

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term 2020

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Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May

## A note from the Headteacher

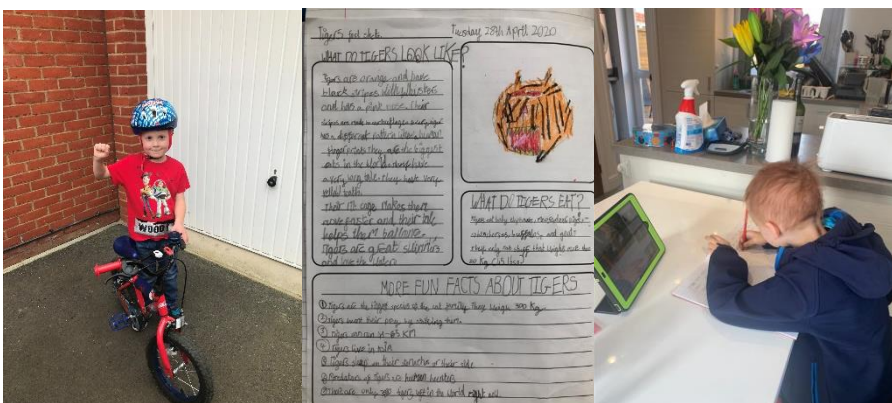
We have decided to revert to our usual weekly round-up format, given that we now have more items to share with our children's learning and is a much easier format for us to share things with you. Given that we do not yet still know how long we may be working in this way, we wanted to get back to some of our 'normal' routines as soon as we were able to, and this is just one of those steps.

Thank you all for the things you are sending into the class teachers (and myself!) each day with examples of what the children are doing – it's wonderful to see all the things you are getting up to. I appreciate the longer the lockdown restrictions continue the more difficult this may become at home, and we currently await the governments advice on how and when we will re-open. We would hope that an announcement is made within the next week or so, and so for now our YouTube videos and Tapestry communication will be our main ways of giving the children activities to do and keeping contact.

I am aware for some families, we have not had any contact for almost six weeks and one of the things I would like staff to do is to give you a call at home, see how you are and touch base about if there is anything else that we can do to support you and your child. I will let you know when this is happening, so you can expect the call; I am currently sorting the logistics with this as staff obviously are unable to call you all from their own homes! Lastly, thanks to Alex in Year Two Plane this week for his nomination of the 5,5,5 challenge. Having successfully completed it, watch my assembly on Monday morning to find out which teachers I've nominated next! Stay safe and well and have a good weekend!

*A. A. Wanford*

Mr. Aaron Wanford  
Headteacher



(LEFT) Alex nominating Mr. Wanford to complete the 5,5,5 challenge!  
(CENTRE) Arthur's informative fact file about tigers  
(RIGHT) Theodore researching the Isle of Coll on his iPad

***"Your response to COVID-19 has been impeccable. I cannot imagine what a logistical challenge these times have provided for any primary school, and I think you are all doing a fine job! Thank you for the support and guidance throughout!"***

***Some lovely feedback from one our YR parents/carers***

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# Celebrations and Achievements

## Achievement Certificates

Each week, the school would usually come together to celebrate a variety of achievements from 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 would still like to celebrate this although we cannot come together as we usually would. Well done to following people for being awarded with achievement certificates this week!

	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Aisha	a fantastic set of bean planting instructions.
Birch (YR)	Lexi	tackling all of the challenges and doing them so well.
Willow (YR)	Megan	reading a variety of stories at home and for persevering with the longer words in the books.
Willow (YR)	Seb	being resilient in his learning at home and for gaining a lot of confidence riding his bike on longer journeys with his family.
Beech (Y1)	Izzy	her timetable of her routine and going the extra mile and learning the time.
Elm (Y1)	Henley & Inaya	producing some fantastic writing and research about sea creatures following the YouTube challenges.
Oak (Y2)	Tegan	creating a fantastic factual poster all about pink flamingos.
Plane (Y2)	Sophia	writing a fantastic acrostic poem about her favourite things and presenting it beautifully.
Cedar (Y3)	Maia	a fantastic retell of the story of Romeo and Juliet.
Rowan (Y4)	Bella	ensuring she captured Tracy Beaker's personality in her character description.

## PAP Stars

'PAP' stands for Presentation, Accuracy and Productivity. Although we have not had the children in the school to produce their work and learning, we still wanted to recognise the PAP efforts that have been sent in! Well done to the following PAP stars this week at Green Ridge!

