

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term 2019

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A note from the Headteacher

It was marvellous to see the children (and staff!) getting into the spirit for World Book Day yesterday. The children really did look amazing in their outfits and thank you for all your support (and time and energy) in ensuring your child was able to take part. The children had a great day and enjoyed lots of reading activities. A highlight for me was just seeing the children walking in through the gates and catching sight of all the other costumes and working out who everyone was – this was just so lovely to see and their enthusiasm. Year One also had a peculiar day when all their chairs 'quit' and they had to write letters to get them back... do ask them if they haven't already told you! (Don't worry, they were safely returned!) A particular thank you to Mrs. Mackie in leading all the events yesterday and leading up to World Book Day. It was great to see so many parents and children coming back for the book fair after school yesterday and I believe about £100 was raised. Don't forget the 'Get Caught Reading' challenge that Mrs. Mackie set; other information about World Book Day is later on in the newsletter.

Next week is a busy one again for us, with our 11B411 cake sale, Red Nose day and book-look drop-in session. We're really hoping to raise as much money as we can towards our enrichment programme so please, please do donate some cake (and come and buy some too!)

Have a great weekend,

A. A. Wanford

Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



"Wonderful effort from all the staff & children. It's lovely to see you all encouraging the children to get involved, read and love books as much as you all do!"

Rachel Leach
Chair of Governors
visiting on World Book Day
07/03/19

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(LEFT) Green Ridge staff fully immerse themselves with their Alice in Wonderland theme; (RIGHT) Jess enjoying her hot chocolate yesterday!

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)	Lily	Being a model pupil on our school trip- listening to the teachers and following the rules!
Willow (YR)	Harry	Working extremely hard on his letter formation; his recent piece of writing shows a huge improvement!
Beech (Y1)	Ethan	Writing a fantastic letter (2 sides long!) persuading the chairs to come back to our classroom!
Elm (Y1)	Sophia	Putting in a lot of effort in Maths and working hard to challenge herself and share all her ideas!
Oak (Y2)	Fergus	Making lots of effort with his presentation to ensure his work is beautifully neat!
Cedar (Y3)	Samprithi	Writing an excellent play script for Little Blue Winter Boots!

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Alicja	Being a resilient reader! She now shows determination and confidence when blending!
Willow (YR)	Wynn timer	Remembering her next steps in her writing, always trying hard to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in her sentences!
Beech (Y1)	Elijah	Progress in reading phase 4 adjacent consonant words!
Elm (Y1)	Jacob	Neater handwriting and great content in his writing and for practising at home!
Oak (Y2)	Alexander	Up-skilling his writing to include lots of fantastic description!
Cedar (Y3)	Rosko	Improving his presentation in all lessons!

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>
Harry	1
Alfie	2
Jess, Keira	4
Norah, Joseph, Veera	5
Shannon, Jake, Mustapha	7
Rosie, Daniella, Auben	8
Kanuyan	13
Mayookha	14

PAP Stars

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

Elm (Y1)	Rio	Beech (Y1)	Nathan
Oak (Y2)	Ramaa	Cedar (Y3)	Emmeleia

'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 Mr. English had the pleasure of sharing lunch with six children from across the academy and some of the highlights are shown here;

News items from this week



World Book Day Competition Winners

Well done to all our children for their efforts in dressing up for World Book Day; there was some tough competition as always, but some stand-out costumes were given to a boy and girl from each class as follows:

Class	Boy	Girl
Little Berries	Mark	Clara
Little Acorns	CJ	Megan
Willow (YR)	Henley	Winnie
Birch (YR)	Charlie	Adeena
Beech (Y1)	Dexter	Ema
Elm (Y1)	Alfie	Taya
Oak (Y2)	Noah	Imogen
Cedar (Y3)	Callum	Jess



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

Willow (YR)	Inaya	Birch (YR)	Adeena
Elm (Y1)	Vincent	Beech (Y1)	Theodore
Oak (Y2)	Aimee-Leigh	Cedar (Y3)	Zack

