

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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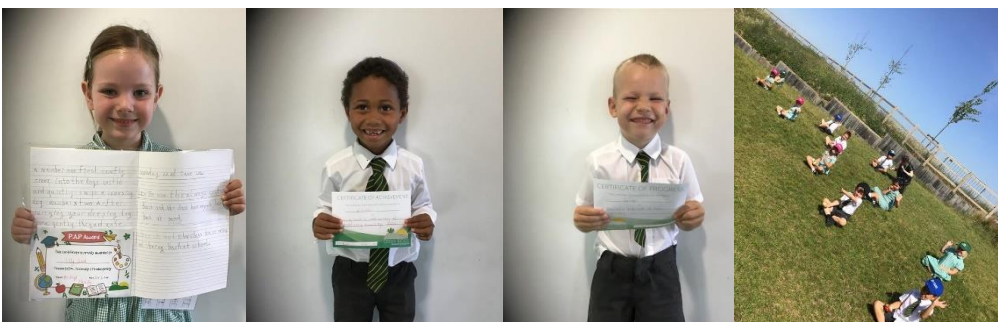
A note from the Headteacher

We have certainly enjoyed some of the warm weather this week in school, and for those of you with children at home still, I hope you have managed to make the most of the time for some 'outdoor' learning. Thank you for ensuring that your children come with water bottles each day and that they have sun cream applied and a hat; we have little shade out on the playground, and we limit the times the children are exposed to the sun, particularly at lunchtime.

I've had many questions e-mailed in and asked on the gate this week about Year Two, Three and Four returning. At this time, we are unable to accommodate any of the other year groups returning, simply because we do not have the space left in the building, and nor do we have the full complement of staff to run bubbles of up to 15 children. Each bubble generally must run with two adults to ensure each one can be released as necessary, without bringing a mix of another adult to the bubble. This very much constrains our staff and how we can use them each week. As it stands, REAch2 continue to mandate that we continue in bubbles of no more than 15 to the end of the academic year for everybody's safety, and that we follow the government instruction that we open to Nursery, Reception and Year One, and only consider other year groups if it is safe and practicable to be able to do so. Currently, it is just not possible, and as a trust, we avoid models which involve children in on a rota as it becomes difficult for working parents/carers to manage this. I know this is far from ideal, and as I have said, I very much want all the children to return, but a decision has been made by the trust in the best interests and safety for everybody, including the staff. We very much hope that by September we will be able to welcome all the children back, as per the government recommendation earlier this week, and again, if it is safe to do so, we will ensure this happens. Have a great weekend!

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Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



(ABOVE) Although we cannot come together in assembly as we usually would, we still continue to celebrate those who have been awarded with certificates each week. Beech bubble 1 even had a socially distanced assembly outside this week!

"We can honestly say that we have been so impressed with how the school have handled the situation and have kept the children's education a priority throughout this period of such uncertainty and concern."

Some great feedback from one of our Beech class parents/carers

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Celebrations and Achievements

Achievement & Progress 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 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. 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 and progress certificates this week!

	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Aisha	demonstrating her excellent knowledge of number bonds to 10 in her number sentences.
Willow (YR)	Aaliyah	an excellent effort in phonics this week.
Beech (Y1)	Kobe	for having a great first week back.
Elm (Y1)	Lincoln	being such a walking encyclopedia and explaining so many new words to us.
Oak (Y2)	Kenzie	writing a wonderful story and working hard on his presentation.
Plane (Y2)	Lily-Rose	working really hard on a story all about diversity.
Cedar (Y3)	Katie	her poster explaining how to stay safe at the swimming pool.
Rowan (Y4)	Joseph	demonstrating an excellent understanding of how to divide numbers by 10 and 100.

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Harry	his amazing phonics skills. He has remembered so much!
Willow (YR)	Jenna	working extremely hard to improve her pencil grip and letter formation and being

		so confident in phonics!
Beech (Y1)	Finley	making good choices and for being an amazing friend.
Elm (Y1)	Jacob	fantastic progress with his engagement and attitude to learning.

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)	Lilly
Oak (Y2)	Riley	Plane (Y2)	Shannon
Cedar (Y3)	Anisa	Rowan (Y4)	Talia

What have you been learning at home?

