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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful welcoming our children back to school this week. It was so lovely to see our children coming in smiling and excited to be back in school! I walked around every class, welcoming the children back and it was amazing to find all the children so settled and happy. They will have plenty of time to talk as a class and share any worries they may have had but so far the feeling around the school is extremely positive. The building feels like a school again!

Thank you so much for your patience and compliance with the process of dropping off in the morning - as much as it is an inconvenience, it certainly worked well in the most part and allowed for us to comply with the risk assessments in place.

Please remember to use the allocated school gate for your child. Unfortunately we are unable to enforce social distancing off the school site and it is imperative you arrive at your allocated gate in order to get the children into their bubbles safely and efficiently. Please be considerate to our neighbours when dropping children in the mornings and collecting them in the afternoons, by parking sensibly and keeping yourselves safe by social distancing and wearing masks.

Reception and Nursery pupils

We look forward to welcoming our Reception children from Monday 14th September and our Nursery children on Thursday 17th September via the Nursery gate on Roundaway Road. The stay and play sessions this week have been successful and a great opportunity to introduce ourselves to the children and their families.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

As the children return to school many parents begin yet another chapter in their 'new normal' lives. Please see the poster '5 ways to wellbeing.' Remember that it is so important to look after your own wellbeing so that you will be able to look after others!



FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE & YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS



DO WHAT YOU CAN. ENJOY WHAT YOU DO. MOVE YOUR HOOD



REMEMBER THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT GIVE YOU JOY

Mental Health Foundation



TALK & LISTEN. BE THERE. FEEL CONNECTED



YOUR TIME, YOUR WORDS, YOUR PRESENCE



EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES. SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF

Mindfulness

Children in Years 1 to 6 are taking part in 20 minute meditation sessions today. Our biggest focus is the well-being of all pupils and to ensure they feel safe and are able to talk about any anxieties they may have.



Jeans for genes day

It is the time of year again when we can wear our denim to support this worthy cause. 1 in 25 people have a life-altering genetic disorder. Donations through Jeans for Genes directly supports 'The Children's Medical Research Institute'. There are around 6000 more genetic disorders identified each year. Identifying these helps professionals to understand children's needs and improves their life expectancy and life chances. If your child would like to wear their jeans on **Monday 14th September**, you can make a voluntary donation of £1 to this charity. Please put **money in a sealed envelope and send this in your child's book bag**.

Year 6 classroom refurbishment

Over the summer holidays, we had the Year 6 classrooms refurbished with the addition of teaching walls. We plan to work our way through the school, refurbishing the classrooms one year group at a time.

Prior to the refurbishment



After the refurbishment



The nature classroom

Some of you may have seen contractors working on the school premises throughout the holidays. Further to the plans and money raised by the PTA and school, we have built a new room in the Year 1 quad area. The aim is for the room to be completed by October half-term, ready for small groups of children to work in there.



Additional outdoor learning area



Over the holidays, we have carried out some work to the main entrance of the school; the flooring has been resurfaced with resin and the bike shelter has been relocated to open up the main area. We have also relocated the shed and removed the bushes to create an additional outdoor learning area which children can use at break times.

There are further plans to enhance this area during the course of the academic year.

MyMaths



We are excited to be piloting an online platform for Maths homework. MyMaths allows teachers to set individual homework for children which can then be completed online. The work is marked automatically, so children will be able to see how they got on as soon as they have finished. There is also a video tutorial with each piece of work, so children can remind themselves of the strategies before they start. Children will receive a letter soon with their login details and further information on how to access. Any questions should be directed to the child's class teacher. I am sure that this will be a beneficial tool to continue to develop Mathematical understanding for all.



Healthy Schools Award

We are pleased to announce that we have achieved the Bronze Healthy schools award. This shows our commitment to improving the health and well-being of our young people. Through schemes such as our comprehensive well-being programme, walk to school initiatives and healthy eating incentives, we strive to ensure that all of our children are happy and healthy. Thank you to Ms Ellis, Mrs Jain and all of our staff for their work leading up to the award. What a great start to the academic year! We look forward to working towards the Silver award soon!

Stars of the week

Well done to our first 'Stars of the week' for this academic year:

1P- Rida	1M- Eva
2R- Aurora	2Y- Maryam
3C- Harjot	3R- Ahmed
4D- Dhruv	4A- Presha
5J- Odri	5S- Ekaterina
6A- Kenny	6E- Vanessa

Thank you once again to the Glade community for all your support in the run up to reopening and all the very best for the academic year ahead. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions: email using parentinfo@glade.redbridge.sch.uk or by calling 0208 708 0200

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F Hussain
Headteacher

