

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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A note from the Headteacher

On Wednesday, Year three Cedar class went on their 11B411 experience to Caldecotte Lake in Milton Keynes. In their groups, the children had a taster of three water sports; sailing, raft building and canoeing. After some basic instruction, the children were grouped into boats and left to put into practise what they had learned. They quickly picked up how to use oars to move and steer their canoe and how to adjust the sails and the rudder to direct their sailing boat. Although I'm really gutted I didn't get to accompany the children on this trip, both Mr. English and Miss. Chalmers tell me that it was fantastic to see the children working together and problem solving to secure their raft or steer their sailing boat. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time on Caldecotte Lake with many saying that they wanted to go back one day! We are extremely proud of our 11B411 programme, and hope that it will continue to enrich our children's experiences and wonderful memories before they leave Green Ridge and head to secondary school in a few years' time. Thank you to Mr. English for organising this, along with all the other experiences we are planning, and we look forward to all the children taking part in their different experiences over the coming years.

Have a great bank-holiday weekend and see you on Tuesday,

A. A. Wanford.

Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



"I really enjoyed the whole day, but my best bit was when we got to have a ride on a speed boat. It was really cool!"

***Rosko, Year 3,
Talking about this
experience at
Caldecotte Lake
this week***

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(LEFT/RIGHT); Gloria and Arthur had a great time with Year Three messing about on the lake this week for their 11B411 experience!

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)	Katherine	joining in so confidently with Helicopter stories.
Willow (YR)	Kiera	showing courageousness throughout many parts of this week and persevering with her writing, using digraphs in her work.
Beech (Y1)	Eva	working really hard on doubling and halving numbers and pushing herself to try challenge 3!
Elm (Y1)	Alfie	completing doubling and halving questions using a range of strategies!
Oak (Y2)	Lana	using her creativity and imagination throughout this week's descriptive poem writing.
Cedar (Y3)	Rosko	facing his fears and sailing a boat!

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Poppy	always challenging herself to improve her writing.
Willow (YR)	Yarina	always trying her best in phonics, blending words independently!

Beech (Y1)	Kian	using a range of sentence types in his introduction and conclusion paragraphs this week.
Elm (Y1)	Jessica	putting lots of effort into her Phonics lessons!
Oak (Y2)	Aimee-Leigh	confidently expressing her thoughts and ideas throughout this week's reading skills discussions.
Cedar (Y3)	Urvi	making progress in her scientific thinking and asking relevant questions.

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>
Eva	1
Nathan, Jessica	2
Alexander	4
Sienna	7
Gloria	15

PAP Stars

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

Elm (Y1)	Millie	Beech (Y1)	Dexter
Oak (Y2)	Maia	Cedar (Y3)	Jess

'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:

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

Willow (YR)	Hannah	Birch (YR)	Myrtle
Elm (Y1)	Jacob	Beech (Y1)	Keyan-Lee
Oak (Y2)	Daniella	Cedar (Y3)	Kallie-Rae

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Elm class for the best attendance this week!

Birch (YR)	98.0%	Willow (YR)	98.7%
Beech (Y1)	98.6%	Elm (Y1)	99.0%
Oak (Y2)	95.2%	Cedar (Y3)	95.2%

House Points

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

<i>House</i>	<i>Points this week</i>	<i>Total</i>
Disraeli	35	1971
Pratchett	52	1794
Austin	20	1644
Redgrave	81	1903

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 will also find next week's words as well, so if you can, get ahead and talk to your child about them!

<i>w/c 29/04/19</i>	<i>Word of the day</i>
Monday	attract
Tuesday	eclipse
Wednesday	uncouth
Thursday	abundant
Friday	Fragile

<i>w/c 06/05/19</i>	<i>Word of the day</i>
Tuesday	relentless
Wednesday	Torrid
Thursday	Thief
Friday	Tasteless

What have we been learning?

