

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term 2020

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Friday, 22nd May

A note from the Headteacher

I genuinely cannot believe that today is, in theory, our last day of this half-term; time has simply flown away over the last few weeks after Easter (or this may just be me!). Over this week I have been particularly thinking just how different this year has panned out, and how we could not have imaged this at this point last year as we held our Global Diversity week and open afternoon event.

Yesterday afternoon I had the opportunity to meet with a range of parents/carers from across the school for the Parent Forum Meeting. Thank you for those of you who passed on questions or thoughts for us to think about, and no doubt your class reps will feedback and the minutes of the meeting (published later on in the newsletter) will give some answers to your questions. As my letter to you yesterday morning stated, we are still not able to agree to open Green Ridge as we do not yet believe we have the necessary precautions and resources in place to do so. We are not uncommon in this, and in fact all our academies in REAch2 are in the same position, along with many other schools up and down the country. We're currently sourcing PPE, sorting logistics around the school, changing classrooms around and all manner of things to ensure that all staff and pupils are safe when we do re-open. I thank you for your patience throughout all of this. I hope that later next week or immediately after half-term I can update you with our further developments and plans.

As a reminder, we are CLOSED completely on Monday, 1st June, and re-open for childcare provision from Tuesday, 2nd June as normal.

In the meantime, I wish you all an enjoyable and safe half-term break; let's hope the weather stays kind and you can enjoy some outdoor time!

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Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



(ABOVE) On Wednesday it was national Thank A Teacher Day and we would like to thank you for all the lovely photos and videos that we received from the children!

"I can't imagine how hard it must be for you all, but I just wanted to express my deepest gratitude for the detailed emails and continuous reassuring updates."

Some positive feedback from one of our Nursery/Year 2 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)	Harry	a brilliant adventure idea in today's comprehension work.
Birch (YR)	Joshua	the exciting caterpillar experiment he is doing at home.
Willow (YR)	Elise	designed her own dress and made it out of bubble wrap.
Willow (YR)	Heidi	completing one of the Maths challenges this week.
Beech (Y1)	Imogen	her brilliant model of a rocket ship.
Elm (Y1)	Joshua	thinking creatively to complete a maths treasure hunt.
Oak (Y2)	Pola	creating an amazing self-portrait and colouring it in beautifully. She has also written her thoughts and feelings around her picture, linked to this week's Mental Health Awareness Week challenge. Well done Pola! 😊
Plane (Y2)	Alex	going above and beyond to help the wildlife in his local area by building his own hedgehog house, bug house and bird box.
Cedar (Y3)	Anisa	a great reflective piece of writing. Thinking about all the different things she is grateful for.
Rowan (Y4)	Urvi	using a broad range of creative vocabulary to make her 'Invisible

		Man' story engaging for the reader.
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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)	Vidhi	Elm (Y1)	Yarina
Oak (Y2)	Jessie	Plane (Y2)	Samuel
Cedar (Y3)	Brayden	Rowan (Y4)	Ingrid

What have you been learning at home?

Little Ridges Nursery



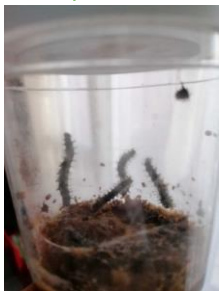
Esme from Little Berries has been busy cleaning and washing her toys while enjoying some outdoor play.

Darcy completed one of the activities this week and went on a bug hunt. She found

lots of bugs, well done Darcy!



Reception



Joshua from Birch class has been carrying out a caterpillar experiment and they have grown so much this week!

Elise has been a fashionista this and has

designed and created a dress made of bubble wrap!

Heidi did a fantastic job of completing one of the Maths challenges set this week.



Year One



Yarina from Elm class created a brilliant family tree.

Joshua has been busy building a den.



Ruby has been working on her phonics.

