



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 1 2024-2025

9th September 2024

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 2.9.24

1L	NADIA	4P	ABENA
1W	CHARLOTTE	4SH	DAISY
2DM	KAUSAR	5A	ANTONIO
2F	BAREERA	5G	TIMI
3B	XIN TING	6F	PREEYA
3H	LOGAN	6M	JOEL
PLM - DAISY			



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 2.9.24

Best Attendance ☺	6M 98.7%
Best Punctuality ☺	3H 4SH & PLM
Class that needs to improve their attendance	1W 85%
Class that needs to improve their punctuality	1W

Overall School Attendance this year = 93%

A VERY WARM WELCOME BACK! It was lovely to welcome everyone back to a new Autumn Term last week! The children look rested and ready to immerse themselves into their learning in their new Year Groups, they certainly looked like it! Parents and carers you all looked very relieved to be dropping off their children and wishing school staff good luck!

I hope that you all had a good summer break with your children and families whatever you managed to do over the summer. I very much appreciate your support for sending your children in so smartly in their new school uniforms. They did look lovely! The children seem to have settled well and we continue to welcome our new families starting at South Grove across the year groups.

Our Early Years team were busy visiting our new Reception and Nursery families at home last week and today to get to know them before they start. We will be welcoming them to South Grove later this week.

YEAR 1 PARENTS AND CARERS



Thank you for helping us get the children into a new routine and way to line up in the morning. They did incredibly well considering it rained on day 2!

The children will line up by the dining hall each morning. It would be appreciated if parents will allow the children through the gate and come and line up with support from the adults out there without parents. Of course during the first few days we understand that parents wished to do this but hopefully the children are used to doing this now. If they are upset for any reason then of course parents are able to bring them into the line themselves.

At the end of the day parents and carers can come and pick the children up from the classroom door and see the teacher if they wish to.

WELCOME TO THE SOUTH GROVE COMMUNITY! MR DAVID COMBE - DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

We welcomed our new Deputy Head Teacher last week. He has had a great week meeting parents on the gate, spending time with staff during our Staff Inset Days and getting to know the children across the school.



Mr Combe has had experience of working within other London Boroughs and in a range of primary schools. He is very much looking forward to settling and becoming part of the

school community, working with us on our new strategic priorities to develop the school further. He will particularly be teaching within Years 5 and 6 as Upper Key Stage Phase Leader, but will obviously work with all the children across the school.

I am sure you will give him a very warm welcome and introduce yourself to him when he is outside on the gate in the morning and evening.



MR JOSEPH WALKER - NURSERY TEACHER

We also welcome Mr Walker who is our new Nursery Teacher, covering a maternity cover for this academic year.

Mr Walker has been busy carrying out Home Visits with our new Nursery children last week. He has experience of working in Early Years Settings prior to starting at South Grove. He is really looking forward to settling our youngest children into the Nursery and helping them at the beginning of their learning journey.

I am sure you will give him a warm welcome when you meet him. We wish him well and welcome him to the South Grove community.



GOING FOR GOLD, WE DID.....AND WE GOT IT! RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS GOLD ACCREDITATION



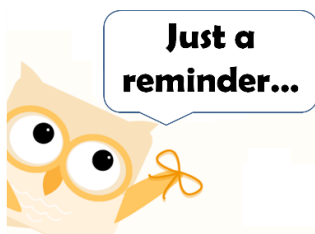
THE ASSESSMENT REPORT SAID:

Strengths of the school include:

- Children who confidently discussed a range of rights and why they are important and relevant to their lives, in and out of school.
- The extent to which rights and rights respecting language are embedded in the daily life of the school, positively impacting relationships and contributing to South Grove being a welcoming and highly inclusive community.
- The school's wholehearted commitment to the highest standards of wellbeing for every child which is always seen in the context of the family.
- A strong commitment to supporting the children to understand the wider world and to see themselves as global citizens.
- Strong and effective leadership of Rights Respecting at all levels, including from the children, ensuring a sustainable child rights approach across the school.