Weekly Attendance

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

Birch (YR)	99.3%	Willow (YR)	97.0%
Beech (Y1)	98.7%	Elm (Y1)	97.3%
Oak (Y2)	95.2%	Cedar (Y3)	94.7%

House Points

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

House	Points this week	Total
Disraeli	92	1446
Pratchett	101	1331
Austin	111	1215
Redgrave	104	1416



Mr. Wanford's star award for best overall costume went to Kallie-Rae in Cedar with her Mr. Stick outfit, made from items from local charity shops! Kallie even managed to have her toes on shoe too, just like Mr. Stink! Great effort Kallie-Rae!



What have we been learning?

Little Ridges Nursery



This week Little Berries have had a busy week. We learnt even more about our topic 'The farm' by welcoming the farm to the school. We discussed the different animals that they brought in and learnt new facts about them. We then heard the noises they all make first hand, before being allowed to stroke them! We have also had

'World Book Day' this week, we saw some amazing costumes of our favourite book characters and did a lot of lovely reading together. Another fantastic week Little Berries, well done.



What a fun crazy week Little Acorns have had! Firstly, this week we have been learning lots of new facts about a pig, our focus animal of the week. We have been building on our gross motor muscles

by washing all of the dirty pigs in the water to make sure they are nice and clean (as we know that they love rolling around in the mud to protect their skin!).

During the middle of the week we were all very excited for Ark Farm to come and visit us. We were able to continue growing our brains and learn lots of new facts about some more of the farm animals. It was fantastic to see all of Little Acorns using their courage to step into the pen and stroke each of the animals. We all couldn't believe how soft the sheep were. Our



favourite animals were the two baby goats, called socks and pants (Little Acorns found this rather funny).

On Thursday, it was fantastic to see so many of Little Acorns dressed up for World Book Day. Thank you to all the parents for their brilliant efforts with all the costumes. We spend most of the day celebrating all of our favourite stories and using our imagination to create our own Helicopter stories.

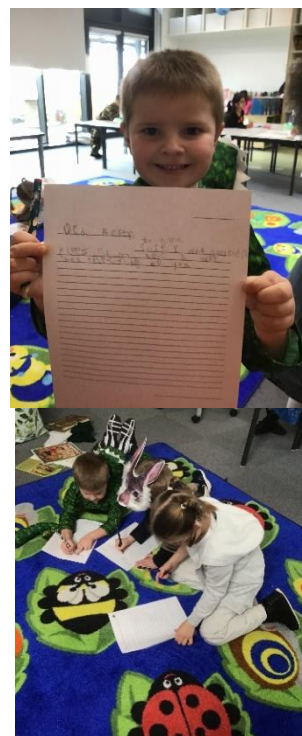
We are now all ready for another exciting few weeks ahead as Miss Ladyman and Mrs Linney have a few more surprises in store.



Reception

It has been an extremely exciting week for Willow and Birch class; they went on their second school trip and celebrated World Book Day! On Wednesday, Willow and Birch class visited Windsor castle and did well to point out different parts of the castle they had been learning about. They spotted the arrow slits, moat (which has now been turned into a garden), towers and identified that because the Union Flag was flying, unfortunately the queen was not in. For the 'Royal Homes' workshop the children were shocked and intrigued to hear that, a long time ago, the queen went to the toilet in a 'pot'! It was great to see all the children in such fantastic character costumes for World Book Day! The children were observed in their role, acting out different stories throughout the day.