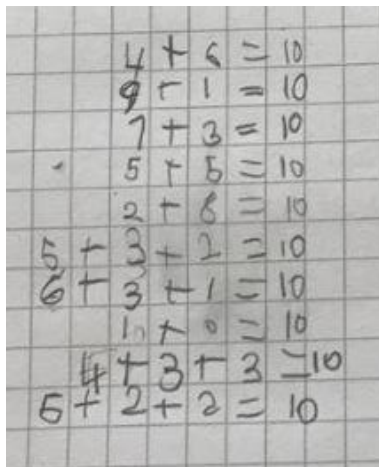


Bella has learnt to sew.

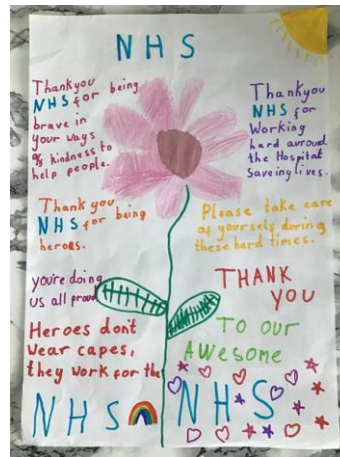
Harry completed some excellent work about seasons.



Imogen from Beech class created a rocket ship this week and Vidhi presented her number bonds beautifully.

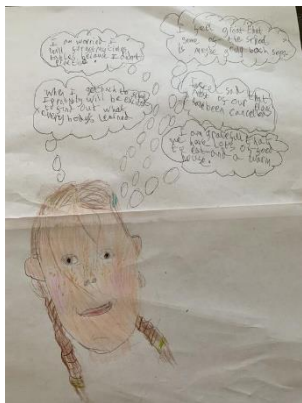


Year Three

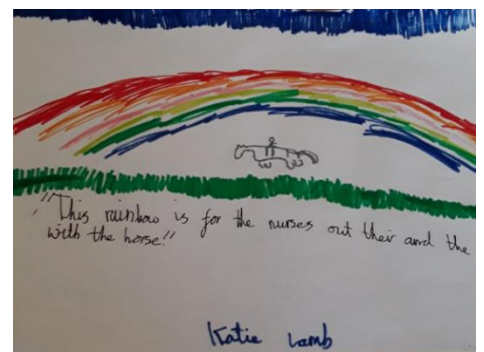


Year Two

Both Pola & Jessie from Oak class created some fantastic self-portraits this week.



Maia, Veera & Katie have made posters for Mental Health Week. They thought about being kind to others and have written a motivational message.



Niamh from Plane class completed a cycling challenge by building up to 20km starting from 2km!



Alex made a fantastic bug house, hedgehog house and bird box for the local wildlife.



Samuel received a PAP award this week for demonstrating amazing determination with his Maths learning.

Time	Activity
7:30 AM	Get up
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	PE with Joe
10:00 AM	Work
11:00 AM	Work
12:00 PM	Snacks and chat
1:00 PM	Maths / bike ride
2:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM	Bed

Year Four

Urvi wrote a fantastic story this week.