We do have recommendations made to us and we are busy developing an action plan to work on these and will publish this shortly.

The report will be put onto the school website for everyone to read. Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in the development of our accreditation and particularly the time the parents took out of their busy schedules to attend the accreditation day to give their support.



PARENTS WISHING TO TALK WITH THE TEACHER

Communication with parents is very important to us and to working in partnership to support individual children in all aspects of their school life.

Need to Talk?

It is easier at the end of the day when parents pick up their children from the classrooms, to have conversations with the class teacher.

Parent Year Team emails: Parents can also email the Year Team email address (see below) and staff will get back to you as soon as they can, usually within 1 to 2 days. Staff do try their best to get back to parents as soon as they can around their teaching day. Of course if it is urgent then please ring the school office to speak to a Senior Member of Staff. For general school queries use the parents@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk email address and remember that you can leave a message by pressing 1 when you ring the school on **020 8521 6000**

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year3@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
year5@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
plm@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
senco@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk

yearr@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
year2@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
year4@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
year6@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
musicbox@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk



TRANSITION MEETINGS FOR PARENTS IN YEAR 1 AND YEAR 3

As part of our new Transition Policy we recommended that for parents with children who have moved from Reception to Year 1 and from Year 2 to Year 3, we would offer brief check-in points with parents, if they wished, to meet with the class teacher. These will take place week beginning 16th September during the first half-hour of the morning from 8:45am-9:15am.



A Google Form will be sent out for you to ask for an appointment to meet with the class teacher just so that you can share key information with the teacher that you feel will be important for them to know. We hope that this will really support the smooth transition into their new Phase within the school.



WHO'S WHO?

As a school we aim to continue our close partnership with parents and are pleased to share our Senior Leadership Team. You have opportunity to meet the team at the beginning and end of the school day when we are out on duty supervising the beginning and end of the day.

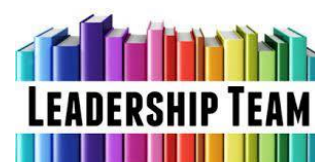
SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM:

1. **Julie Maltwood** – Head Teacher
2. **David Combe** – Deputy Head Teacher & UKS2 Phase Leader
3. **Angela Rice** – EYFS Phase Leader
4. **Laura Fowler** – KS1 Phase Leader
5. **Amarjit Sandhu-Hanif** – LKS2 Phase Leader
6. **Libby Johnson** – SENCO
7. **Brigid Montgomery** – Extended Schools Leader, Attendance and Safeguarding Leader
8. **Jazz Ali** – School Business Manager



MIDDLE LEADERSHIP TEAM:

9. **Sam Baker** – Art and Design Leader
10. **Laura Forbes** – Music and Performing Arts Leader
11. **Sally Lovell-Young** – PE, Sports and PSHCE Leader
12. **Charlotte Marable** – Computing Leader



PARENTS INFORMATION

Newsletters - these are weekly on a Monday and contain lots of very useful information about what is going on in the school with dates to remember and details of the children's learning. You can access this via the school's website from the home page and they are sent via ParentPay e-mail. If emails have changed please let the school office know and also update your email address within your ParentPay account.

If, of course, parents do not have an e-mail address, paper copies will be available from the school office, but as a school we really do want to cut down on the amount of paper the school uses. It is also uploaded to the school website.

Emergency Contact and Medical Information Sheet for 2024-2025 - today you should have received a grey emergency contact and medical information sheet. It is very important that parents update their contact information sheets so please look out for them and **please return immediately**. On the back of the form is the photo permission list for you to update too.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you for your support with ensuring your child has come back looking really smart and ready for school. This really helps the children to be prepared for learning and be part of the school community. Can I just remind parents that shoes need to be black and not a type of trainer or converse shoe; these can be saved for the days they have PE. Please make sure that if you have yet to purchase shoes or boots ready for the winter months can we ensure that they are black.

Our sole supplier, School Uniform Direct, delivers to the school for free every Thursday. The shops in the market are not our suppliers for logoed items, the quality cannot be guaranteed and they are in fact more expensive.

