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Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and Pupils

Well done everybody for a marvellous school year full of achievement, adventure and community spirit. We have moved forward considerably from where we all were a year ago and the vibrant, successful community that is Honeywell has really come back to the fore.

Governors are pleased to enclose their Impact Statement for 2022-23. We hope you find it interesting to read about our various roles and the work we have undertaken individually, as part of a committee or the whole governing body.

Several of the governors are also parents and so, like you, we have enjoyed many of the events that have marked the year out as special, including trips, sports events and PTFA highlights. The International Day was an incredible showcase of the more than 40 nationalities that are represented at Honeywell, as well as another amazing fundraiser. Huge thanks, as always, for the remarkable generosity of the community in raising additional funds for the schools. You will know from newsletters and other communications about how the money raised has been spent: significant highlights being the expert curriculum advisers in the Infant School and the Science and Food Technology Lab in the Junior School.

The pupils have worked hard this year. All children have experienced a broad and deep curriculum with expert teaching in the specialist subjects Music and PE, as well as Modern Foreign Languages in the Junior School. Children in Years 2 and 6 were assessed in the usual end of Key Stage SATs. Early data indicates that Honeywell continues to strongly outperform the picture at a National level. Comparative Wandsworth data will be available in the autumn. Year 6 leavers have enjoyed the array of special events put on for them, and importantly are all moving on to their next school destination of choice. We wish them well.

Alongside academic rigour, both schools were determined this year to enhance the children's learning with trips and excursions and they really delivered! The Infant and Junior School children enjoyed many trips ranging from museums (Horniman, Kew Gardens, the National Gallery), to the beach and outdoors, to a night at the Natural History Museum! A carefully balanced programme will continue next year, and the Junior school is pleased that all pupils will be having swimming lessons. Sports provision has been significantly developed this year in both schools and it was a particular achievement of the Junior School to get all pupils into Battersea Park Millennium Arena together for a whole day of competitive athletics.

This year has also seen the establishment of a new Eco-Committee comprising senior leaders, teaching staff, our sustainability governor and parents – an important step in our climate action plan. Both schools have signed up to the 'Let's Go Zero' national campaign and we are excited to see Infant children participating in the newly formed 'Green Team' and Junior children enjoying trips to the Paradise Co-operative. Auditing has taken place on waste and air pollution and we look forward to a focus on improving recycling and air quality next year.

It is fantastic news that staff are settled at both schools with just one classroom teacher leaving. This is testament to a focus by senior leaders on staff wellbeing as well as an indication that the schools have progressed considerably on their respective journeys post Covid and Ofsted. Staff and children have enjoyed a real spirit of togetherness this year.

I think everyone would agree that the new Reception/School Office location is a vast improvement on before. It was part of a large capital project majority-funded by the local authority which also included a new roof to the main building. This project together with PTFA-funded projects such as the science lab and top-floor regeneration are really moving the Honeywell site into the future. Using the school space in modern and flexible ways will increase the opportunities available to the children in STEM and performing arts. Making use of the schools' amazing outside spaces, including the secret garden and vegetable allotment in the Infant School, curated zones in the Junior School and the ball spaces, is also key to both wellbeing and the schools' goals for environment and sports.

Thank you to the senior leadership teams, all staff, pupils, parents/carers and volunteers for everything you do to make Honeywell a special and happy place. We are looking forward with confidence to the year ahead. In the meantime, do enjoy a healthy and relaxed summer holiday.

Yours faithfully

Emma Healey
Chair of Governors