

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term 2019

Edition 21

Friday, 1st March 2019

A note from the Headteacher

Spring is here! I hope that everyone enjoyed the half-term break and has come back ready for another action-packed half-term. The weather was certainly kind to us over the break and we were lucky enough for this to continue to up to Wednesday this week at least! Just a polite reminder that our summer uniform does not come into effect until the summer term (after Easter) so we ask that shorts/summer dresses are not worn until then. Children should still be bringing their coats as normal each day, as the weather temperature has dropped again and they do need them at break and lunchtime when outside for longer periods. A number of children have also been without their PE kits this week so please ensure your child has the correct kit in school for their PE days.

You will have seen my letter yesterday about the Momo challenge and I just wanted to re-iterate the sensitivity around this subject area, given the mixed messages from the media. It is important that our children learn to use the devices they have safely and supervised; please do just be vigilant about what your child is accessing and encourage them to talk to you if they feel worried or unsure. Sometimes taking devices away only creates further distrust but letting them use them supervised, is far more supportive. If you do have any questions or are not sure to what to say to your child, please do just come and ask one of the staff.

Have a lovely weekend,

A. A. Wanford.

Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



"I was extremely impressed by my visit to Green Ridge this week. What a very calm, quiet and orderly environment! The children were very polite, and it was clear to see that the children had a great sense of pride in their new school!"

**Visiting resident,
26/02/19**

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(LEFT) Enrichment morning Zumba before half-term; (MIDDLE) Alice in Wonderland production; (RIGHT) Always lunch and hot chocolate!

Celebrations and Achievements

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)	Corey	Writing a super sentence about castles, remembering key facts and using his phonic skills to hear the sounds within the words!
Willow (YR)	Joshua	Being keen to learn about 3D shapes, identifying 3D shapes around the classroom and beginning to learn about the properties!
Beech (Y1)	Keyan-Lee	Coming in every day this week with a big smile!
Elm (Y1)	Tatiana	Working hard this week to share her ideas with the class and participate fully in her learning!
Oak (Y2)	Olaf	Increasing the quantity and quality of his work all week in English and Maths!
Cedar (Y3)	Thomas	Taking on the role of narrator in our drama sessions and reading confidently out loud.

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Sreejan	Applying his phonic skills when reading and showing huge progress with his blending!
Willow (YR)	Archie	Working hard on his fine motor skills to develop his pencil control and letter formation!
Beech (Y1)	Jacob	Making good progress counting in 2's, 5's and 10's!
Elm (Y1)	Lily-Rose	Making progress in Maths with her reasoning and giving explanations for her opinions!
Oak (Y2)	Noah	Challenging himself and making an extra effort with his presentation!
Cedar (Y3)	Gloria	Exceptional progress with Cracking Times Tables!

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>
Finlay, Dexter, Rhylee	1
Raisha, Isla	2
Taya, Sophia, Katie	3
Norah, Bella	4
Rosie	7
Anya, Urvi	9
Gloria	10
Kanuyan	12
Mayookha	13
Vincent	14

PAP Stars

'PAP' stands for Presentation, Accuracy and Productivity. Well done to the following PAP stars this week at Green Ridge!

Elm (Y1)	Kyla	Beech (Y1)	Arthur S
Oak (Y2)	Daniella	Cedar (Y3)	Paige

'Always' award

Our 'always' reward recognises children who are always going above and beyond in whatever way they can – whether this be in their learning, their manners, their helpfulness or general daily life at Green Ridge. Children who are nominated for this award each week are invited to have lunch with either Mr. Wanford, Mrs. Mackie or Mr. English on the following week. This week, Mr. Wanford and Mrs. Mackie had the pleasure of sharing lunch with six children from across the academy and some of the highlights are shown here!



Weekly Attendance

Well done to Elm Class for achieving the best attendance this week!

Birch (YR)	96.9%	Willow (YR)	98.0%
Beech (Y1)	99.3%	Elm (Y1)	100%
Oak (Y2)	98.8%	Cedar (Y3)	99.7%

House Points

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

House	Points this week	Total
Disraeli	81	1354
Pratchett	146	1230
Austin	85	1104
Redgrave	149	1312



This week our 'always' children are as follows. They will have lunch with Mr. Wanford next Thursday:

Willow (YR)	Ellie	Birch (YR)	Poppy
Elm (Y1)	Mia-Jade	Beech (Y1)	Tyler L
Oak (Y2)	Anisa	Cedar (Y3)	Jess

What have we been learning?

