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Dear parents and carers,

This week we have welcomed our new reception and nursery parents and carers. The EYFS team, ably supported by Alex Casagrande and Carlos Ribeiro our premises team, have transformed these amazing new buildings. It's so lovely to see our youngest children making use of this wonderful new space and we look forward to getting to know all our new families over the next few weeks.

Thank you all for your support and patience around the beginning and end of the day, particularly in the new reception areas. Can I please ask that you do not let your children, particularly younger siblings, play on any of the school play equipment at the end of the day. This equipment is for playtimes and lunchtimes only when we have staff allocated appropriately to supervise children. Many thanks.

Other new faces to the school are our new teachers: Rachel Supple and James Rose in year 5; Daisy Johnson in year 3 and Tina Cavanagh in Reception. No doubt some of you will have met them at your 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week. Please let us know if you were not able to make it so that we can ensure you have all the information about the coming year for your child's class and year group. Other new support staff to the school are Berat Tosun in year 5, Morag Calderbank in Year 2 and Nina Biring Rai in

Reception. Pembe Nuh, who many of you will have seen volunteering in the school for some time has now joined us on the lunchtime team.

Sharing our School Development Plan

At the beginning of this term we shared our revised School Community Development Plan with the staff and very soon will also share this with our children. Each week I will focus on an element of the School Development Plan so that you have the fullest picture about our plans. We will:

Celebrate and Educate:

- We will develop projects and engage with opportunities which specifically focus on equality and inclusion. We will ensure that access, success, enrichment and achievement in school is not dependent on being part of any social class, culture, gender identity, sexuality, family structure or particular group.
- We will promote independent, personalised learning in every class, supported by careful assessment of their strengths and difficulties.
- Develop our communities' understanding and appreciation for our many different cultures, religions, faith traditions, gender identity, sexuality and family circumstances and structures.
- We will continue to quality assure our provision through achieving Quality Marks particularly in science and through our Rights Respecting learning.

This week at Brindishe Green

On Sunday, 12 year 6 children performed with 24 other London schools as part of the Totally Thames celebrations. Well done to all those who took part, your singing was truly wonderful. Many thanks again to Amy Cliftlands and Lauren Campbell for supporting the children on the day. Today and yesterday, our year 6 children visited the Imperial War Museum as part of their WWII learning. I hear all the children were very sensible and thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

Diary Dates

22nd - 29th Sept - Book Fair
29th Sept - 'Open House' for new BG families
29th Sept - Tri School Olympics - year 5
6th October - Open Day
18th October - Full Governing Body Meeting
17th October - Year 6 on School Journey
21st October - Half Term begins
31st October - Children return to school
9th November - Full Governing Body Meeting
16th December - End of Term
4th January - Children return to school

Scholastic Book Fair

On Thursday 22nd our Autumn Scholastic Book Fair will arrive. This will take place in the main hall from 8:45-9:00am and 3:15-3:30pm. Look out next week for the leaflets showing you the books you will be able to buy. The more books we sell, the more free books the school will receive for our classrooms and library.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Walnut and Cedar classes for this week's best attendance.

Walnut's attendance was 97.3% and Cedar's attendance was 97.9%.

Well done to Beech and Cherry who were the classes with this week's best punctuality and are the first classes to receive our special new trophies.

and finally.....

Water only in school please

A gentle reminder that children should only drink water in school. Please do not send juices and flavoured water into school, particularly in packed lunches. Many thanks.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher