

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term 2018

Edition 02

Friday, 21st September 2018

A note from the Headteacher

The children have been getting back into their routines this week, with them starting their PE and Games sessions and Phonic sessions; it is great to see the children so enthused by their learning and eager to participate! On my walks around the classrooms each day, I know our children are settled and show excellent behaviour for learning. This week, I had the privilege to teach our new Birch class and Cedar class, and I have been impressed by how well the children have established themselves in their new classes, especially in Reception after just two weeks!

Our hot meals have started this week, and these have proven very popular once again! I encourage as many of you as possible to take this up for your child (they are free in Reception, Year One and Year Two!) A reminder that children bringing their own lunches should have a balanced, healthy content; I have seen occasions this week where children are having lots of sweet, sugary foods, with very little food which is going to give them the energy to last all day. Also, please remember we are a nut-free school! Next week will be an exciting week for us with the BBC filming event on Wednesday – but please remember you must return your consent forms.

Have a lovely weekend,

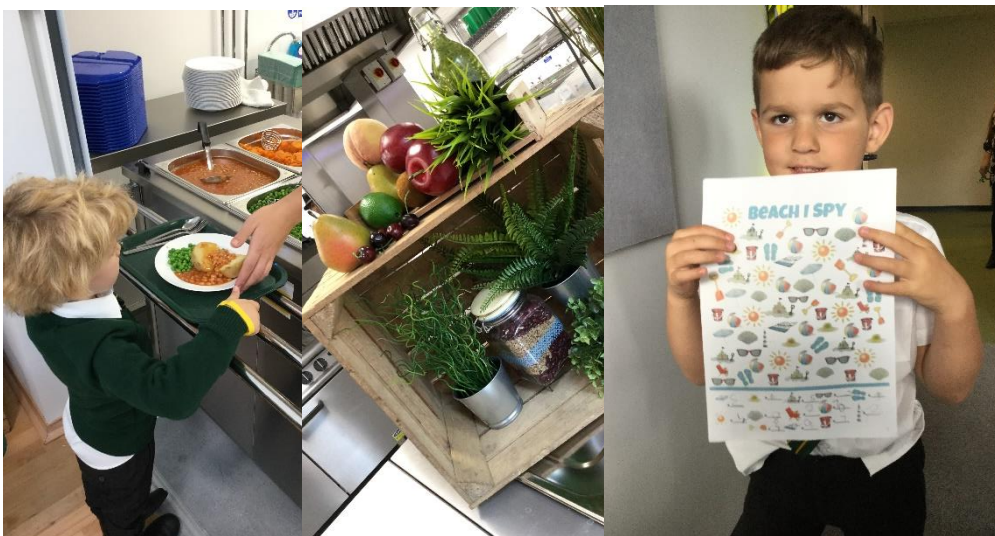
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Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



“I’ve learned that in the Stone Age they didn’t have any entertainment, or electricity and they used flint to sharpen their tools. They would have lived in caves and it would have been really cold.”
***Keira and Callum,
Cedar Class***

Talking about what they learned in their theme lesson this week about the Stone Age



(LEFT/MIDDLE) Our new kitchen is up and running!; (RIGHT) Rio has been showing Mr. Wanford his beach phonic sounds he’s been practicing!

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Celebration Assembly

Each week, the school comes together and celebrates a variety of achievements across the week. Our certificate of achievement is awarded to children who have demonstrated that they have applied their learning and put in great effort. We also have a certificate of progress, which is awarded to children who have shown a marked difference in their learning over the last week or so, and have made great progress in their learning and development.



Celebrations this week were:

	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	<i>For...</i>
Willow (YR)	Ellie	Being a fantastic role model to the class, always making the right choices!
Birch (YR)	James	Taking responsibility and always tidying up after himself!
Elm (Y1)	Maddison	Always being kind and supporting her friends!
Beech (Y1)	Ema	Working really hard in phonics and using what she has learnt in her writing!
Oak (Y2)	Mayookha	Writing a fantastic descriptive poem in English!
Cedar (Y3)	Urvi	Writing a fantastic poem by numbers!

