

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term 2019

Edition 7

Friday, 18th October

A note from the Headteacher

Another week has flown by at Green Ridge and it's been another busy one for us. Yesterday, we invited potential new nursery and reception parents for 2020 into the school, and it's hard to believe we're now thinking about our fourth cohort of Green Ridge pupils already! We had some really positive feedback once again, and I hope that we can continue to be regarded as a setting that parents/carers really want their child to begin their schooling in.

It was great to see so many of our new parents/carers in Nursery and Reception join us for the Phonics and English stay and play/learn session on Tuesday morning; I know the children really loved having you join them for their activities and learning, and I hope that it enabled you to see the types of learning activities the children take part in each day. We really want to be a setting which welcomes our parents and carers in, to work with your children so that you can better support them, knowing what we do within the academy so that you can replicate this at home. We are running these types of stay and learn sessions throughout the year and so if you were unable to attend this time, check our website for our next event.

It was also great to meet with our Parent Forum reps this week and hear comments, suggestions and really positive feedback about the academy. Please, please make sure you see our class reps to pass on anything you would like raised or discussed at these important meetings.

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Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



"Brilliant, all the teachers are great. So, pleased with all the progress X has made; her speech has come on so much."

"Great to see how much handwriting improves with lined books."

**Parent feedback
Stay and Learn session
15th October**

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(LEFT) Some parents/carers in Year One this week joining their child for their phonics lesson! (RIGHT) Jacob in Year One came to see Mr. Wanford to show him his amazing rhyming couplets from his poetry learning this week.

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)	Trinity	using the sounds she has learned to write a very tricky word.
Willow (YR)	Oscar	gaining the confidence to access different areas of the classroom this week.
Beech (Y1)	Megan	writing the Five Little Owls independently.
Elm (Y1)	Jacob	writing some excellent rhyming couplets and

		presenting his work beautifully.
Oak (Y2)	Elexy	putting lots of effort into the traditional tale.
Plane (Y2)	Harry	not only his change in behaviour and attitude to learning this week, but also for his excellent progress in writing and hard work at home with his times tables.
Cedar (Y3)	Daniella	being a great role model in PE by showing her gymnastics skills.
Rowan (Y4)	Rosie	excellent understanding of the digestive system.

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Ezra	taking responsibility for his learning and completing the challenges.
Willow (YR)	Max	being determined and persevering with phonics sound pronunciation and his writing formation.
Beech (Y1)	Alisa	enthusiastically enjoying learning about rhyming couplets in literacy.
Elm (Y1)	Ralph	making great progress in Year 1 and for trying so hard with his handwriting.
Oak (Y2)	Arthur M-L	coming into Oak class with a great attitude towards his learning this week.
Plane (Y2)	Tatiana	her progress with forming her letters and numbers neatly and correctly.
Cedar (Y3)	Jacob	A great effort in reading skills this week. Talking about his answer in detail.
Rowan (Y4)	Faith	brilliant representations in Maths during our unit on written addition.

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>
Arthur M-L	1
Keyan-Lee	1
Ava	2
Harry	2
Pola	2

Aryan	3
Ethan	3
Nathan	3
Niamh	3
Olly	3
Lily-R	4
Rylee	4
Alfie	5
Arthur S	6
Jake	8
Sienna	8
Hrishi	9
Kian	10
Samprithi	10
Alexander	12
Anisa	13
Katie	13
Ingrid	15
Imogen	16
Daniella	18
Gloria	18
Kanuyan	18

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

w/c 14/10/19	KS1	KS2
Monday	Hurry	Sympathetic
Tuesday	Empty	Scowl
Wednesday	Shook	Permanent
Thursday	Stain	Churn
Friday	Nudge	Countless

w/c 21/10/19	KS1	KS2
Monday	Gallop	Contraption
Tuesday	Plucky	Paraphernalia
Wednesday	Stride	Blithering
Thursday	Prefer	Guttle
Friday	Certain	Reprimand

