

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term 2019

Edition 2

Friday, 13th September

A note from the Headteacher

The children have settled back into their routines this week, with them starting their PE and Games sessions with Mr. Meachen and Phonics sessions in their year-groups each day; it is great to see the children so enthused by their learning and eager to participate. On my daily visits to classrooms, I see how settled the children are and how well they show their excellent behaviour for learning. I also had the pleasure of starting to teach the piano and German (not at the same time!) to Key Stage 2 this week and have been so impressed by their enthusiasm and focus for this. One of the jobs each day I do is to spend lunchtime with the children, in the dining room and in the playground, ensuring that our children are behaved, in good routines and show their manners at this busy time of the day, which can be unsettling for some children – especially now we have a lot of children at lunch! Our children's behaviour is fantastic, and the older children certainly help show the younger ones what we do. Just a reminder though that children bringing their own lunches should have a balanced, healthy content; I have seen occasions this week where children are having lots of sweet, sugary foods, with very little food which is going to give them the energy to last all day. Also, please remember we are a nut-free school. Have a wonderful weekend, it looks like nice weather!

A. A. Wanford.
Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



"I really loved our first piano lesson! I now know where middle C is and that the piano has 88 keys! It is also a stringed instrument."

Year 4, talking about their first piano lesson this week with Mr. Wanford!

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(LEFT) Max came to see Mr. Wanford because he was so proud of his addition number sentences which he did independently! (LEFT) Year 4 Keyboard lesson!

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)	Jacob	looking after Mrs. Haque after she had fallen over.
Willow (YR)	Archie	being a great helper around the classroom, always helping his peers.
Beech (Y1)	Corey	not only producing a wonderful piece of writing but a book, drawing and painting of Mr. Kind.
Elm (Y1)	Oliver	challenging himself to find number bonds to ten using

		his addition and subtraction skills.
Oak (Y2)	Ethan	expressing some fantastic ideas within theme this week about how and why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly.
Plane (Y2)	Kayden	his excellent effort with his sentence writing and letter formation this week.
Cedar (Y3)	Anisa	a fantastic piece of Maths work this week.
Rowan (Y4)	Mustapha	excellent problem solving in Maths this week when tackling difficult challenges involving Roman numerals.

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Lewis	being brave in the mornings.
Willow (YR)	Pami	showing courage throughout the school day.
Beech (Y1)	Talha	creating an imaginative character Mr Tall Tower who reach's the moon.
Elm (Y1)	Henley	using finger spaces in his sentences.
Oak (Y2)	Max	making a huge effort to use capital letters within his writing, and make sure all his letters are formed correctly.
Plane (Y2)	Millie	excellent progress in Mr. Meachen's PE lessons with her listening and accuracy.
Cedar (Y3)	Daniella	great editing in English this week.
Rowan (Y4)	Rosie	excellent progress in her writing this week. She has listened well and applied concepts to her independent writing.

PAP Stars

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

Elm (Y1)	Stephanie	Beech (Y1)	Adeena
Oak (Y2)	Billy	Plane (Y2)	Amelia
Cedar (Y3)	Hrishi	Rowan (Y4)	Ingrid

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Cedar & Rowan class for the best attendance this week!

Birch (YR)	99.4%	Willow (YR)	97.0%
Beech (Y1)	97.7%	Elm (Y1)	99.7%
Oak (Y2)	97.6%	Plane (Y2)	98.3%
Cedar (Y3)	100.0%	Rowan (Y4)	100.0%

House Points

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

House	Points this week	Total
Disraeli	78	78
Pratchett	62	62
Austin	58	58
Redgrave	61	61

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!

w/c 09/09/19	KS1	KS2
Monday	Presentable	Grotesque
Tuesday	Nervous	Adjacent
Wednesday	Emotion	Dwindle
Thursday	Friend	Unkempt
Friday	Proud	Fastidious

w/c 16/09/19	KS1	KS2
Monday	Uniform	Possibility
Tuesday	Crush	Temptation
Wednesday	Practise	Anticipate
Thursday	Ruin	Copious
Friday	Afraid	Grimace

What have we been learning?