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Willow (YR)	Amelia	Being a great helper around the classroom, always helping her peers!
Birch (YR)	Cairo	Setting a good example to the rest of the class when sitting on the carpet!
Elm (Y1)	Dennie	Writing a sentence in English with a capital letter and full stop!

Beech (Y1)	Arthur M	Working really hard in maths and finding different ways to group objects!
Cedar (Y3)	Thomas	Making great improvements in his presentation!

BBC Filming – Next Wednesday (26th)

A reminder that next Wednesday, the BBC will be spending the day at Green Ridge, meeting the children and Miss. Imbriano as part of the television programme they will be making to coincide with the national teaching heroes event next month. Mr. Wanford has sent a letter home this week requiring you to give your consent for your child to be included within this. Please remember to return the form to school by Monday. It is important to note that if you have not given your consent for your child to be filmed, then you must use the entrance to the main hall at the front of the building on Wednesday morning, so we can ensure that they are kept away from the cameras. This is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that they bring their child through this entrance on Wednesday. The school has given sufficient notice for this. If you choose to come through the main gate, you are making the choice to be included in any of the filming done at the gate.

Internet Safety – Parents and Children

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published a blog [here](#) outlining ways in which parents and carers can help keep their children safe as they start to spend more time online during time outside of school. Tips include: have positive conversations with children about the internet; take the opportunity to learn more about the apps, games and services children are using and find out about their reporting and blocking features; and make a family agreement about how all family members use the internet.

Parking and Vehicle Access

We have noticed that a number of cars turning into the school and using the drop-off area are going quite fast, putting our children and families in danger. There have been several near-misses as cars turn into the school, and parents/children are walking along the path and not stopped or looked at cars turning in. Please can we ask that pedestrians take care to look both ways before crossing the turning, and that cars approach the turning with caution of young children on bikes and scooters.

The accessibility drop-off bays at the front of the school are also being abused; there are two designated spaces for disabled use directly outside the school. We have a number of parents/carers who have

a blue badge and require use of these spaces. You will be asked to move if you park in here without a blue badge, and we ask that you do not block these spaces either.

Harvest Festival

You will be receiving a letter next week about our final arrangements for our Harvest festival which takes place on the 4th October, along with more specific information about the donations which we would very much welcome.

Curriculum Booklets

Today, children in Reception, Year One, Year Two and Year Three should have brought home their curriculum booklet which outlines your child's learning over this coming term. Please do take some time to look through to see how you may be able to support your child at home as well. If you would like a copy of this, they can be found on our website within your child's year-group page under the 'Curriculum' tab.

Water bottles

There are a number of children across the academy who do not have a personalised water bottle with them each day. For reasons of hygiene as well as convenience and practicality, we ask that your child is sent in with a named water bottle that they can refill as necessary. We do not have sufficient cups or washing facilities to provide each child with an individual cup each day. Thank you.

PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday, 28th September

Just a reminder that next week we are hosting the World's Biggest Coffee Morning and supporting Macmillan's biggest fundraising event support people facing cancer.



Our PTA are asking for parents and carers to come along after the morning drop-off on Friday, 28th September from 9.00am until 10.30am in the hall. We would love for some parents/carers to help us out with baking (or even just bringing!) a cake of some description to share with other parents/carers. It would be wonderful if everyone could make a contribution – either by bringing a cake along or by making a small donation on the day. The PTA will provide tea and coffee, and we hope that it will be another great opportunity for all of our new and existing parents and carers to come together for a natter all in aid of a good cause. Younger siblings are also very welcome!

We kindly ask for any cakes donated for the coffee morning, contain no nuts due to allergies.

