## Black History Month

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.

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## We love **LEARNING**

**Black History Month 2023 is a momentous occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society.**

Black people have always been at the forefront of social justice movements, fighting against oppression and paving the way for change. However, despite their countless contributions to society, the achievements of black women, in particular, have too often been overlooked or forgotten. That is why, this year, we will be celebrating the exceptional achievements of black women.

The theme of **'Saluting our Sisters'** highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. This year's celebration will showcase pioneering black women who have made remarkable contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, academia, social and health care, and more.



### **Reception Class is named after Maggie Aderin-Pocock**

Margaret Eibunoluwa Aderin-Pocock (MBE) is a British space scientist and science educator. She was born in London to Nigerian parents, and was raised in Camden, London.

Her middle name Eibunoluwa comes from the Yoruba words "ebun" meaning "gift" and Oluwa meaning "God", which is also a variant form of the word "Oluwabunmi" or "Olubunmi", meaning "gift of God" in Yoruba.



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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!



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*every student, every day*

### Attendance Winners

**School Target: 95.6%**

**This week's attendance: 93.2%**

Group	Present	Comment:
Nursery David Bowie	92.6%	Requires Improvement
Reception Aderin-Pocock	93.3%	Requires Improvement
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	90.4%	Requires Improvement
Year 2 David Attenborough	96.3%	Excellent!
Year 3 Mo Farah	89.6%	Cause for Concern
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	99%	Excellent!
Year 5 Mae Jemison	93.8%	Requires Improvement
Year 6 Olive Morris	89.9%	Cause for Concern

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# Stars of the Week



## Value of the Week: **INDIVIDUALITY**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Leonel	For showing his personality in group work. Well Done!
	Zaina	For working well in group work. Well Done!
Year 2 David Attenborough	Freddie	For excellent writing this week and embracing individuality in our class.
	Mohamed	Well for fantastic maths and sharing his ideas with others.
Year 3 Mo Farah	Emir	For showing great confidence in who he is by being a role model to others. Growing in confidence.
	Sheryl	Beginning to embrace her strengths and celebrating her additional language.
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Ayaz	For fantastic application to Art lessons this week!
	Sara	Well Done for having a unique approach to learning Art and producing some fantastic pieces.
Year 5 Mae Jemison	Amina	For always being her own person.
	Junior	Thank you for always being original!
Year 6 Olive Morris	Hayden	Well Done for independently showing lots of focus and trying his best if he is unsure about his work.
	Yasmin	Well Done for independently showing lots of focus and trying her best if she is unsure about her work.

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Child's name	Age	Class
L'Riyah	11	Olive Morris
Freddie	7	David Attenborough
Aderinsola	5	Aderin-Pocok



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## Parent/ Carer Information and Support

### Updating Personal Information

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

We will be updating the school's data system with your information.!

### 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.

### Safety of children

To ensure the safety of our children, please remember that anyone collecting a child at the end of the school day must be 16 years or older. Thank you for your cooperation.

### 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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# 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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# Phonics

Parent workshop

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
**2023 at 2:30pm.**



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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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## 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](http://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](mailto:MHST@groundwork.org.uk)**

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