PAP Stars

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

Beech (Y1)	Charlie	Elm (Y1)	Amelia M
Oak (Y2)	Ava	Plane (Y2)	Taya
Cedar (Y3)	Ivy-Grace	Rowan (Y4)	Arthur

Weekly Attendance

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

Birch (YR)	98.7%	Willow (YR)	97.4%
Beech (Y1)	98.3%	Elm (Y1)	98.3%
Oak (Y2)	98.3%	Plane (Y2)	98.0%
Cedar (Y3)	97.9%	Rowan (Y4)	99.3%

House Points

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

House	Points this week	Total
Disraeli	139	669
Pratchett	132	608
Austin	113	720
Redgrave	102	605

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

What have we been learning?

Little Ridges Nursery

This week Little Berries have enjoyed making Playdoh hedgehogs, exploring sensory socks filled with stones, shells and pom poms as well as exploring their sounds and textures. We have also been doing a range of activities where we were able to identify parts of our body. We have been investigating the changing colours of Autumn by creating some tree paintings as well as working on our shape recognition.



The Little Berries have also become very confident with Makaton for "Good Morning" and "Good Afternoon". Thank you to our parents who came to our phonics stay and play on Tuesday, we hope you enjoyed it, we loved having you join us.

Well done Little Berries another lovely week of learning and fun!



Sticking to the autumn theme Little Acorns have been mark making in some spices this week. We have been recognising some of our numbers and letters and forming them with the paint brushes in the spices. We have created some

fantastic autumn trees using the tissue paper and painting using crumpled up foil to create some different coloured leaves. We have been investigating lots of autumnal objects using the magnifying glasses, Little Acorns spoke about how some pumpkins looked funny and discussed the size and weight of them. Little Acorns have been using their imagination in the playdough by creating some hedgehogs using the googly eyes and the penne pasta shapes to create the spikes. We would like to thank all of the parents and carers that attended our stay and play session on Tuesday morning, Little Acorns really enjoy showing you all how we grow our brains in the classroom. Have a lovely weekend!