Little Ridges Nursery

This week in Little Acorns we have started our 'Marvellous Me' topic. We have enjoyed learning more about each other during our group time. We have been looking into mirrors and discussing what colour hair and eyes we have. Using the correct colours, we then created some self-portraits.

We have all enjoyed moving our bodies by dancing to head, shoulder, knees and toes and focusing on our five senses.

Little Acorns have settled really well and they are starting to learn and remember new routines.

Reception



Willow and Birch class have completed their first full week at Green Ridge in Reception. This week, the children have done extremely well to follow classroom routines, establish school expectations and it's been fantastic to see new friendships forming. We have already learnt about being responsible, being honest, being fair and

being kind. Getting to know the children has been great; we are extremely proud of every child and look forward to seeing the children progress and develop throughout the term!

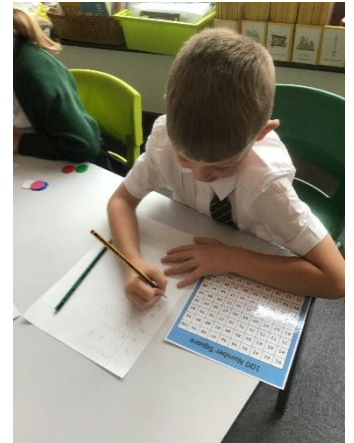
Year One

What an amazing start to the year! All the children have settled in well and enjoying their new classrooms. In Year 1 we have been helping Mr. Lazy become proactive with his learning by giving him advice on making good choices. We have been practicing our counting skills by playing hopscotch outside. We made sure our letter formation was correct too!



Year Two

This week Year 2 have been busy in Maths re-visiting key concepts and skills. We have played games in partners using dice to help us find one more and one less, we have played lots of ping-pong number bond games and we have enjoyed practicing counting in multiples using actions and songs. We earned many learning dots for working together and helping check each other's calculations! We were particularly proud of our number formation and how neatly we presented our work.



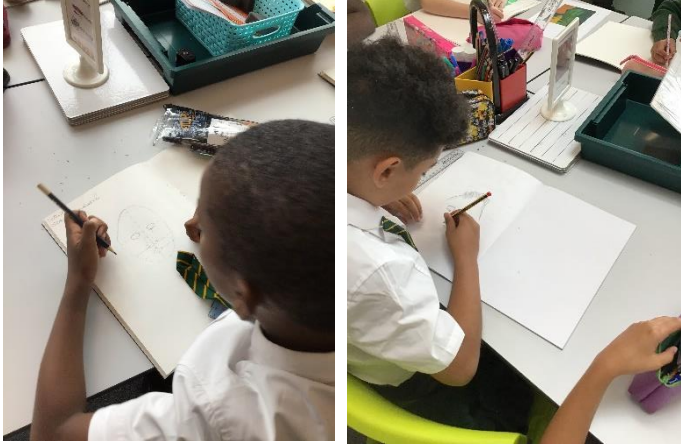
Year Three

Year 3 enjoyed our first gymnastics lesson making the tuck, pike, straddle and star shape. In maths we have been looking at representing numbers to 1000 in different ways. This week we started our science topic on light and shadow, we thought about all the different light sources in our classroom and at home. Mr Wanford taught us our first German lesson this week and we now know some facts about Germany.



Year Four

This week, Year Four have enjoyed creating their own portraits in Art and Design. After drawing the outline of their face, they carefully considered the proportions and spacing between key features of their face. Some pupils split their faces into sections to help them with this. Finally, they added extra detail and shading. Take a look at some of them in action!



News items from this week

Spellings

Children in Y1 upwards will have been given their new home spelling book today. Please can you support their learning at home by practising these throughout the week. The children will be tested during their phonics lesson each Friday so will need to bring their spelling book to school on that day to add their score and spellings for the next week. If you have any questions, then please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you.

Job opportunities at Green Ridge

We are currently in need of an additional Cleaner to join our site team. Hours would be 7-9am and 3-6pm, term time plus INSET days only. Please ask for an application pack at the school office if you, or someone you know, is interested.

Keeping your child safe online

e-Safety is such a key part of our curriculum at Green Ridge so that our pupils know how to keep themselves safe when 'online' – both at school, and at home. With the plethora of devices and apps available for children to use, we need to ensure our pupils know how to use them safely and responsibly. Please find attached a newsletter [here](#) with some advice about how to support your child at home with e-Safety when using devices.

