

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term 2018

Edition 03

Friday, 28th September 2018

A note from the Headteacher

It was great to see a number of parents/carers this morning at the Macmillan coffee morning and thank you to all those who generously baked or donated cakes. I hope that the morning enabled you to learn a bit more about the PTA and how you can be involved, and I really hope that our PTA can go from strength to strength as it grows this year.

We've had another busy week at Green Ridge, and the BBC filming which took place on Wednesday went very well, with the crew commenting on how polite and well-mannered our pupils were. If the programme airs, we will of course remind you to watch out for it!

Our temporary building is slowly disappearing in the car park and thank you again for your patience with the drop-off and car-parking situation. Within a matter of weeks, we should have our site back up and running with greater parking facilities.

We have also become aware of a number of children playing fighting related games that they are copying from games they play online. Please could we ask for your support to ensure that your child understands that virtual games are one thing, but in school, we keep our hands and legs to ourselves. This is a key message we are reinforcing with all classes.

Enjoy your weekend,



Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



“Lovely presentation from well informed and passionate teachers. Love how resources are readily shared with parents.”

“Very interesting and informative.”

Parent comments

Talking about the Phonics and reading workshop this week



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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)	Logan	Having a 'can do' attitude within the class and having a go at the challenges independently!
Birch (YR)	Talha	Persevering with his letter formation in phonics!
Elm (Y1)	Harry	Using his problem solving skills to work out a puzzle!
Beech (Y1)	Elexy	Working really hard in phonics and doing well in her spellings!
Oak (Y2)	Rylee	Making a huge effort with reading fluency in school and at home!
Cedar (Y3)	Callum	Showing hard work and perseverance in maths!

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Willow (YR)	Inaya	Listening well to the phonics rhymes and forming her letters carefully!
Birch (YR)	Izzy	Using her curiosity and trying lots of new challenges!
Elm (Y1)	Shannon	Using resources to answer missing number problems!
Beech (Y1)	Tyla B	Working really hard and ordering numbers in maths!

Cedar (Y3)	Zack	Learning his number bonds 10 and 100!
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BBC Filming

The BBC captured some great moments during their visit this week, including Year One who had discovered that their book bags had been taken by someone and locked in a treasure chest, which could only be opened by cracking number bond codes! The children worked frantically to calculate all the sums so that they could find the keys to get their book bags back, and the children have since told us they plan to get their revenge on the anonymous bag-snatcher! Watch out Miss. Imbriano and Miss. Gardiner!



During the day of filming, the BBC managed to talk with and interview some of our children, and speak with some of our parents/carers. Thank you to everyone who made the day such a success, and most importantly our children for being an absolute delight to work with. They really are ambassadors for Green Ridge!



Spellings

Children in Years 1-3 should have brought home their spelling books last Friday and again today. These spellings are linked directly to the phonics learning they have been completing in their groups. The children will be tested each Friday. Phonic information for Reception children will follow shortly.

Harvest Festival – next week

Just a reminder that next Thursday (4th October) we have our Harvest Festival sharing assembly. You will

have received a letter home this week giving more detail and a suggested list of items, which we would be very grateful if you are able to donate. Please remember to bring these in by Wednesday, so that we can make our Harvest display ahead of our assembly.

The assembly will start at 9.15am and parents will enter the hall through the external door to the main hall after drop-off. Please note that buggies and prams will need to be left outside. We look forward to seeing you there!

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all those parents in YR, Y2 and Y3 who attended the meet the teacher sessions over the last few weeks. For any parents who were unable to make this, you can find a copy of the information provided on our website under your child's year-group page.

Phonics and Reading Workshop

Thank you to all those parents and carers who came along to learn more about how we teaching phonics and reading at Green Ridge on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can find a copy of the information provided [here](#).

PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everybody who came in today and supported this very worthwhile cause. It was lovely to see so many parents turning up for this, and giving us your feedback and input to the school. A fantastic £108.51 was raised and will be sent on to Macmillan to help those in need.



Nursery Entrance

Nursery parents & carers will be pleased to know that the entry doors are now fully installed and working! Please [press 2 followed by the call button](#) to alert staff inside the nursery who can then release the door for you to enter. If you arriving for am or pm sessions you need to enter via the playground as usual, this is for access outside of these hours, for example breakfast/after school sessions. Please exit the building through these same doors as unaccompanied adults are not permitted to walk through the school building for safeguarding reasons.

School Entrance

Parents & carers who need access to the main school should [press 1 followed by the call button](#) to alert a member of staff to release the main door. May we remind parents that the office is open between 8:15am-4:00pm and collections from Busy Living after school club should be made directly from the external doors of the club via the rear playground. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Parking

We appreciate that parking around the school site is challenging at the moment, but could we ask that parents & carers respect our neighbours when choosing a place to leave their car. We have received phone calls regarding cars blocking access to homes and concerns about parking on the white zig-zag lines by the zebra crossing which makes crossing the road hazardous. Additionally, the disabled parking bays are for blue badge holders only and must not be obstructed or used by any other vehicles. We appreciate your assistance with keeping our school safe for pedestrians.

Plea from Early Years

Our new outside stages will shortly be arriving and in order to allow the children to put on shows, we are asking for donations of old clothes or dressing up outfits. If you have any old clothes (adult or children) such as hats, shoes, wigs, jumpers then we would very happily take them off your hands for the children to be creative with. We would also welcome any dressing up outfits or accessories that are no longer needed. Many thanks.

Elm and Beech WOW day

On Monday, Elm and Beech had a fantastic day exploring different types of transport. They started the day with a visit from Tommy and his motorbike. They found out where the petrol and oil were put in and that it can go 180mph! After this, they got their boarding passes and went on 'Green Ridge Airways' and they were served snacks from the 'crew'. When they landed,



they had to help change some tyres and build some tracks. At the end of the day, they received a postcard from Eddie Explorer, some pictures of the transport he has been on, and his favourite book called *Runaway Train!*

Midnight Marathon!

Last Saturday night Mrs. Mackie, Mr. Ladyman and Miss. Ladyman took part in the Shine London marathon walk to raise money for Cancer Research. They walked in a team of 17 others, all night long, to finish the 26.2 miles at 6.30am on Sunday raising over £12,000. Well done to them and such an amazing achievement!



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.

House Points

Well done to Disraeli House for gaining the most points this week!

House	Points this week	Total
Disraeli	207	207
Pratchett	173	173
Austin	195	195
Redgrave	164	164

Weekly Attendance

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

Birch (YR)	98.6%	Willow (YR)	97.3%
Beech (Y1)	96.3%	Elm (Y1)	98.0%
Oak (Y2)	97.4%	Cedar (Y3)	98.3%

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

1 st	
2 nd	9.00-9.25am, YR-Y3 Phonics Stay & Learn session
3 rd	Whole-school flu vaccinations
4 th	National Poetry Day
5 th	Y2 Oak Trip to London

Letters sent home this week

Parking arrangements – Update 25 09 2018
 Harvest Festival Assembly 25 09 2018
 Flu Vaccine Reminder 26 09 2018
 MacMillan Coffee Morning 26 09 2018
 Year R Screening programme 28 09 2018