Please remember we still have nearly new items for £1.00 a piece. If you have any uniform your children have grown out of it is always welcome (as are socks and pants for accidents!)



LABEL LABEL LABEL!

Please can you make sure you write your child's name in their uniform, water bottle & packed lunch bag so that if it gets mislaid we can easily return it to its owner

Do remember it will need checking after washing to make sure it is still clear.

Thank you.



The new term's clubs letter was emailed to you all last week.



Make sure you sign up for the exciting range of activities we have on offer!! If you have not yet applied please use this link:

<https://forms.gle/8iB2zCv19wdie6y27>

Once you applied, we can allocate your child to the club and you can pay on ParentPay. Please do not hand cash to the office.

We will only let you know if your child HAS NOT got a place – so no news is good news. 😊

Be quick though – some clubs are already full!

See the end of the Newsletter for Coding & Lego Clubs



Through The GATE!!

Be on time for school every day!

Morning School Gates

The gates into the playgrounds open at 8.30am as school starts promptly at 8.45am

Gates will then be closed and children will have to enter through the office

Article 12 – respect for the views of the child

Every child has the right to **express their views, feelings and wishes** in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.



PE LESSONS

Nearly every class will have two PE sessions a week led by Ms White and their own class teacher. Children continue to wear their PE Kits and trainers/plimsolls to school on PE Days. It is really important they also have their water bottle at school each day and take it home at night to be washed. **Please remember, NO JEWELLERY on PE days** and hair must be tied back.



PE TIMETABLE

RS	Friday
RR	Friday
1W	Monday and Tuesday
1L	Monday and Tuesday
2DM	Tuesday and Wednesday
2F	Tuesday and Wednesday
3B	Tuesday and Wednesday
3H	Tuesday and Wednesday
4P	Monday and Thursday
4SH	Monday and Thursday
5A	Wednesday and Friday
5G	Thursday and Friday
6F	Monday and Friday
6M	Tuesday and Wednesday
PLM	Thursday



KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Tuesday 10 th September	Returning Nursery children start
Wednesday 11 th September	1/3 new Reception start New Nursery children start staggered entry over September
Thursday 12 th September	1/3 new Reception start Years 2 & 5 Fire Safety Workshops
Friday 13 th September	1/3 new Reception start
Monday 16 th September	All Reception classes in full time Year 5&6 swimming - every day till 27 th September
Thursday 19 th September	NSPCC Stay Safe Assembly
Monday 23 rd September	Clubs Start
Wednesday 25 th September	Flu vaccination session Reception – Year 6
Friday 27 th September	Friends of South Grove meeting – everyone welcome
Thursday 3 rd October	Year 5 – River Thames trip
Tuesday 8 th October	Individual school photos
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 2 to National Portrait Gallery
Tuesday 15 th October	Year 1 to Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood
Thursday 17 th October	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30 – 8.30pm
Friday 18th October	3.15pm - Break up for Half Term
Sunday 27 th October	Clocks go back 1hr at 2.00am
Monday 28 th October	School starts
Tuesday 31 st October	Deadline to apply for secondary school
Tuesday 26 th November	Years 3&6 Lego Workshop
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 6 Coding Sustainable Cities workshop
Thursday 19th December	2.30pm - Break up for Winter Holiday
Monday 6 th January	School starts



PLEASE NOTE, DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR REGULAR CALENDAR UPDATES

South Grove Parent Forum

I am keen to get some date pencilled into the diary for the new academic year for our Parent Forum. We launched the group last year and had half-termly meetings that were valuable to gather parental thoughts on practices of the school and how these can be developed.

Last year we successfully developed ideas around improving Transition and developed a policy for this, which is now in place.

We wish to continue to develop Parental Engagement and communication, how it can support the development of parental engagement at South Grove, working with parents to maximise the support that we can all bring to each child and the whole school community, including parent to parent support and workshops that parents would find beneficial.