Parking and Vehicle Access

We have noticed that a number of cars turning into the school and using the drop-off area and car park are going quite fast, putting our children and families in danger. There have been several near-misses as cars turn into the school, and parents/children are walking along the path and not stopped or looked at cars turning in. Please can we ask that pedestrians take care to look both ways before crossing the turning, and that cars approach the turning with caution of young children on bikes and scooters.

The accessibility drop-off bays at the front of the school are also being abused; there are two designated spaces for disabled use directly outside the school. We have a number of parents/carers who have a blue badge and require use of these spaces. You will be asked to move if you park in here without a blue badge, and we ask that you do not block these spaces either.

Harvest Festival

You will have received a letter yesterday about the arrangements for our Harvest festival which takes place on the Tuesday, 8th October, along with more specific information about the donations which we would very much welcome.

e-Safety Magazine

#DITTO is a free online safety (e-safety) magazine for schools, organizations and parents to keep you up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. A new edition is released approx. every 6 weeks. You can find the latest copy online [here](#).



Sickness Bug

There have been a few children off this week (and the end of last week) with a sickness bug; just a reminder, if your child does suffer with this, please ensure that they remain off school for 48 hours following their last episode of sickness before they return – or else we run the risk of the whole school getting it if it is passed on! Whilst we do not want our children to miss their valuable learning time and we know that attendance is so important, we also have to ensure the health and well-being of all our pupils and staff. Thank you for your support with this.

Clubs update

We have had lots of bookings so far for our Autumn clubs, all of which can be found [here](#) – don't forget that sign up closes at midnight this **Sunday 15th September!**

On Monday we will check if we have enough interest to run each club, so unfortunately some may have to be cancelled if you haven't secured your place by then. On Tuesday we will confirm which school led clubs are running, and we will open up the bookings again to give you a chance to find an alternative if your child's club can't go ahead. Outside provider's clubs start next week so you should have received your confirmation direct from Clubbly, unfortunately Art club cannot run this term due to low numbers.

Scooters and Bikes for Busy Living

There have been a few glitches this week where children who are attending Busy Living after school have needed to put their bikes/scooters in the stands outside Busy Living to collect at the end of the day, but the gate has been locked. This has now been rectified, and so you should be able to store bikes/scooters by Busy Living so that you can collect them from here at the end of the day when the main school gate and bike shed is shut.

Ties

There are a number of children who are not wearing school ties, whilst wearing a shirt. It is a compulsory part of the Green Ridge uniform that, if you are wearing a shirt (rather than a blouse), a tie must be worn. Please can parents/carers ensure their child has one and is

wearing this each day. Reminder letters will be going home in book-bags and followed up with telephone calls if your child is not wearing the correct uniform routinely. Thank you for your support to ensure our pupils are ambassadors for our academy.

Little Ridges

Well done to all the Little Ridges children who have settled well into their routines in their new classes. Just a gentle reminder; we encourage all children to be as independent as possible when coming into their classroom. If you think they could come in on their own and hang their own belongings up, please encourage them to do so and only come into the classroom to assist where necessary. Please do not allow older siblings into the classroom as this can be unsettling for the children, the classroom can also get extremely busy at this time of the day. Thank you again for your cooperation.

What's coming up?

Phonics and Reading Workshop – Reminder

We will be running a workshop on Tuesday 24th September at 2.15pm and then again at 7:00pm at the academy where all parents and carers are warmly invited, particularly for those in Reception and in Little Ridges. We ran this session successfully last year, and parents commented how helpful it was. During the workshop, we will explain in more detail about how the school teaches our children to read through our phonics system, and the expectations of reading at home with your child and the books they will have access to. Please do come along if you can make it; younger siblings are also welcome of course! Please note, if you attended last year you are more than welcome to come along again and join us, but the content will be very similar to last year.

Meet the Teacher Information Sessions

Each class teacher will be holding a short information session for parents in the coming weeks. The purpose of these meetings is for you to understand about the curriculum expectations for your child's year-group, specific arrangements and timetabling matters and also give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. The meetings will also give you strategies and ideas of how you can further support your child at home with the curriculum. For those parents/carers who are unable to attend the time listed over the page, a hand-out pack of presentation slides and any other relevant information will be passed on to your child the following day. These will also be available on our website under your child's class page.