Year One

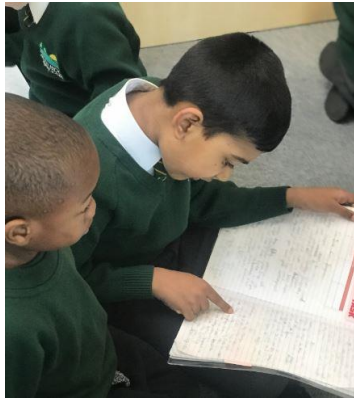


On World Book Day, Elm and Beech had a wonderful and full day of activities planned. However, whilst they were out at break, the chairs in the classrooms quit! They left the children letters that explained why they had left (reasons such as too much parping and swinging on them!). Elm and Beech decided to write letters to them to try and persuade them to come back. They apologised and promised they would take better care of them. They left their notes in the classroom on Thursday evening and by Friday morning they had returned

and they had left Year Once a book to read – ‘The Day the Crayons Quit’

Year Two

Oak class had a fantastic morning on Monday, when we visited the Little Acorns to share our traditional fairy tales that they wrote last week as their hot tasks. Oak class loved telling them all about their stories, and what the different words meant. This was a fantastic way of celebrating our fantastic hard work, as well as inspiring the next generation of mini writers. Thank you Miss Ladyman and Mrs Linney for having us!



Word of the Day

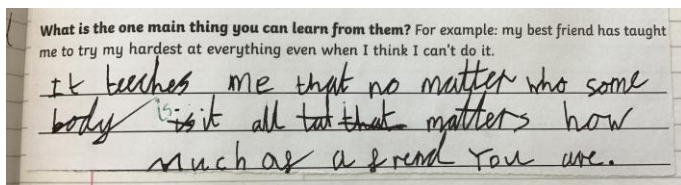
The words we used this week are below; please do ask your child about them (they should be able to tell you what they mean and use them in a sentence). You'll also find next week's words as well, so if you can, get ahead and talk to your child about them!

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

w/c 11/03/19	Word of the day
Monday	tangle
Tuesday	swing
Wednesday	sour
Thursday	shadow
Friday	enter

Year Three

To celebrate International Women's Day, this week in RE, Cedar Class were thinking about inspirational people. After discussing what it means to be inspired by someone, the children wrote about people that inspire them. The children were particularly interested in Malala and the work that she has done for women and girls in education. It was lovely to see all of the different people that the children chose to write about and the insightful and loving reasons for choosing that person. I'm sure the children will be proud to share their work with families when they next come in for a book look!



World Book Day

The children looked splendid in their book character costumes yesterday; there was a real buzz around the school as the children took part in many reading-themed activities and lessons throughout the day. Thank you to you everyone who helped make and purchase these costumes - the children really enjoyed wearing them and it was a great game for the children to recognise who was which character! A sample of some of our outfits as below!



Read-a-thon results!

Our children have done a lot of reading since half-term with the read-a-thon challenge! Today in our World Book Day assembly we totally up how many books each class had read, and our results were as follows:

Place	Books read	Class
1 st	287	Y2 Oak
2 nd	247	YN Little Acorns
3 rd	224	YR Birch
4 th	163	Y1 Elm
5 th	129	Y1 Beech
6 th	127	YR Willow
7 th	57	Y3 Cedar
8 th	12	YN Little Berries

Our first, second and third place winners will each be receiving 15, 10 or 5 books respectively for their classes. Thank you to everyone for taking part and

showing just how much reading we do and books we've read!

Little Ridges Point of contact

Miss Aliphon and Miss Bent are both room leaders for Little Berries. However, Miss Aliphon has now taken on more administrative responsibility for nursery functions such as sessions, funding and attendance whereas Miss Bent is responsible for the classroom and learning environment. Going forward, please speak with Miss Aliphon should you have any questions or queries regarding your child's nursery place (in either room) or to Miss Bent (Little Berries) or Miss Ladyman (Little Acorns) for day-to-day function and activities.

Staffing update

Sadly, Mrs. Rosser will be leaving at the end of next week to take up a new position a little closer to home. We would like to thank Mrs. Rosser for her support and commitment to us over the last year or so and making sure our office and systems run so smoothly! We wish her the very best for her next venture and whilst we continue to recruit for further administration staff, Miss Aliphon and Mrs. Erdos will continue to ensure our service delivery in Reception is not affected. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Gardening Donations

Next term YR are learning all about gardening. We would like to set up a role play garden centre so are looking for donations of plant pots, plants, watering cans, gardening equipment and anything else you think we might find useful. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Official Opening Ceremony – 18th March