Little Ridges Nursery



This week Little Berries have started a new topic, learning all about the farm! We have focused on the different animals and their young, seeing if we can name some of the babies. Also, our farm shop opened this week; we have been taking it in turns to be the shop keeper, buying and selling our farm produce. We also really

enjoyed the sunny weather we had at the beginning of the week, playing outside in the sand and water and making ice cream cupcakes with Miss Hussain. Starting a new term off with a bang, well done Little Berries.



This week Little Acorns were really excited to come back and discover a farm shop in the classroom. We have been selling and buying the fruits and vegetables to each other using the play money and looking closely at the weighing scales to see how heavy the fruit and vegetables are. As our new theme this term is 'Down on the farm' we will be learning a new farm animal each week. This week we have been focusing on a cow. We have learnt lots of interesting facts about how they produce their milk, what type of animal they are and what their young is called. Little Acorns are now looking forward to seeing the farm coming out to visit us on Wednesday and can't wait to see all of the different types animals and grow our brains further.

We have made the most of the nice weather earlier this week by spending lots of time outside. We have been building on our motor skills by writing on the Perspex board building. As always, we have continued developing our phonics knowledge by recapping and learning a few new sounds.

Reception

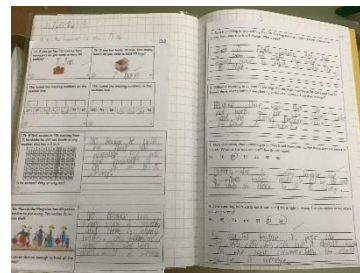


On Monday, we introduced the new topic: 'Turrets and Tiaras' to Willow and Birch class. The children did well to discuss what they would like to find out, thinking of questions to ask. They showed great curiosity about the topic and even decided what they would like in their castle role play area! The children have designed, painted and created the castle, including making their own crowns. In Maths, we have introduced 3D shape; the children have been encouraged to identify 3D shapes in the classroom environment. They have even used 3D shapes to create their own castles for the Maths challenge! We look forward to visiting Windsor castle next



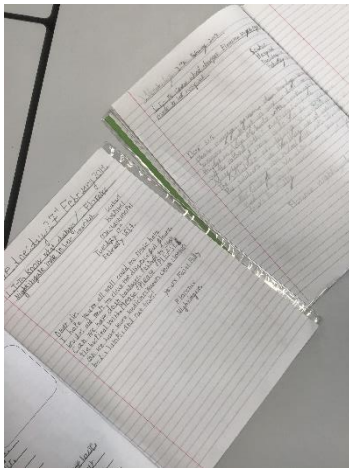
week to learn more about our topic!

Year One



Elm and Beech have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s this week. They have been using number squares and colouring them in to help them count in steps, forwards and backwards. They have then been applying this learning to different contexts, for example, filling in number tracks, using pictures to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and using problem solving skills to answer word problems. There has been a focus this week on reasoning skills also and the children have been writing why they know something and using their mathematical reasoning to back up their opinions. Lots of yellow learning dots have been given out!

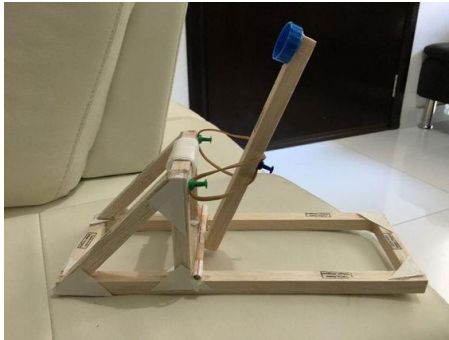
Year Two



This week Oak class began learning about the life of Florence Nightingale and her influences on nursing today. We researched her early life and discovered what a strong and resilient lady she was. In theme, we wrote letters as if we were Florence during her time in Turkey, writing to ask for more

medical supplies for her hospital.

Year Three



As you know, this term Cedar Class are continuing with their Romans theme. After consideration, Miss Chalmers has made a change to the D&T project that

the children will undertake at the end of this half term. Instead of designing and making Roman shields, the children will be researching, designing, making and testing Roman catapults. With this in mind, it would be much appreciated if families were able to donate any junk modelling items that they think might be useful for this project. Thank you in advance!

