

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term 2018

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Friday, 2nd November 2018

A note from the Headteacher

I hope all of our families had an enjoyable half-term break and had a chance to re-charge their batteries in readiness for our next half-term. Autumn seems to have landed on us rather quickly with a noticeable drop in the temperature and the dark evenings drawing in. Please can I ask that you ensure your child has a coat (and gloves, scarf etc.) in school each day from now on so that they are able to play outside whatever the weather may be. We are now in our 'winter uniform', so please can I also ask that any of the summer dresses or shorts are no longer worn.

We started the half-term with our really positive news of Miss. Imbriano winning the national award for 'Best Newly Qualified Teacher of the Year', and I know so many of our parents, carers, children and community tuned in to watch Green Ridge appear on the TV; it's hard to think that a whole 6 hours of filming was condensed into under 2 minutes! Thank you to all of those who have expressed their gratitude to Miss. Imbriano and sent cards and gifts of appreciation – this is really wonderful and shows your tremendous support. Check out the article in the Bucks Herald this week [here](#).

Stay safe this weekend and enjoy any firework events you may be going along to!

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Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



"We would love for our son to come to Green Ridge! He loves coming to Nursery as it is!"

"We really enjoyed our tour of the school!"

Parent feedback

**Prospective Parent
Open Evening
November 2018**



(LEFT); Y2 Oak Class are learning all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot! (RIGHT); Miss. Imbriano picks up her gold teaching award.

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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>
Birch (YR)	Oliver	Maintaining focus and attention when learning and sitting on the carpet and continuing to contribute to class discussions!
Willow (YR)	Miggy	Settling into Green Ridge Primary Academy quickly and already following classroom routines well!
Beech (Y1)	Julia	Finding lots of interesting shapes during our shape hunt around!
Elm (Y1)	Mia-Jade	Being a great role model at all times and working hard in every lesson!
Cedar (Y3)	Joseph	Great enthusiasm in our new science topic which helped him remember the facts we had learned!

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Scarlett	Using her courage to join in with class discussions and singing songs and showing enthusiasm with her learning!

Willow (YR)	Joshua	Persisting with challenges given, working hard to begin to blend sounds independently!
Beech (Y1)	Max	Writing a great sentence and showing brilliant letter formation!
Elm (Y1)	Kyla	Making progress in her writing with spellings and presentation!
Oak (Yr 2)	Laila	Coming into Oak class with a big smile on her face every day this week!
Cedar (Y3)	Finley	Increased independence in his writing!

Cracking Times Table Awards

Each week during our celebration assembly, we also award certificates to children for their progress in knowing and recalling their multiplication facts. This week the following awards were given:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Level</i>
Norah	1
Imogen	2
Mayookha	3
Kanuyan	6

PAP Stars

'PAP' stands for Presentation, Accuracy and Productivity. Each week, we're looking for someone who ensures their work is presented neatly and takes pride in it, ensures they do the right amount of work, and take care to ensure their learning is accurate.

Well done to the following PAP stars this week at Green Ridge!

Elm (Y1)	Samuel	Beech (Y1)	Arthur ML
Oak (Y2)	Jasper	Cedar (Y3)	Jake

Diwali

Next week, children across the academy will be learning and celebrating about the Hindu festival of Diwali (which takes places on Wednesday, 7th November).

Speak Out, Stay Safe Parent Workshop

Next week, children in Year One, Two and Three will be having workshops delivered by the NSPCC about how to keep themselves safe.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC *Speak out, Stay safe* Programme, we are running a parent/carer information session which will include all the resources we are sharing with your children, including how you can support at home. This will be run on **Tuesday, 6th November at 2.00pm** in the hall. We would encourage as many parents/carers as possible to attend this extremely worthwhile session. You can also find some frequently asked questions on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools or please come and speak to one of the staff about the programme.

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can also find out more and download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe

Curriculum Booklets – Look out!

If your child is in YR-Y3, they will have brought home a copy of their curriculum booklet which details what your child will be learning over this coming half-term. Please do take the time to look over this and see how you can support your child with their learning at home.

Poppies – Remembrance

As an academy, all the children will be learning about Remembrance Day, ahead of 11th November and doing some artwork as part of this in an age-appropriate way. Next Friday we will be taking all the children in YR-Y3 outside for a two minutes silence at 11am.



As 2018 marks the 100 years since the end of World War One, there is an increased national focus on this,

and within the academy, we will be ensuring we teach our children about the reason we mark this particular day, linking it to our British values of Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect.