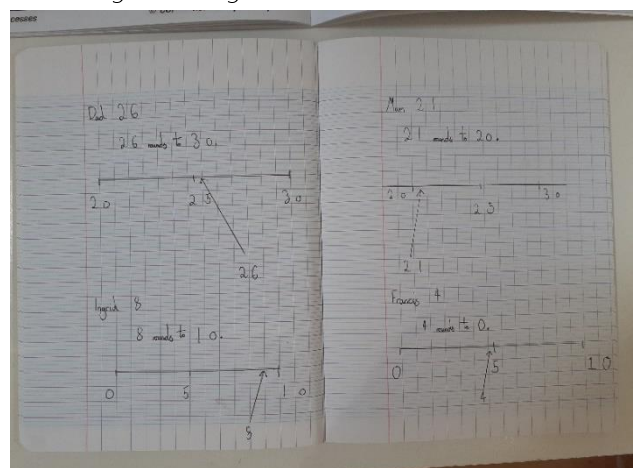
The Invisible Man

He wrote on the paper. Gradually, the colours came into his mind. He wrote faster and faster unable to stop. Then he noticed it. The original dark - brownish colour of his skin was fading. A surging pain was traveling in and out of his veins. It was the sort of pain you'd experience when you put a pin in your finger and pull it out. FAST. The only things that were visible on his body were the peachy pink t-shirt, the ordinary blue jeans and a pair of thick rubber gloves. As he wrung his hands in despair, he remembered what the old man on the street had said to him. "THIS PEN IS A RARE ITEM SO USE IT WISELY, WHOEVER WRITES WITH IT WILL TURN INVISIBLE, I MYSELF DO NOT KNOW THE CURE BUT I WILL TELL YOU WHEN TIME IS RIPE."

Having no time to think what he would do, he flung it out of the window and on to the street. Walking over to a nearby chair, he sat down and took one last look at his hands. Suddenly, out of thin air, the old man appeared and sat down, cross-legged on the Venetian carpet.

By Urvi Chimata

Ingrid beautifully presented her number lines for the rounding challenge.



News items from this week

Childcare for children of critical workers & vulnerable children

If you require childcare in June for children in Y2-Y4, please ensure that you complete the Microsoft Forms below. We have created one for each week in June and would be grateful if you could complete each form by 3.00pm the Friday before. For example, by next Friday, 29th May for the week commencing Monday, 1st June. Once the form closes for each week, any changes will need to be communicated to us via email to admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk.

Please note that some staff have spoken with parents/carers this week who we have agreed are eligible to attend the provision from after half-term. Where this is the case, please ensure you also sign your child up on the forms so that we are aware of their attendance.

[W/C Monday 1st June](#) (please note that we are closed on Monday, 1st June due to an INSET day)

[W/C Monday 8th June](#)

[W/C Monday 15th June](#)

[W/C Monday 22nd June](#)

[W/C Monday, 29th June](#)

Everybody Worries eBook

A lovely book has been created for children by Jon Burgerman for those with worries about Coronavirus. You can follow the link [here](#).

Parent Forum Minutes

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.

Schoolreaders Storytime – Week 4



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 – 'Aaaarrgghh Spider!' by Lydia Monks](#)

Spider wants to be a family pet. But the family whose

house he lives in are terrified of him. Whenever he tries to show them what a great pet he would make, they simply cry: "AAAARRGGHH, Spider!" [Optional activity](#)
Reading Age 5+

[Schoolreaders Storytime – 'Cyril and Pat' by Emily Gravett](#)

Cyril is the only squirrel in Lake Park, and he's very lonely. Until one day he meets Pat – Pat the big, grey . . . other squirrel. Cyril and Pat have lots of adventures and fun together and Cyril is so pleased he's made a friend. But everyone is adamant that Cyril and Pat simply cannot be friends, and they soon reveal why: Pat, as the reader has known all along, is actually a RAT! [Optional activity](#)
Reading Age 7+

[Schoolreaders Storytime – 'The Highway Rat' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler](#)

Life is not safe for the other animals, as the villainous Highway Rat gallops along the highway, stealing their food. Clover from a rabbit; nuts from a squirrel - he even steals his own horse's hay. Will he finally meet his comeuppance, in the form of a cunning duck? [Optional activity](#)
Reading Age 6+

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

Berryfields Phase 4

As construction of Phase 4 of Berryfields continues, we have been asked to emphasise on how dangerous building sites can be and the importance of keeping children away from them. We are sure this is something that you have already made your children aware of as you live within a community that is still growing and continues to be worked on, but please do continue to keep the children alert.

Letters sent home this week

New Parent & Carer Information Packs 19 05 20
Phased Re-Opening of School Update #2 21 05 20
Letter to Parents/Carers from REAch2 Executives 22 05 20