The times are as follows:

Year Group	Date	Time	Location
Reception	Wednesday, 18 th September	2.30pm	Hampden Hall
Year One	Thursday, 26 th September	2.30pm	Hampden Hall
Year Two	Tuesday, 24 th September	2.30pm	Hampden Hall
Year Three	Monday, 23 rd September	2.30pm	Hampden Hall
Year Four	Monday, 23 rd September	2.30pm	Hampden Hall

All meetings will be held in our small hall (Hampden Hall), and parents/carers should enter through the main foyer to get in.

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

- Thursday, 17th October 2019 – 9.15am (for entry to Nursery from January 2020)
- Wednesday, 5th February 2020 – 9.15am (for entry to Nursery from April 2020)
- Thursday, 12th March 2020 – 9.15am (for entry to Nursery from September 2020)

Main School (Reception, September 2020 intake)

- Thursday, 17th October 2019: 1.45-3.00pm
- Date to be confirmed, November 2019: 7.00-8.00pm
- Date to be confirmed, November 2019: 9.15-10.45am
- Date to be confirmed, January 2020: 1.45-3.00pm

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, register your interest, or to find out about availability in other year groups, please email admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk or call the school office on 01296 326320.

PTA News

PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning/PTA Annual General Meeting – Friday, 27th September

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Many of us know somebody who has or is suffering from the illness, and the event is a great way to bring our community together for the first time for a good cause.



Our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) are asking for parents/carers to come along after the morning drop-off on Friday, 27th September from 9.00am until 10.30am in the hall. We are holding this event to not only raise some money for a worthwhile cause, but also to hold our annual general meeting of the PTA, where we give an overview of the last academic year and our plans for 2019/20.

We would love for some parents/carers to help us out with baking, or even just bringing a cake of some description to share with other parents/carers. It would be wonderful if we could have some contributions towards this – either by bringing a cake along or by making a small donation on the day. The PTA will provide tea and coffee, and we hope that it

will be another great opportunity for all of our new and existing parents and carers to come together for a natter all in aid of a good cause. Younger siblings are also very welcome!

We kindly ask for any cakes donated for the coffee morning contain no nuts due to allergies.

If you could drop us an e-mail to pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk to let us know if you are happy to bring a cake along, this would really help us prepare for the event and know what to expect. Thank you.

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

16 th	Little Berries full time hours from today
20 th	AM – Y4 swimming lesson
21 st	2.30pm – YR Meet the Teacher Meeting
22 nd	Y3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
23 rd	

Letters sent home this week

Y4 Swimming Lessons 09 09 19
Home Learning Update 10 09 19
Safeguarding Information Update 10 09 19
Communication at Green Ridge 10 09 19
Key Dates for the Academic Year 10 09 19
Harvest Festival Assembly 12 09 19
Times Tables Rock Stars Y2-Y4 12 09 19
Reading 12 09 19
Y2 Trip to The London Museum and The Monument 12 09 19



**GREEN RIDGE
PRIMARY ACADEMY PTA
PRESENTS**

**SATURDAY 9TH
NOVEMBER 2019
GATES OPEN 5.30PM**

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

FIREWORKS

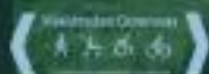


Waddesdon Greenway is One!

11am, Saturday 14th September

Join us for a walk, cycle or scoot
to celebrate one year of the
Greenway

Free Grounds Admission to
Waddesdon Manor



The Waddesdon Greenway was officially opened by MP
Jesse Norman on Thursday 13th September 2018.

Join us on Saturday 14th September to celebrate one year
of safe walking and cycling between Aylesbury and
Waddesdon with a group walk/cycle/scoot along the 4km
Greenway, departing from Aylesbury Vale Parkway at 11am.

All participants in the walk will get free Grounds Admission
to Waddesdon Manor that day.

There will be a minibus service between Waddesdon Manor
Car Park and Aylesbury Vale Parkway at 10.30am and
12.15pm. £2 per journey

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