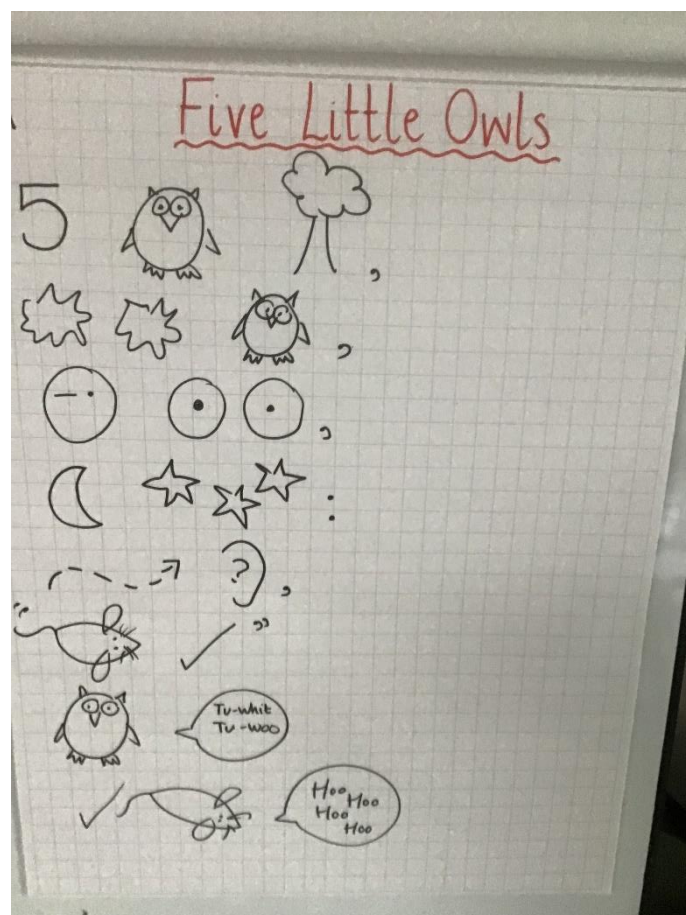
Reception



On Monday, Willow and Birch came into school to find our book corner in a mess! The culprit had left some clues, including some dinosaur underpants and socks... For Talk4Writing, we have been learning the story, 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants' so we suspected the dinosaurs had been back! The children have been working hard to use their phonic knowledge to label the dinosaurs they have learnt about. The children have also identified phonemes in the dinosaur footprints and have been encouraged to find one more than a given number. We wonder what may happen in the classroom next week...

Year One

This week Year 1 have been learning a new poem using our Talk for Writing approach, Five Little Owls. Have a go at sharing your poem at home. The children have also been learning about chronology and thinking about toys that were from a long time ago, toys that their grandparents and parents might have played with and toys that they play with today.



Year Two

Last Friday, Oak and Plane went on a fantastic trip to the Museum of London to see their Great Fire of London exhibition. We saw some amazing paintings of London in 1666, as well as traditional bread ovens and leather hats and buckets like those used by the fire brigade. We then visited The Monument, built on Pudding Lane to remember the devastating fire and climbed all 311 steps to the top! A special thank you to all of our parent volunteers who came with us!



Year Three



Year 3 have been adding and subtracting two 3-digit numbers this week. We used counters to find our answer and even had to regroup. We earned lots of learning dots for working together and reasoning to prove our answer. Towards the end of the week we started to look at column subtraction!

Year Four



This week, Year Four have been doing lots of learning about the digestive system in Science. We have explored the different organs in the digestive system and learned the function of each. As part of this learning, we were given different resources from around the classroom and tasked with creating a model for the digestive

system out of these. Take a look at our interpretation below!

News items from this week

School Lunches

May we politely remind parents & carers of KS2 pupils (years 3 & 4) that payment for school lunches should be made in advance. Please put a credit balance on your Arbor account that meals can be deducted from when taken. Thank you for your cooperation with this as the school is not able to give credit under any circumstances.

Lockdown Drills

The safety and welfare of our students and staff are our highest priority at Green Ridge. We practice safety drills throughout the year to help our children know what to do in an emergency. We have already conducted two fire evacuations which were very successful, and children now understand what to do if they hear an alarm and how to exit the building quickly and safely.

This morning and next Thursday afternoon we will be conducting a lockdown drill. A 'lockdown' procedure may be activated in response to any number of situations at the academy, but some of the more typical might be:

- A reported incident/civil disturbance in the local community (with the potential to pose a risk to staff and children in the academy)
- An intruder on the school site (with the potential to pose a risk to staff and children)
- A warning being received regarding a risk locally, of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud etc.)
- A major fire in the vicinity of the school

The goals of the drills are to improve our ability to protect children, save lives, and reduce injuries. These practice drills allow us to evaluate our emergency operation plans and improve our response skills. Whilst we would not ordinarily notify you about such drills, as this is the first one your child may have experienced we wanted you to be aware. You would only be notified if there were a real emergency.

The academy will conduct one lockdown drill each term. In this type of drill, we will secure the school building and safely shelter all children, staff and visitors inside the building. The purpose of this drill is to keep the children safe from any danger outside or inside the building. During a lockdown drill, all of the perimeter doors to the school building will be locked and will remain locked until the danger or issue outside or inside the building is removed. To enable everyone to remain safe, no one will be allowed to enter the building or leave the building until a member of the senior leadership team authorises such a release.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call the main office.

Parent Forum Meeting

Mr. Wanford met with the class reps on Monday for the first Parent Forum meeting for 2019/20. A copy of the minutes can be found on our website [here](#).

Please remember that we have a drop box in our lobby area by the main entrance should you have any ideas or feedback that you would like the Parent Forum to discuss.