We will hold a meeting on **Wednesday 25th September at 9.00am** - come to the office after you have dropped your children off. Along with those parents who joined the group last year, and who were hugely helpful in getting the ball rolling, we would like to open it to any parent who would like to get involved so we can represent and gather contributions from as much of our South Grove Community as possible.



Music Clubs

At South Grove Primary, we want all of our students to have the chance to learn a musical instrument. Currently, students learn the recorder in Year 2 and the ukulele in Year 4, with free music clubs available **at lunchtime** for recorder, Uke/guitar, keyboard, drumming.



Choir for Years 1 - 6 will be after school on a Tuesday from 3.15 - 4.15pm. These will all start the week beginning 23rd September.

Letters will be given to all children who are interested - both continuers and new starters. If your child hasn't brought a letter home in the next day or so please remind them to ask for one or you can email: musicbox@southgrove.walthamforest.gov.uk Please register your interest by Monday 16th September.

For more in-depth music education, Waltham Forest Music Hub (WFMH) offers instrumental lessons during school hours. These lessons are available at a termly cost to parents/carers. Please go to the school website and select Learning< Extra-curricular<music for details. **Forms for WFMH music lessons must be submitted by 11th September.**

Free School Lunches

Although EVERY child is entitled to a free meal again this year, we still ask that you apply on the Waltham Forest Free School Meals Portal to see if you are entitled to Income Based Free School Meals here:

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals> .

If you are entitled it will mean that you may be entitled to money vouchers during the school holidays to help with meals and will also generate money for your child's education. Ms McLean in the office is very happy to support you to apply online if you need help.

Birthdays

Just a reminder that as we have so many children with varying dietary requirements and some with serious illnesses or allergies, so please do not send in sweets or cakes to celebrate birthdays. You can hand them out yourself to the parents who will know their child's allergies, at the end of the school day in the playground but please **NOT** directly to the children.

We are unable to give these out in the classes and we hope you understand this.

Food Allergy
Ask before you eat.

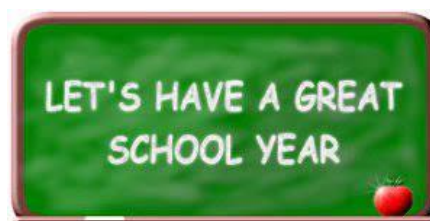
LAST BIT FROM ME....

Do remember, if you have any queries about your children's education or there is any change in circumstance that may affect their learning, please do not hesitate to contact your Class Teacher in the first instance or a member of the Senior Leadership Team if they are not available.

With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.