Beech (Y1)	Sreejan	Elm (Y1)	Orla
Oak (Y2)	Ema	Plane (Y2)	Mia-Jade
Cedar (Y3)	Ella-Grace	Rowan (Y4)	Leon

# What have you been learning at home?

## Little Ridges Nursery



Freya from Berries enjoyed planting broad beans this week.

Little Acorns have been learning lots of things about ladybirds this week and some children have even tried to find some whilst out on their daily walks. A lot of Little Acorns have been getting creative and have been making ladybirds out

of playdough and some even made ladybird biscuits and cakes! Indy is pictured below drawing a lovely ladybird picture.



## Reception

Lexi from Birch class has been using her number cards to help with maths challenges and Megan from Willow has been doing lots of reading at home.



## Year One



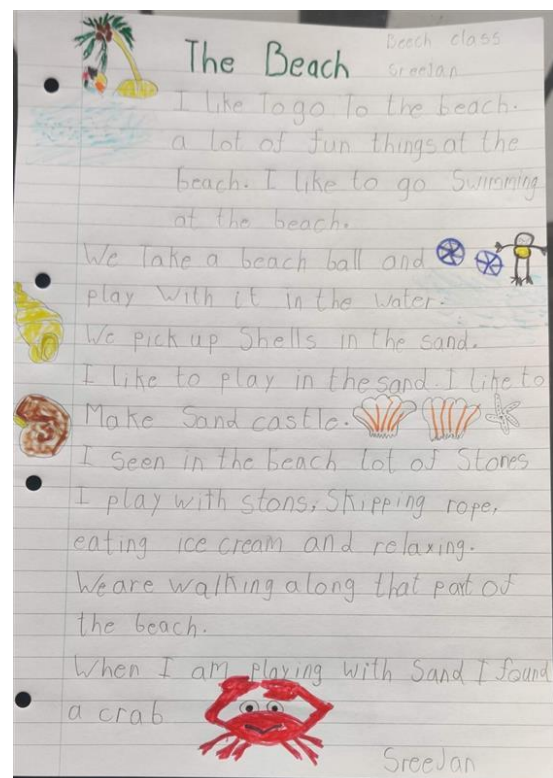
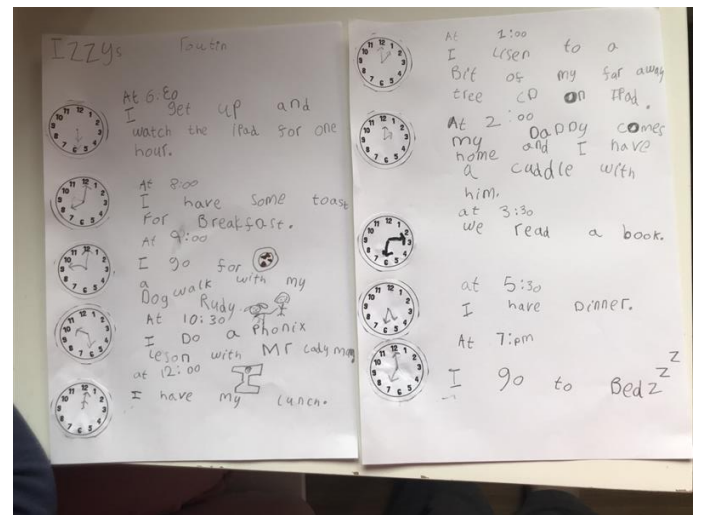
Elm class have been busy baking and cooking this week. Ruby helped make spaghetti bolognese and Darcie made scones. Yummy!



Orla from Elm class created an incredible maths video where she accurately measured the length of her sofa and a garden bench in cm using a tape measure. She then presented the work beautifully in a table using the computer and even found out the difference in length between the 2 objects. Her presentation skills in the video were excellent and she produced a fantastic table, working as part of a brilliant team.