Word of the Day

The words we used this week are below; please do ask your child about them (they should be able to tell you what they mean and use them in a sentence). You'll also find next week's words as well, so if you can, get ahead and talk to your child about them!

w/c 25/02/19	Word of the day
Monday	weep
Tuesday	tearful
Wednesday	miserable
Thursday	foolish
Friday	mischief

w/c 04/03/19	Word of the day
Monday	munch
Tuesday	hunger
Wednesday	purr
Thursday	wiggle
Friday	melt

News items from this week

Annual Parental Report - Survey

Each year, each child receives a report summarising their end of year achievements, progress, and attendance throughout the last academic year. The annual report is meant to be helpful to parents/carers so that they understand how well their child is doing and what they need to do further to improve. It is important that we listen to parent views about what is or is not helpful to include within the reports, since these take a considerable amount of time and hard work by the teaching staff to put together outside of school hours. We want to make sure the information we provide is helpful and concise.

Mr. Wanford has been discussing this matter with the Parent Forum group recently, and a short survey for parents has been put together. The survey is available [here](#), and we would be really grateful if all parents/carers could follow the link and answer a few simple questions to help us better understand what information would be most helpful. The survey will close on Friday, 15th March. Thank you in advance for your feedback with this.

Cooking with the Family- Year 2 & 3 Parents

The 'Cooking with the Family' course is due to start on Thursday's from 7th March. Unfortunately, we do not yet have enough parents signed up to for this 5 week course to go ahead. There is a cost of just £1.00 per week to contribute towards the food bought but you get to take home what you have made! You will learn new recipes around eating healthily on a budget and gain ideas on how to encourage children to eat well both at home and school. If you would like to attend please ask at the school office for a flyer and return the form by **Monday 4th March**.

Hay Bales still needed

If anyone has or knows of anyone who is able to donate some hay bales to nursery we would be most grateful for our topic on the farm. Thank you!

Read-A-Thon

We hope you have all been enjoying reading lots of books over the last couple of weeks. Don't forget to send in your completed on the 5th March so we can tally up the number of books read.

World Book Day

Just a reminder that we are inviting the children to dress up as their favourite well-known book characters next Thursday for World Book Day, and prizes will be given during our special assembly for the most creative and imaginative costumes! There will be a boy and girl chosen from each class.

Please ask, wherever possible, that children do come as story book characters and not footballers, film characters, superheroes or Disney characters; the aim is to get children thinking about the books they read. Children will be participating in reading activities during the day as part of their daily lessons and will get the opportunity to listen and read to other children within the school.

Usborne books are going to be running a book fair on this day where you can browse and buy the books they have available. There will be a stall set up in the Library between 8.10am- 9.15am and 2.30pm- 4.00pm where you can come and have a look. Green Ridge will receive a percentage of free books for our library, dependant on how many books are sold so please buy generously!

Letters

Letters sent out to whole classes/ year groups are also available to access on the school's website. If you require an extra copy of a letter/ newsletter/ booklet please find them on the website under Parents/Carers and click on either letters or newsletters. Curriculum Booklets can be found under Curriculum and your child's class.

Main Entrance

Just a reminder that the school office is open between 8.15am-4:00pm each day. During these hours, the doors have now been set to open automatically. If you need to access the main entrance outside of these hours, you will need to ring the bell using the keypad to the right of the doors but please note that the office may not be manned.

Care when Driving

Before the half term break, a parent brought to our attention some very unsafe driving which almost caused one of our pupils to be hit by a car. We appreciate that everyone wants to pick their child up and get home quickly but please put the safety of our children, families and community first. Please take extra care when reversing, as children are not always easy to spot. We thank you for your support in this matter.

We Need You!

We Need You! We have a fantastic team of parent volunteers who are helping with a variety of things across the school. However, we still need more help to change reading books on a Monday and Thursday. If anyone has got any spare time and would like to join our team please can you let us know. Many thanks.

What's coming up?

11b411 Cake Sale

You will have received a letter from Mr. English today about the academy's 11b411 programme which we are beginning this term. The 11b411 is a programme where each child at Green Ridge Academy will experience 11 different activities before they leave in Year Six. This is something we wish all children to take part in and we are keen to ensure that any trips or activities are delivered at a reasonable cost, to enable every child to participate. Each year the academy will be taking part in fundraising for these trips/activities to ensure that we can keep these costs to a minimum.



This year, the fund raising activity will be a cake completion to be held on **Wednesday, 13th March**. For this, we are kindly asking parents and carers to bring in a cake, which will be brought to class at

the start of the day and then sold at the end of the day at 3.15pm in the Florence Nightingale Hall (our main hall).