As part of the Parent Forum discussion, we agreed to set up a survey monkey questionnaire for any ideas/suggestions which parents/carers may not be able to otherwise communicate to the school about. The link to the anonymous survey is [here](#), and will remain 'open' to complete if and when you have any thoughts and ideas; however, please note that the responses are not monitored daily, and if your feedback or suggestion relates to an individual pupil or requires a response, please communicate to the school through the normal channels of your child's class teacher or the school office. The link is [here](#).


A Parent Forum flyer will be sent out soon to make you aware of who the class representatives are. However we do still have the following vacant spaces.

Class	Year	Representative
Little Berries	N1	1x vacant
Cedar	Y3	1x vacant
Rowan	Y4	2x vacant

If you are interested in putting yourself forward to be a member of the Parent Forum, please e-mail admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk stating your interest.

The next Parent Forum meeting is on Thursday, 28th November at 9.00am at the school.

Bucks Schoolwear Plus

Don't forget that Bucks Schoolwear Plus will be  closed from Monday, 28th October – Monday, 4th November as they are moving to a new premises. They will still be fulfilling web orders throughout the week and posting them out daily, but unfortunately customers will not be able to 'click and collect' throughout this week.

The new location is a 10-minute walk/2 minute drive away from their current shop in Kingsbury Square. In the new premises they will be able to offer customers free parking and customer toilets and they have also invested in their own embroidery machine!

Achievement Boxes

Celebrating children's success is at the heart of the Green Ridge way and we have recently been exploring how we can extend this beyond our achievement assemblies and in-class celebrations. We recognise that many of the children are involved in clubs and groups outside of school and we want to encourage children and parents to share any achievements a child may have had by bringing in any recognition of these to the class teacher. They will then store any certificates or medals within a class achievement box and incorporate this into their weekly class assemblies. We look forward to seeing what the children present!

Disabled Parking

Can we please remind parents/carers that the designated disabled parking bays at the front of the school and the rear of the car park, are for **Blue Badge holders only**. We have a number of families who require the use of these bays and it is not acceptable to park in them at any time unless you have a Blue Badge.

Unfortunately, we see a huge increase in cars when it is raining, but it does not make it acceptable to park in the designated disabled parking bays, around the edge of the carpark or in front of the gates at the rear of the car park.

Due to this, can we please encourage you to walk/ride/scoot to school where possible. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Medical Appointments

Please remember to inform Mrs. Cavanagh of any medical appointments that your child may have as early as possible. Please also provide us with an appointment card or letter.

Please do not collect/return your child earlier/later than necessary as we do not want them to miss out on important learning time.

The deadline for ordering a school lunch is 9.30am, so if your child has a medical appointment early in the morning and will not be in for morning registration, please contact the school office before 9.30am to let us know what your child would like to order if you do not provide a packed lunch.

Nursery Wrap Around Care

Nursery parents/carers can now book ad-hoc sessions for wrap around care without having to commit to the full term. Please email nursery@greenridgeacademy.co.uk for more information.

Aldi's Kit for Schools Promotion

Fantastic news; we have completed our first Aldi poster! As the promotion is continuing until 3rd November, we are continuing to collect Aldi stickers as we have another poster so please keep sending them in! Thank you so much for your support with this.



Clubs

Children attending our before and after school clubs seem to be thoroughly enjoying them! If you would like your child to join any of the clubs for the second half of the autumn term, please log in to (or create) your Clubbly account [here](#) and register them on your chosen club. Bookings are closed during term time, but will open again from Saturday, 26th October and remain open during the half term break to allow parents to sign up before school starts back. Please note that bookings will close again at midnight on Sunday, 3rd November so that registers and emergency contact details can be updated before the clubs restart.

School Photos

Pupil photographs will take place next Tuesday, 22nd October, giving you time to order photo gifts and prints for family & friends for Christmas!

Sibling groups within the school will also be photographed. If you have a child in nursery, you should have received a letter regarding sibling groups.

What's coming up?