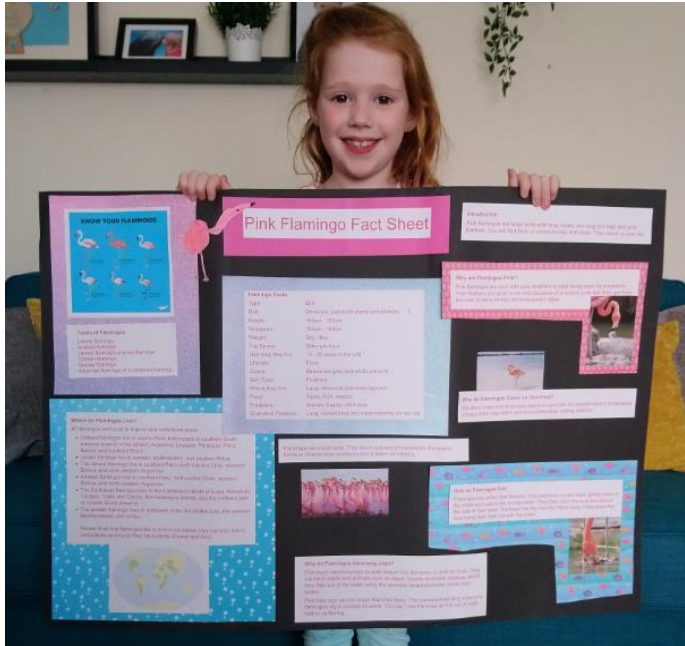


Izzy from Beech class has been busy learning the time this week and Sreejan did some brilliant writing about the beach.



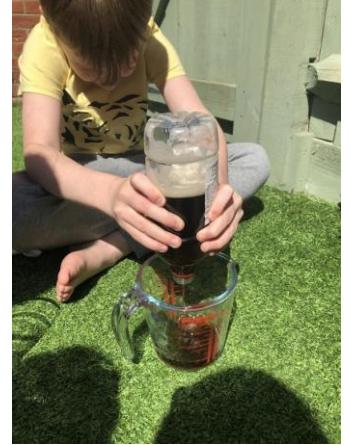
## Year Two

Tegan from Oak class created a fantastic factual poster all about pink flamingos.



## Year Three

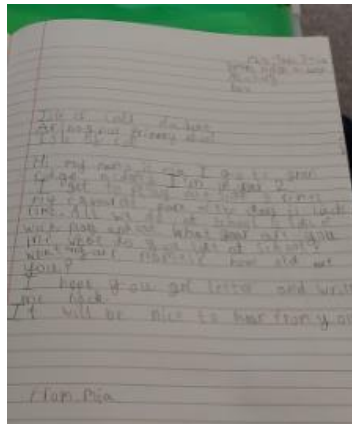
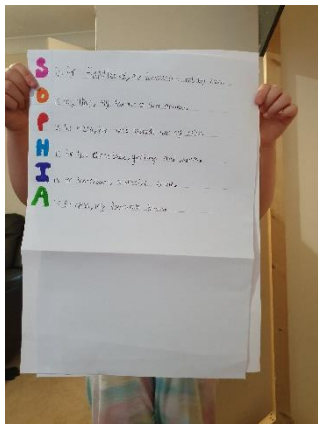
Katie has been baking millionaire shortbread and Rylee made an exploding volcano.



## Year Four

Bella did a fantastic character description based on Tracy Beaker and Leon presented a brilliant Pokemon comic strip with neat captions and excellent illustrations.

Sophia from Plane class wrote a fantastic acrostic poem about her favourite things and presented it beautifully. Mia-Jade from Plane class thought really carefully about her handwriting and presentation when writing a letter to a student in the Isle of Coll and wrote lots of facts she had learnt about the Isle of Coll too.



# News items from this week

## School Travel Plan

We have attached our first ever School Travel Plan Newsletter to this newsletter this week. You can also find it on our website [here](#). Please do take a look!

## Parent Forum

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Wanford and some of the leadership team met with the Parent Forum group online for a virtual meeting. Thank you to those parents/carers who managed to join us for this, and a copy of the minutes can be found [here](#) on our website. It was a useful opportunity to hear how things are going from a parent/carer perspective and anything else we needed to consider whilst in this situation with home learning and any practical arrangements for when we return to school.

## White Rose Maths Online Resources

The White Rose Maths home learning website is one of the online resources which the school has promoted for pupil use during this period. We use this scheme to support our delivery of Maths in school and they use similar techniques in their online videos as we do in our lessons. Alongside their videos, they have been releasing free worksheets for pupils to practise the skills learnt in the video. Unfortunately, from next week, the worksheets will no longer be available to those without a premium subscription and as a school we do not currently have this. However, we would like to continue encouraging pupils to use the free videos which they post. Additional free activities linked to the videos can also be found on the BBC Bitesize website. The activities found on BBC Bitesize will still link to the White Rose videos as the two organisations are working together to deliver online home learning.

## Schoolreaders Stories

Please see below links to three stories read by a volunteer from the charity Schoolreaders. They provide free volunteers to listen to children read 1:1 in primary schools. As the volunteers can't go into schools at the moment, they have arranged for some volunteers to do reading videos instead.