Little Ridges Nursery

Another busy week in Little Berries this week, we have been looking at different flowers and discussing how they grow. We started by planting our own cress, we discussed the seeds and what they needed to help them grow. We planted an extra one so we can watch it grow everyday as a class and are fascinated in the changes that we see.



Thank you to Clara for bringing in her sunflower that she planted at home, the class really enjoyed listening to you tell them about it. Please upload any photos to Tapestry of any growing you have been doing at home, the children love talking about it at group time, also feel free to bring in any plants as we love to

see them. We also painted our own pictures of different flowers by copying the picture. We particularly liked the sunflower and enjoyed fork painting to create the different patterns and shapes. We are going to continue some planting in the upcoming weeks so look out for that, as well as discussing the different seasons. Well done Little Berries, another week of learning and 'growing'!

What a very busy and exciting week Little Acorns have had! From continuing to watch the Caterpillars turn into cocoons, planting some cress and watching it grow, getting messy in the mud kitchen, going on bug hunts, learning our hungry caterpillar T4W, trying out some bug yoga and learning some facts about ladybirds!



It seems that our bug life theme is well underway. It has been lovely to witness Little Acorns follow their interests by getting excited in finding a range of different insects in our garden.

Exploring our mud kitchen and wild garden has been a highlight of this week for Little Acorn's where they were creating some interesting recipes. (I'm not overly confident that their restaurant will be getting any star ratings any time soon, especially not five!).



We have also been continuing to learn more Makaton signs to support our T4W story map, which Little Acorns have picked up so well!

Reception

Willow and Birch class have shown fantastic resilience this week! On Tuesday, the children took part in a Multi-Skills Festival run by Year 10/11 pupils at Aylesbury High School. The children listened to the pupils well and took part in a variety of sporting activities.



This week we have introduced short, group activities after our carpet session input to build on their independence in Literacy and Maths. The children have worked together to write adjectives for minibeasts, characters in a story and even family members! They have also used iPad applications to complete specific tasks linked to our learning.



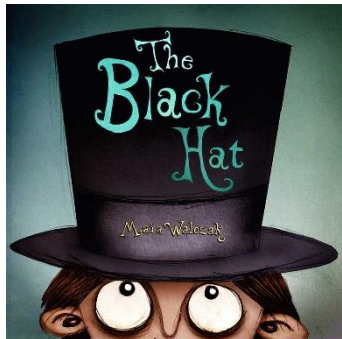
Year One

Last week Mr. Morris saw something on the CCTV cameras around the school. There was a dragon breathing fire outside our school! Max thought that the dragon was protecting our school because he was facing away from the entrance. Then Year One received a newspaper article asking them to write some instructions to help trap the dragon. They have been learning the features of a good set of instructions and how to write an interesting introduction to hook the reader.



Year Two

Mr. Ladyman was blown away this week by Oak classes creativity and imagination throughout our descriptive poem writing sessions. Over the week we have been looking at the features of poetry, in particular, looking at the Black Hat by Maia Walzac. We used alliteration whilst deciding what magical creatures might appear from our Black Hat, before having a go at writing our own poems. Here is a verse of Lana's: *The Black Hat appeared just for me, I take it off and then I see... a beautiful butterfly as beautiful as can be with glimmering, scaly wings.*



Year Three

This week, Cedar Class started a new writing unit. Over the next few weeks, the children will be planning and writing their own alternative fairy tale. Before thinking about their own writing, we looked at some stories that have already been written and considered how the author had based their story on an existing fairy tale. The stories ranged from different points of view to different storylines with the same characters. The children explored their stories in their table groups and then shared their findings with the rest of the class. Perhaps they can tell you about their story at home?

This week Cedar took part in our first 11B411 trip. The children had the chance to take part in a range of different water-based activities as part of our 'Messing about on the river' experience. We started the day by getting ready, including life vests and helmets and then took to the lake. All the children were able to work together in open canoes and, after some initial navigation issues, they were out exploring the lake with the instructor. Following this, the children took part in some team work activities where they put together a raft and tested it out on the lake. The children were then lucky enough to experience sailing. They were quick to start competing with one another and by the end of the session you had some children who were adapt at catching the wind. Due to their excellent sailing skills, the children were then allowed to take a trip in the speed boat. The children were excellent during the trip, listening to their instructors and following all safety procedures.