Pupil Learning Reviews – Monday, 21st October & Wednesday, 23rd October

There are still some parents/carers who have not yet signed up to a consultation appointment with your child's Class Teacher next Monday or Wednesday evening. These meetings are really important so that we can work with you to best support your child and give you an update on their learning. As some of you missed the deadline, we have reopened the remaining appointments on Arbor. Please log in and sign up by Sunday evening when the online booking system will close again. We look forward to seeing you all next week for these meetings.

To facilitate parents/carers moving between several classes and finding their way around the school, we will be holding the meetings in our larger hall Nightingale Hall. Your child's workbooks will be available here, along with tables for you to sit at whilst waiting for your appointment. Staff will then meet with you in the hall at a designated table. We hope that this will provide a more efficient system for all. Please enter the school via the main front entrance and you will then be directed to the hall.

Nursery parents will still have their meetings within the Little Berries and Little Acorns classrooms and parents/carers should enter through the nursery entrance for these meetings.

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

- 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)

- Tuesday, 5th November 2019: 7.00-8.30pm
- Thursday, 14th November 2019: 9.15-10.45am
- Thursday, 9th 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

Fireworks Night – Saturday, 9th November

Tickets are on sale and are available to buy [here](#). Due to the overwhelming response we have added further tickets but these are also selling fast so buy your tickets before you miss out on the first ever Fireworks Night at Green Ridge!

Tickets can only be purchased online and will **not** be available to buy on the night. Tickets are £5.00 per adult or child (children aged 2 or under are free).

Gates will open at 5.30pm and the fireworks will start at approximately 6.30pm. There will be a BBQ, a hot drinks stand and other stalls.

You can also be in with a chance of pressing the button to start the fireworks as tickets will be available on the night at a cost of £1.00.

With thanks to DPG Plumbing & Heating Ltd for their sponsorship!

Big Book Boost

Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with them over £10.00, they will donate £1.00 to us to spend on books!

Every time you [shop](#) on their website to buy books, please choose Green Ridge Primary Academy and then complete your order!

Empty Jars

Please can we ask for parents/carers to start to keep hold of any empty (and clean!) jars. Any type will do... Jam, sauce, coffee or any others that you may have. Why you ask!? Well, we will tell you all soon!

Would you like to sponsor our school?

This academic year for the first time we have the exciting opportunity for local businesses to sponsor our fantastic school with a variety of different advertising packages.

We have launched a new payment platform, called PTA-Events, which will enable us to become paperless for events, to manage them in a more streamlined manner, as well as allowing our parents/carers and the public to purchase event tickets online.

As part of this launch we are able to offer you the possibility to sponsor us and make your business known to the school and local community when buying tickets for all our events, like our Fireworks night. Contact us [here](#) for further details.

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

21 st	4.00-7.30pm YN-Y4 Pupil Learning Reviews
22 nd	Individual and sibling school photos AM – Y4 swimming lesson
23 rd	Flu immunisations 4.00-6.30pm YN-Y4 Pupil Learning Reviews
24 th	
25 th	PTA Non-uniform Day - Bring a Bottle House Activity Afternoon YR-Y4 Children break for half term

Letters sent home this week

YN School Photographs 17 10 19

Cracking Number Bonds 17 10 19

**GREEN RIDGE
PRIMARY ACADEMY PTA
PRESENTS**

**SATURDAY 9TH
NOVEMBER 2019**

GATES OPEN 5.30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

FIREWORKS

GREEN RIDGE
PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Schoolwear *Plus*

Exciting news.....

WE ARE MOVING!

From **Monday 4th November our new
address will be:**

Unit 11

Aylesbury Vale Industrial Estate

Southern Road

Aylesbury

HP19 9EW

**Please note we will be closed from Monday 28th October until we
reopen in our new premises on Monday 4th November. All web
orders will still be processed throughout our move.**

We will be able to offer:

Free customer parking

Customer toilets

On site embroidery

Plus lots more... Only a 10 minute walk from our old address.