Little Ridges Nursery

Welcome back Little Berries! The children have had a fantastic week returning to nursery and it has been so nice to see some of you back. We are incredibly proud of how well they've settled back in, well done! We have been focusing on colours this week and the colours of the rainbow. They have made finger print rainbows, colour patterns with caterpillars and carrot printing with lots of different colours. We have been doing the hand washing song daily and they have been enjoying the outside area with chalk, ramps and cars. What a fantastic week back!



Little Acorns have settled back in so well this week and we have been talking all about Mercury and how it is the closest planet to the sun. We recapped all the planets that we have previously learnt and we were so impressed at how much they knew. We re-watched some rocket launch's and created our own rockets using shapes. Well done Little Acorns, it is lovely to have some of you back!



Reception

This week in Birch and Willow, we have learnt our Talk4Writing actions for the poem 'Rumble in the Jungle'. We have also focused on the animal, chimpanzee's learning lots of different facts about them! In Maths, Willow and Birch have focused on

number bonds to 10. It's been great to see them so focused as we started our adult focused and independent activities after the carpet session. It has also been great to observe some great teamwork as the children have created/built lots of different things!



Year One

Year 1 have been refining their maths skills this week by working out subtraction problems using a number line. In English they have been reflecting on all the things they have learnt during their time in Year 1 and what they are looking forward to as they move into Year 2. The children have also continued to learn about seaside holidays in the past with a focus on seaside entertainment. The weather has been very apt to think about the seaside!

Year Two

Kenzie from Oak class wrote a wonderful story and worked really hard on his presentation this week.

Shannon from Plane class write an amazing story called 'The Mysterious Door' and presented it beautifully.



Year Three

This week year three have been extremely busy creating their own board games, making posters about water safety and have been outside to make lots of different nature collages.

Year Four

Joseph was awarded with this week's achievement award for Demonstrating an excellent understanding of how to divide numbers by 10 and 100.

Talia drew neat and clear pictorial representations to show her working out for the division challenges.

The image shows two pages of handwritten student work on lined paper. The left page contains several division problems with place value charts and pictorial representations using dots. The right page features a 'Mr Foster's challenge' with a division problem, a place value chart, and a pictorial representation of a division problem.

Left Page:

- a) $2 \cdot 10 = 20$
Total: Ones + Tens + Hundreds
Tens: 20
Ones: 0
Hundreds: 0
- b) $531 \div 3 = 177$
Total: Ones + Tens + Hundreds
Ones: 1
Tens: 7
Hundreds: 1
- c) 32 divided by 100 = 0.32
Total: Ones + Tens + Hundreds
Ones: 0
Tens: 3
Hundreds: 2
- d) $230 \div 10 = 23$
Total: Ones + Tens + Hundreds
Ones: 0
Tens: 3
Hundreds: 2
- e) $34 \div 100 = 0.34$
Total: Ones + Tens + Hundreds
Ones: 0
Tens: 3
Hundreds: 4

Right Page:

- Pages 32-33 of maths book
Practise 9 times tables
Mr Foster's challenge:
 $524 \div 2 = 262$
- H: 5 blue dots
T: 2 orange dots
O: 4 green dots
- Place value chart:
H: 2, T: 6, O: 2
- 2) 426 counters split between 5 groups
H: 4 red dots
T: 2 orange dots
O: 6 green dots

News items from this week

Sign-up Sheet for Nursery, Reception and Year One and Childcare Sign-up for children of critical workers & vulnerable children – w/c Monday, 6th July

The sign-up sheet for children in Nursery, Reception, Year One and for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children is now open and will remain open until 12.00pm on Wednesday, 1st July. **After this time, no further children will be admitted for the following week.** Please follow this [link](#).

For those pupils in Nursery, Reception and Year One, even if they are returning next week and signed up, they will still need to be signed up the following week so we know to expect them.

The childcare facility for children of critical workers and vulnerable children will continue to operate w/c 6th July for pupils in Year Two, Three and Four. Similarly, you are still required to sign-up via the link above.

Transition Arrangements

Next Thursday, your child will be informed of their new Class Teacher for September, and you will receive a letter home detailing staffing arrangements too.

Transition continues to be important to us at Green Ridge so that our children feel secure and settled ahead of returning to school in September (assuming that all children do, as per the government advice).

Typically, we would aim to reduce any anxiety that the children may have by ensuring they have opportunities to meet their new teacher both formally and informally before the new term begins. We would also want to make sure that wherever we can, we get the children to visit their new classrooms and show them where everything might be.