Julie Maltwood
Headteacher



SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

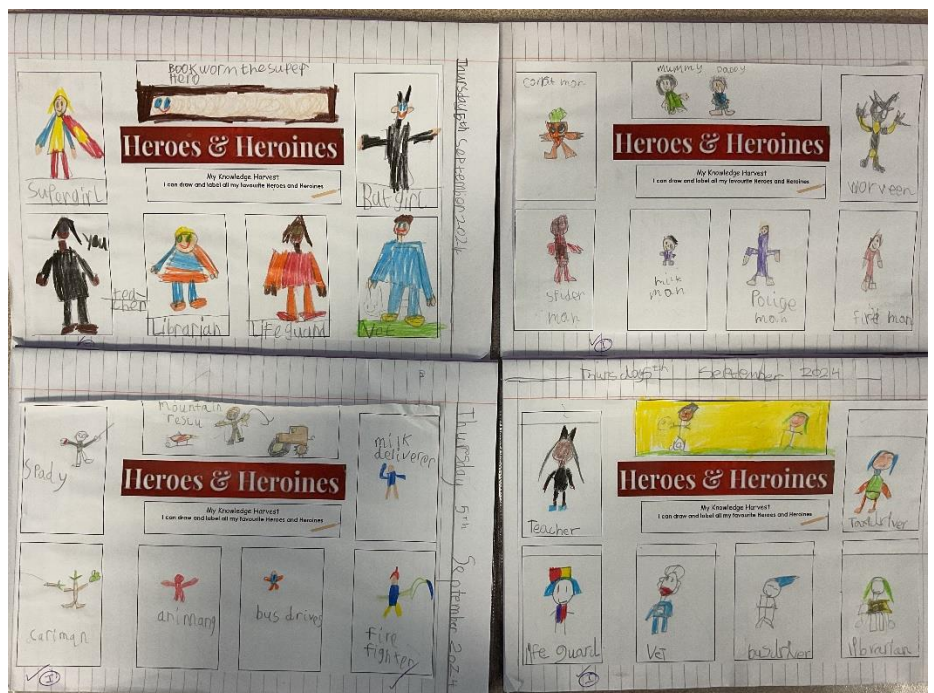
Year 1

Well, what a great start to Year 1 we have had. 1L and 1W have spent the first 3 days getting to know each other, familiarising ourselves with a new learning environment and getting used to a new routine and new faces too. The children have been curious, and interested in their learning and have settled in fantastically well. Here we are exploring our new classrooms and some of the activities. We also began sharing our special toys that we brought in, and asked interesting questions to find out more about why they were special. We are looking forward to next week and starting our P.E, Music, ICT and Library visits, as well as finding more out about our new topic: 'Toys'.



Year 2

We have made a fantastic start to Year 2! In Art, we have drawn some self portraits and in Topic, we have been identifying people who help us.





Year 3

In Year 3 we looked at our unique qualities and what makes us special! We created these images to share with everyone.

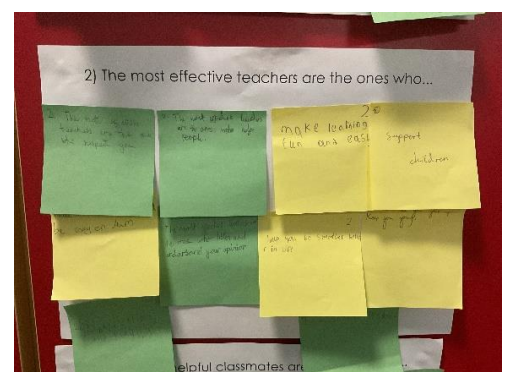
Year 4

Last week, Year 4 travelled to Egypt to excavate some ancient treasures! These little bits of art gave us tonnes of information about Ancient Egypt – I guess that's why they call them artefacts!



Year 5

We are back! After a relaxing and long 6 week break, we have dusted off Year 4 and we are stepping on upstairs to take on Year 5. We have found out a lot of new things this week, meeting the teachers and staff in year 5 and have been discussing the rules and expectations. We also discussed things such as why we want to do well in school along with what makes an effective teacher and classmate. To also ensure our best efforts this year in our work we also exchanged views on what we need to work well on in Year 5. We are looking forward to a great year of learning and working on being great role models to the school.



Exciting New Club!

This term there is a new club starting after school on Wednesday. You may have seen them in the playground last week showing their Lego Models.

Who is Young Engineers?

"Young Engineers offers interactive enrichment programs, immersing students in the joys of hands-on learning by official LEGO blocks. Our programs enable students to build intriguing machines, models and robots, reinforcing the notion that education can be a thrilling adventure."

What is Bricks Challenge?

Bricks Challenge is an educational program that introduces children to the principles of STEM and basic subjects of classical mechanics through the use of building blocks and mechanical parts.

In the Bricks Challenge, children delve into various facets of basic classical mechanics like laws of physics, forces, energy, torque, leverage, load distribution, and angular momentum and more.