### [Schoolreaders Storytime - 'The Ravenous Beast' by Niamh Sharkey](#)

The ravenous beast is hungry; he's hungry, hungry, hungry! But is he the hungriest animal of them all?  
Reading age: 5+

### [Schoolreaders Storytime - 'One is a snail, ten is a crab' by April Pulley Sayre](#)

If one is a snail and two is a person, we must be counting by feet!  
Reading age: 3+

### [Schoolreaders Storytime - 'This is Our House' by Michael Rosen](#)

A book about the power of sharing. George says the cardboard house is his and no one else can share it.  
Reading age: 5+

Optional activities to accompany each story can be found [here](#). Enjoy!

## Starting up a Business

We have been asked to share the flyer at the end of this newsletter from Buckinghamshire's Community Outreach Team. If you are interested, please contact either James Keen, Community Outreach Officer on 07827 986448 or by email to [james.keen@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:james.keen@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or Debbie Garwood, Community Outreach Officer on 07770 802497 or by email to [debbie.garwood@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.garwood@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

## Berryfields Foodbank

Church on Berryfields have a foodbank which is open every Monday from 10.30am-12.00pm and every Thursday from 2.00-3.30pm at Esquires Coffee Shop. They are open for anyone who is experiencing financial difficulties and are welcome to visit for food packages. Delivery can also be arranged for those who are isolating. They can be contacted on 07919 332859 or via email to [foodbank@churchonberryfields.org](mailto:foodbank@churchonberryfields.org).

## Childcare for children of key workers

If you require childcare for the following three weeks (w/c 4<sup>th</sup> May, w/c 11<sup>th</sup> May and w/c 18<sup>th</sup> May), please ensure that you complete the Microsoft Form that we have set up for you to let us know when you require the childcare for. You can follow the link for the form [here](#), and we ask that any parents/carers requiring the childcare complete the form by 7.30am on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May. The form will then close and any other changes needed will need to be communicated to us via email to [admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk).

Please remember to include your child's name and class at the beginning when completing the form and note that we are not open next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May due to the Early May Bank Holiday (VE Day).

## YouTube Videos

Please remember that our staff release YouTube videos on a Monday and Thursday at 9.00am for Years One to Four. You can access the videos by clicking [here](#). On this channel you will find various playlists for each of the classes and you'll also find our assembly playlist too. Please do look and share the videos with your children. Our Early Years staff will continue to update Tapestry each day for childing in YN and YR.

### Year-group E-mail Accounts

Please remember to send any activities or challenges that your child has completed to the year-group email addresses that have been created. Nursery and Reception can continue to use [Tapestry](#) to document anything that they have been doing and to find the daily challenges that are assigned.

If your child has something that they would like to share with Mr. Wanford, or perhaps your child has completed one of the challenges from his assemblies, please continue to use the year-group email addresses and ask your child's class teacher to pass it on to him.

Please note that there is no expectation for our staff to respond to the emails due to the sheer volume that they receive. Although our year-group email addresses are secure in school, they are accessed by multiple staff, so if you have any direct questions about your child or their learning please email [admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk) so we can ensure that your e-mail is directed to the right member of staff.

The e-mail addresses are as follows:

- [Year1@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:Year1@greenridgeacademy.co.uk)
- [Year2@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:Year2@greenridgeacademy.co.uk)
- [Year3@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:Year3@greenridgeacademy.co.uk)
- [Year4@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:Year4@greenridgeacademy.co.uk)

### Letters sent home this week

Parent Forum Update 27 04 20

Residential Trip to Cologne, Germany – October 2020

Update 30 04 20



# BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ADULT LEARNING



*Have you thought about being your own boss?*

**Starting a business in a dramatically changing world**

**\*FREE** online course

**Initial Assessments: 6 and 8 May | Taster Workshops: 11 and 15 May**

**Initial Assessments: 20 and 22 May | Taster Workshops: 27 and 29 May**

You will receive individual support from your tutor to establish what you want to learn, then take part in an online workshop with a small group of learners.

After the workshop, there is the opportunity to enrol on a longer programme to work further on your business plan.

**You will:**

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- Consider and evaluate the new demands of running a business
- Recognise and review relevant marketing strategies
- Evaluate finance strategy and highlight potential risks
- Analyse the options for further ongoing support

**\*Funded for targeted adults 19 years or over who meet UK residency requirements for funding.**

**For more information or to enrol, please call/text**

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