Although slightly later than we were anticipating, we are preparing to formally 'open' our new building and academy on the 18th March. We recognise that we have been in the building now for some time, but with ongoing works, it has taken us some time to be able to get the necessary representatives together to formally open Green Ridge and celebrate the milestone we have reached so far.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to our official opening ceremony and assembly which will be held on Monday 18th March at 9.45am. We have a range of dignitaries attending from Buckinghamshire County Council, and representatives from all of the stakeholder groups (such as the designers, builders and planners) who have made Green Ridge possible. In addition to this, Cathie Paine, the Deputy CEO of REAch2 Academy Trust will be coming along to meet the staff and children. The academy will officially be opened by Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. Sir Henry is the Queen's official

representative, and so we are very honoured that he wishes to join us for this truly special occasion and help us celebrate.

The assembly will last approximately 45 minutes or so, and will include a short presentation from Mr. Wanford, along with Cathie Paine and Sir Henry, before we unveil our time capsule and its contents.

Due to the restricted space within the hall, the opening event is only open to parents and carers, not extended family members (e.g. nans and granddads, aunts and uncles etc.). In addition, due to the nature of the event, younger siblings/toddlers are not permitted for the event because of its length and space within the hall. We try to include our younger children wherever we can at events, but on this occasion, we will be clear that younger siblings are not able to attend.

All children in the academy will be part of the assembly, including those in Little Acorns. However, Little Berries children will not be in the assembly (due to their age and the time they would have to be sat etc. without adult support).

If parents/carers are attending, entrance will be via the external door outside the main hall. Doors will open at approximately 9.30am.

Cooking with the Family- Year 2 & 3 Parents

The 'Cooking with the Family' course started on 7th March and will run for a further four weeks on Thursdays. The deadline for joining has been extended. If you would like to come along please submit the bottom of the flyer **by Wednesday 13th March before 10am**. More forms are available in reception. 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.

Gold Bracelet

If anyone finds a gold bracelet around the school or if their child brings it home by accident please could you bring it into the school office where we will be able to pass it back to its owner. Thank you.

Annual Parental Report - Survey

Just a reminder that our 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 in their child's end of year report. The survey will close on Friday, 15th March. Thank you in advance for your feedback with this.

What's coming up?

11b411 Cake Sale – 13th March

This year, the fund raising activity for the 11b411 programme will be a Cake Competition 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 – Friday 15th March

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 are also be selling Red Noses at the front office for £1.

Science Week 2019

Next week is British Science Week, which we will be celebrating here at Green Ridge! The purpose of the week is to promote a love of science, build on scientific knowledge, ask lots of questions and have some fun!

Our theme is very 'egg-citing' and every class will be 'egg-sperimenting' through a range of investigations during the week. The children will be building on their working scientifically skills and learning new scientific vocabulary through a range of activities. Let's get thinking like scientists!

Should you have any eggs-tra eggs at home we would greatly appreciate you donating them to us for one of our many egg-cellent investigations!

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!

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 Elm at 2.30pm on the 25th April; we hope you can join us.

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

PTA Meeting

Please join us Tuesday 12th at 9am for our next meeting to share your thoughts on all things PTA including planning for our next events and planning for the summer fete!

'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

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

11 th	British Science Week begins Y2 trip to Roald Dahl Museum
12 th	
13 th	3.15pm – Parent book-look in classrooms (YR-Y3) 3.15pm – 11B411 Cake sale in the hall
14 th	1pm – Parent cookery course (Y2/Y3) 2.30pm – Y3 Cedar class assembly (parents invited and welcome)
15 th	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) Bring £2 and dress in red

Letters sent home this week

Birch Class Teaching Arrangements 05 03 19

Nursery Sessions – Autumn 2019. 05 03 19

Election of Parent Governor 05 03 19

Year One Animal Dress Up Day 05 03 19

200 Million Minutes Challenge 07 03 19

Whizzfizzing Festival – Yr 1 & 2. 07 03 19

PTA Easter Bonnet Competition and Parade 07 03 19