Basic Information:

Target Age Groups: Aged 6-10 years

Lesson duration: 75 Minutes

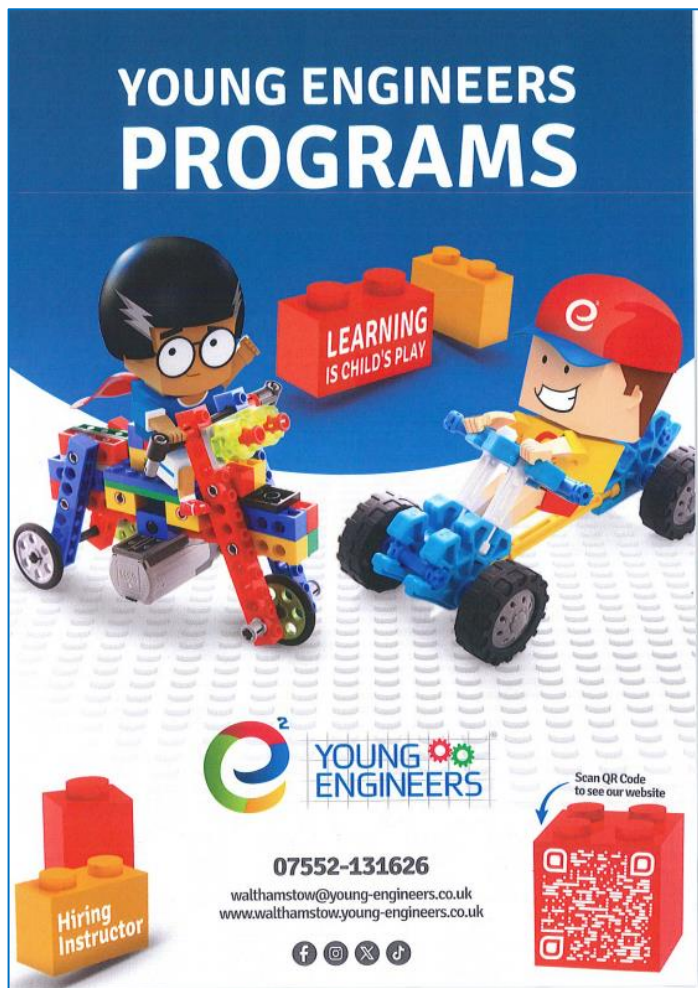
Participants: Up to 16 children

Number of Lessons: 36 (Each semester 12 lessons = 12 weeks)

Website: www.walthamstow.young-engineers.co.uk

3Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/youngengineers_walthamstow

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559668873682>



YOUNG ENGINEERS PROGRAMS

LEARNING IS CHILD'S PLAY

YOUNG ENGINEERS

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Hiring Instructor



Young Engineers Facts

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Students from all over the world have participated in our unique, enriching edutainment programs. In each lesson, we teach theories that are related to science, technology engineering and mathematics (STEM). Our students comprehend these theories through building our exclusive models. Every Young Engineers student leaves our courses with a sense of achievement, and with the tools to maximise their everyday life.

Enrichment Programs

 ALGO BUDDY	Ages 4-6 Lesson duration 45 min.	 GALILEO TECHNIC	Ages 7-10 Lesson duration 75 min.
 BIG BUILDERS	Ages 4-6 Lesson duration 45 min.	 ROBOTICS	Ages 12-15 Lesson duration 90 min.
 BRICKS CHALLENGE	Ages 6-10 Lesson duration 75 min.	 ROBO TOYS	Ages 12-15 Lesson duration 90 min.
 ALGO PLAY	Ages 6-10 Lesson duration 75 min.		

WORKSHOPS

GOLDEN AGE BIRTHDAY! BUILD UP CAMPS PRO

CODING CLUB

“
Every child born this century
should learn to code!

- Bill Gates

“
My son loves your classes and
what you offer is exceptional!

- Joanna, Wanstead



LIMITED
PLACES

Innovation Pod will be
running its award-winning
Coding Clubs at your school!

NEW
MODULES
& ACTIVITIES
EACH
TERM



ESSENTIAL
SKILLS FOR
YOUR
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In our award-winning coding clubs, we teach children the fundamental skills of coding through a range of fun challenges. These skills underpin computer programming and, therefore, Computer Science as a discipline.

Moreover, we draw our attainment targets from the national curriculum ensuring that everything the children learn in our clubs will directly impact their progress at school and will give them essential skills for their futures.



To find out more about our clubs at your school
simply scan the QR code. You can also sign up or log
into your account through our website.

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