The Royal British Legion have provided us with poppies to sell and also a range of other small merchandise such as rubbers and pencils for parents/carers and children to purchase in aid of donation to their charity. The poppies and merchandise will be available at our Reception desk and some of our Year Three pupils will be going around classes to sell the poppies. There is a suggested donation amount for some of the merchandise, but poppies are for any donation which you would like to give. If you or your child would like to purchase one of the items, please send in the donation in a named, sealed envelope with your child to avoid any loose change going missing and children being upset should money get lost!

Merchandise items:

Ruler	£1.00
Pencil	50p
Eraser	50p
Pencil Sharpener	50p
Poppy Reflector	50p
Poppy	Donation

Beacons of Light Remembrance Service – 11th November

To commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War, Berryfields Parish Council are holding a service of remembrance and lighting of Beacons on Sunday, 11th November. The service will be taking place at Roman Park (at the top of Aylesbury Vale Parkway Station).

Mr Wanford and other staff will be attending the event, along with children in Oak and Cedar Class who are singing during the service. The service will finish by 7.15pm. The Remembrance service is open to everyone to attend. Please do come along and join us for this important commemorative event.

Learning Environments



Over half-term, our staff have been working hard at ensuring our classrooms are engaging for our children, creating a stimulus for their learning over the coming term. Here you can see Little

Acorns learning all about 'Little Miss Muffett', Year Two learning all about Guy Fawkes, and Year One learning



about the Three Little Pigs and materials amongst lots of other classrooms throughout the academy!



Little Ridges Nursery



First week back after half term and all of the children in Little Ridges were keen to get back in to the swing of things! Little Berries have been introduced to their new topic of 'On The Move'- This week we have been looking at how we move our bodies and different modes of transport. We have made a car out of a large

box which we painted and put on a private number plate!

Little Acorns are learning all about Nursery Rhymes this half term. The reading corner has been transformed into 'Little Miss Muffets Corner' and the children have enjoyed making spiders and reading stories on the toadstools but also learning the rhyme of Miss Muffet.



Reception



On Monday we introduced the new topic, 'Helping Hands' to the children. The children discussed who helps them with their talk partners and we came up with a mind map of different people who help us!

Many children

have been accessing our Fire Engine Reading Area, remembering to squirt 'water', in between reading, to any flames they may



have spotted! Our Role Play Area has also been transformed into a Hospital! There have been many doctors, nurses and surgeons in action, taking care of their patients. We have even observed some fantastic mark making through the children writing prescriptions, patient forms and taking notes from telephone messages. We look forward to a nurse visiting today to find out more!

Year One

Yesterday, Elm and Beech class spent some of their day outside as part of their celebration for Outdoor Classroom Day. The children were extremely excited and couldn't wait to enjoy the outdoors. To start, they all wrapped up warm and then drank some hot squash while they enjoyed the fresh air. Then they completed some Maths challenges around the playground, making shapes with certain items or counting the steps from one side of the playground to the other. The rain started, but they managed to get outside in between to complete more Maths activities and build on their relationships by working together in groups.



Year Two

Oak class had the important job of becoming police detectives this week to investigate a disturbance that occurred in the early hours of Tuesday morning. A suspicious character broke into our classroom and trashed it! Leaving behind a trail of sticky porridge, a broken chairs and a lock of golden hair. We had great fun looking for evidence and writing a police incident report.



Year Three



This week Cedar Class started learning about recount writing in English. On Tuesday, the children completed a cold task and write about their half term holidays. It sounds like lots of you had an exciting week! To support our learning, the children have been learning our

model text which is based on *The Twits* by Roald Dahl and finding out what horrible things Mr and Mrs Twit did to each other. Ask your child to use the text map in the picture to tell you what happened.

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

- 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:

- 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 Austin House for gaining the most points this week!

House	Points this week	Total
Disraeli	60	472
Pratchett	74	479
Austin	26	458
Redgrave	27	392

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Oak Class for achieving 100% attendance this week!

Birch (YR)	97.7%	Willow (YR)	97.3%
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Beech (Y1)	94.8%	Elm (Y1)	94.3%
Oak (Y2)	98.6%	Cedar (Y3)	98.3%

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

5 th	
6 th	2.00pm – Speak out, Stay safe workshop for parent (in hall)
7 th	
8 th	
9 th	11.00am – Remembrance Service (in school for children)

Letters sent home this week

National Teaching Award at Green Ridge! 23 10 18
 Outdoor Classroom Day – Year 1. 30 10 18
 Curriculum Overview – Year's R-3. 01 11 18