News items from this week

PTA Easter Disco

The children had a fantastic time last Friday at the Easter Disco, kindly arranged and superbly organised by our PTA members. The children were extremely excited about the disco – with some of our children never having been to a disco before – so were keen to show off their party clothes and dance with their friends! The children were very well behaved, and no doubt will be exhausted after the games and excitement. Sincere thanks to Louise Moloney who provided the entertainment for the children with the balloons, games and music; this was perfect for our children and we know they really enjoyed all the activities they took part in. Thank you as well to all those parents/carers who gave up their time to volunteer and help run the event – we could not have done this without your support.



WhizzFizzling Festival – 22nd June

We have now reached our capacity for the number of children we can take with us on the parade in June. Those children who are attending took part in the art and craft workshops this week with our resident artists, Pippa North who skilfully and patiently supported us to make a whole-range of Alice in Wonderland props, scenery and costumes – all made from recycled materials from the scrap store! We think our display will look stunning next month and we look forward to sharing it with you if you come along to see! A big thank you to all those parents/carers who came long on Monday and Tuesday this week to lend a hand, we really appreciate your time and commitment to this.

11B411 Merchandise

Over the next term a range of different 11B411 experiences will be taking place. The 11B411 programme is taking place in all REACh2 schools and has proven to be pivotal in supporting character trait development within a value driven wider curriculum.

For the project to be sustainable we are considering a range of ways that we can bring costs down for the different activities. To support this, REACh2 has developed a partnership with Total Clothing who have created a range of 11B411 themed clothing items. These include:

- T-Shirts
- Water bottles
- Aprons
- Badges
- Hoodies

All sales generate 20% income directly for our own 11B411 activities. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, then please visit the Total Clothing website by following this link [<https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/reach2>].

Year Two SATs

Thank you to those parents/carers who came to the meeting with Mr. English yesterday to hear more about the end of key stage 1 testing arrangements. For more information about the SATs, please click [here](#).



What's coming up?

Phonics Stay and Learn Session – change of date

Please note that we are moving the date of the phonics stay and learn session, originally scheduled for Tuesday 18th June to **Wednesday, 26th June**, 9.00-9.30am after drop-off. This new date also coincides with the EYFS stay and play session taking place that day.

PTA News:

School Disco

Thank you for supporting and sending your children to the Easter Disco last Friday, it was great fun and the children all seemed to have a great time. A special thanks goes to Louise from The Party Poppers who gave her time and expertise to entertain all the children.

Little Ridges

All Little Ridges parents should have received a letter inviting you and your children to our next Heartbeeps session at 3.15 Friday 10th May. All are welcome, even if it's not a day your child usually attends! Parents/carers must accompany children and while older siblings can come along, for safety reasons cannot join in. Please make payment via Arbor and paper copies of the letter are available from your child's nursery classroom or the school office. Please return the reply slip by 3:30 on Wednesday 8th May please.

Save the Date

Saturday 29th June Green Ridge Summer Fete - more details soon!

Don't forget to keep buying your Vale lottery tickets to not only have a chance of winning £25,000 but to also support Green Ridge as 50% of ticket sales comes back to the school.

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

6 th	School closed – Bank Holiday
7 th	10.45am – Y3 Cedar Swimming 2.30pm – Y1 Elm Class assembly
8 th	
9 th	
10 th	3.15pm – PTA Heart beeps session for nursery children

Letters sent home this week

SATs Arrangements, Y2 – 02 05 19
Phonics Screening Check Meeting, Y1 – 02 05 19
Curriculum Booklets, YR-Y3 – 02 05 19
Home Learning, Summer 1, Y1-Y3 – 02 05 19
PTA Nursery Hartbeeps Event – 01 05 19