We would love it if you could do some baking with your child and they make their own cakes and decorate to bring in but of course we appreciate not everybody may have time or the resources to do this! We will gladly accept any pre-made cakes as well! Fairy cakes, chocolate cornflake cakes and other such cakes are perfect! However, we do ask that none of the cakes or ingredients contain nuts, as we are a nut-free school. Therefore, please bear this in mind before bringing anything in. Ideally, please bring in your cake/cakes in disposable packaging/bags but if you do use a container, please ensure it is clearly named so it can be returned after the sale.

We hope this can raise a considerable amount of money which could heavily subsidise the cost of all 11b411 activities. This will make any trips more affordable to all parents and careers. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Book Look in classrooms – 13th March

On Wednesday 13th March, our classrooms from Reception – Year 3 will be open to parents from 3.15–4.00pm, in order to give parents/carers an opportunity to come in and look at their child's books and work since the last pupil learning review, last half-term. Please do just turn up at the end of the day and come

in to your child's classroom, and perhaps even visit the hall and buy a cake for our 11b411 cake sale!

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is fast approaching and this year the school will be raising money through a non-uniform day on Friday, 15th March. For this, we are asking for a £2 donation. In addition to the Red Nose Day celebrations, we will also be selling Red Noses at the front office for £1.

SPAG Parent Workshop

On Monday 25th March at 2.30pm and 6.00pm, Miss. Imbriano will be running a workshop for parents and carers on SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and how this is taught throughout the school. In this we will look at different elements of SPAG such as words types and sentence types and the different punctuation that children will learn as they progress through the school. We will also look at how you can support your children at home and share what is being taught in each year group. The focus will be on KS1 and KS2, however, parents and carers of Nursery and Reception children are also welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

200 Million Minutes

We have joined the 200 Million Minutes Reading Challenge – a global reading initiative from education charity Achievement for All. Beginning on World Book Day (Thursday 7th March 2019) children and young people from early years settings, schools, colleges, parents, carers, libraries, businesses and community groups from around the world will try to collectively read for 200 million minutes! Find out how you can help to eradicate child illiteracy and brighten futures at www.200millionminutes.org. A letter will be sent home next Tuesday.

Year One Parent Library Sessions

As the two dates clash with the writing course some parents are attending on Thursday afternoons, we have arranged an additional parent library session for Beech and Elm Classes. Beech will be at 2.30pm on 3rd April and Beech at 2.30pm on the 25th April; we hope you can join us.

Parent Forum Minutes

Parent Forum meetings are held regularly in school to allow parents to voice their opinions and suggestions through their class rep. The minutes are available for you to read on our website or [here](#)

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

- Tuesday, 19th March 2019, 1.45-3.00pm (for September 2019 intake)

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.

PTA News

Lottery

Green Ridge PTA is excited to announce we are joining the Vale Lottery scheme. Vale Lottery was created in 2015 by Aylesbury Vale District Council to support community projects in the local area. Each Vale Lottery ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! A ticket for the Vale Lottery costs £1 a week, with Green Ridge keeping 50p of every ticket sold from their page.

To buy lottery tickets, click [here](#) - Good luck!

'EasyFundraising'

Don't forget when doing you're shopping, booking your holiday or getting insurance to use 'Easyfundraising.' The school get funds every time you do. Use our easy link to join and start raising money! http://t.e.easyfundraising.org.uk/r/?id=h1c9a7558,554bab75,555a02ad&utm_source=adobecampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=referral-2019&utm_content=referral-supporter_oldnur_20190210&origin=R1860&p1=HWUN9D

Please be aware of the forthcoming dates for PTA meetings:

- Tuesday, 12th March, 9.00am
(All parents/carers invited, in school)

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

4 th	
5 th	
6 th	Visiting farm in Little Ridges Nursery all day YR trip to Windsor Castle
7 th	World Book Day (dress as a book character) Book Fair in school 1-3pm, Y1 parent writing course
8 th	International Women's Day

Letters sent home this week

Head Lice – Yr 3. 26 02 19

Roald Dahl Museum – Yr 2. 26 02 19

Home Learning Projects Yr's 1, 2 & 3. 28 02 19

Curriculum Booklets Yr R-3. 28 02 19

Momo Challenge Advice 28 02 19

Green Ridge Eleven Before Eleven. 01 03 19

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SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2019

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OUR FREE JUNIOR GOLF DAY AND TAKE PART IN ONE OF
THE FREE JUNIOR COACHING SESSIONS ON THE DAY.

9:00AM - 10:00AM

11:30AM - 12:30PM

1:00PM - 2:00PM

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