If you are able to drop us an e-mail to pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk to let us know if you are happy to bring a cake along, this would really help us prepare for the event and know what to expect. Thank you.

e-Safety Magazine

#DITTO is a free online safety (e-safety) magazine for schools, organizations and parents to keep you up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. A new edition is released approx. every 6 weeks. You can find a copy online [here](#).



Busy Living Breakfast/After School Club - changes

Please note that from next week, we are making some changes to the way in which children come in and out of Busy Living. This is because of feedback we have received about gaining entrance to the school when nobody is available at Reception to let you in.

Any child attending Breakfast club should be taken around the back of the school, entering via the pedestrian gate by the Early Years playground, past the bike sheds and turn immediately right – following the path around until they come to the external door for Busy Living. Parents collecting from the club will also be asked to pick up from here, rather than the main entrance. We will ensure that gates are open from 7.30am to allow parents to access the Busy Living room, and will then close at 8.15am before the start of the school day and others parents arriving. Gates will then close in the evening at 6.00pm when Busy Living finish.

Book change days

Please note that book change days have moved to a Monday and a Thursday in Year One, Year Two and Year Three.

Phonics and Reading Workshop – reminder

Just a reminder that we will be running a workshop on Tuesday 25th September at 2.15pm and then again at 7pm at the academy where all parents and carers are warmly invited, particularly for those in Reception and in Little Ridges. We ran this session successfully last year, and parents commented how helpful it was. During the workshop, we will explain in more detail about how the school teaches our children to read through our phonic system, and the expectations of

reading at home with your child and the books they will have access to. Please do come along if you can make it; younger siblings are also welcome of course! Please note, if you attended last year you are more than welcome to come along again and join us, but the content will be very similar to last year.

Meet the Teacher Meetings – Reminder

Don't forget the Meet the Teacher meeting for Reception which takes place next week. When arriving for the meeting, please enter via the main entrance when you arrive. For those parents/carers who are unable to attend, a hand-out pack of presentation slides and any other relevant information will be passed on to your child the following day. These will also be available on our website under your child's year-group page.

Year Group	Date	Time	Location
Reception (Willow and Birch)	Monday, 24 th September	2.15pm	Main Hall

Prospective Parent Information events

We are holding a number of open events for prospective parents, carers and children to come and visit the school and meet Mr Wanford and the team of staff. The events are as follows:

Little Ridges Nursery

- Wednesday, 19th September 2018, 9.15-10.30am (for January 2019 intake)
- Monday, 7th January 2019, 9.15-10.30am (for April 2019 intake)
- Tuesday, 19th March 2019, 1.45-3.00pm (for September 2019 intake)

Main School (Reception, September 2019 intake)

The events are as follows:

- Wednesday, 10th October 2018, 9.15-10.45am
- Wednesday, 17th October 2018, 1.45-3.15pm
- Tuesday, 30th October 2018, 7.00-8.30pm
- Thursday 15th November 2018 9.15-10.45am

The open event will give you an opportunity to have a tour of the school. Mr Wanford will give a short presentation at all events about the academy, its vision and ethos, and helpful information to those parents and carers who apply to Green Ridge.

To book a place at one of the open events, or to find out about availability in other year groups, please e-mail admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk or call the school on 01296 326320.

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Birch Class for the best attendance this week!

Birch (YR)	100%	Willow (YR)	98.7%
Beech (Y1)	98.0%	Elm (Y1)	95.0%
Oak (Y2)	98.5%	Cedar (Y3)	99.6%

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

21 st	YR Meet the Teacher Meeting, 2.15pm (hall)
22 nd	2.15pm/7.00pm – Phonics workshop for parents (hall)
23 rd	BBC filming day
24 th	
25 th	9.00am – McMillan Coffee morning

Letters sent home this week

BBC Filming at Green Ridge – 19 09 18
 Parent/ Carer Survey-2017/2018 – 20 09 18
 Year 2- Trip to St. Paul's Cathedral – 21 09 18