Sadly, due to the current social distancing restrictions and requirements for us to limit adults with the children in their bubbles, we are unable to do our usual transition morning this year where your child can physically spend time with their new class teacher before the end of term. However, we will be arranging for an electronic meet with their new teacher in school over the coming weeks. However, for most children, they will already be familiar with their new teacher as they are already in school. We will ensure that in September we carry out our usual transition activities we would have ordinarily done this term so that the children are settled and prepared for their new year group and any changes in routine and expectation for the new academic year.

You will, of course, have the opportunity to meet all the new staff in the new academic year, and meet

them formally in at the Meet the Teacher events in early September; more details will follow about these.

Annual Parent Survey



On Tuesday all parents/carers should have received a letter regarding our Annual Parent Survey. The survey is in two parts so we ask for you to please complete the online questionnaire that

can be found [here](#) as well as the online survey found [here](#). Please complete by **Friday, 10th July**.

Uniform – Being September ready

Please could we take this opportunity to remind you of the academy uniform expectations ahead of September. Whilst we have been more tolerant of uniform lapses since the children returned in June due to children growing out of their uniform or being unable to purchase, there is now plenty of time to purchase ahead of September and the new academic year.

There have been several children recently arriving in trainers or plimsols and children without ties. Our uniform policy is to ensure that our children look smart and promote a sense of belonging for them at Green Ridge; it also enables them to take responsibility for their dress and presentation and gives them a clear sense of identity at our academy.

Sun Safe Schools

You can find the UV forecast for the next few days below. If the UV forecast is 3 or above, children should have sun cream applied before arriving at school and bring a hat and sunglasses to further protect themselves. It is not just about how sunny it is as there can be a high UV on a cloudy day. Please follow this [link](#) to check the forecast each day.



Schoolreaders Storytime – Week 8

[Schoolreaders Storytime – 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo' by Michael Rosen](#)

He's wild, he's wicked, he's Little Rabbit Foo Foo! In this read-aloud romp by the incomparable Michael Rosen, author of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, the bully-boy bunny likes nothing better than to ride through the forest bopping everyone on the head. Wiggly worms, tigers, no one is safe. But here comes the Good Fairy – and she is not amused!

Reading Age 5+

[Schoolreaders Storytime – 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson](#)

With her magic paintbrush, Shen can paint steaming pots full of fish and oysters to feed the hungry people in her village, but when the evil emperor hears of her gift he commands Shen to paint gold for him instead. She is determined to keep her promise to paint only for the poor, but how can she match the emperor's mighty power?

Reading Age 6+ [Optional activity](#)

[Schoolreaders Storytime – 'The Hope-o-potamus' by Greg James and Chris Smith](#)

From 'The Book of Hopes' edited by Katherine Rundell. The Book of Hopes is an extraordinary collection of short stories, poems and pictures to comfort, inspire and entertain children in Lockdown with contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators.

Reading Age 8+

Letters sent home this week

Registration Sign Up for wc 29th June 22 06 20

Parental Survey 23 06 20

Nursery Pupil Learning Reviews 23 06 20

Relationships and Sex Education 25 06 20

Head Lice 25 06 20

Admission arrangements for YN, YR, Y1 & childcare wc 29th June 25 06 20

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Due to Coronavirus, government guidelines require us to strictly limit the number of people in our store at any one time. Therefore in order to avoid people having to queue for hours outside, we are handling things differently this year. Please see as follows.

This year it's vitally important that you do NOT leave buying the uniform you need until the last minute.

If your child is starting school in September, we recommend booking a personal shopping appointment for fitting advice. We can assist you by visually judging which sizes your child will need. This is important because due to the guidelines our changing rooms are closed and your child will not be able to try items on in the store.

Also, we must ask that only one adult accompanies each child who needs uniform and that where possible customers wear a face covering.

Wherever possible parents/carers of existing students should order online, preferably selecting 'Click & Collect'. This will save you the cost of postage and avoid the risk of items getting lost in the post.

If you need to exchange any uniform bought online that's the wrong size, you must please return it within 14 days. All exchanged items will be quarantined for 72 hours.

To place an order, book an appointment or watch a guide on how to measure your child please visit our [website](http://www.bucksschoolwearplus.co.uk).