

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Summer Term 2020

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Friday, 3rd July

A note from the Headteacher

It's hard to believe we're now in July, and there is only a few weeks left of this academic year. Whilst in some ways it feels like we are all ready for some sort of break after an unprecedented few months, it also doesn't quite feel like we're coming to the end of the term when we are not able to do all our normal end of term and year things, such as our transition days and meet all our new children. However, for those children in school I know they are still getting back on with their learning and for them, they are feeling somewhat back to normal. I continue to be amazed at their resilience and ability to cope with all the change, and they are a real credit to us.

Yesterday, we received our instruction from the Department for Education about what schools are expected to operate in September; as ever, this information is lengthy and needs some time by us to digest and put plans in place for all children to return in the autumn term, and so we ask for your patience over the next few weeks. Whilst at first glance it appears things will go somewhat back to normal, there are likely some things we are still unable to do, or restrictions imposed. We will be working on putting a plan in place in conjunction with REAch2, following the guidance given; we will of course share this with you as soon as we are able, but we very much aim to be able to get as back to 'normal' as we can, most importantly for the sake of all our children at Green Ridge.

I hope the children were excited to learn about their new class teachers yesterday, and I hope to be able to share with you our support staff arrangements as well in the next few weeks. Our annual reports come out on Monday, and more detail follows later in the newsletter about these.

Finally, please could I just ask for anybody who hasn't done our end of year survey to do so this week – we've only had 50 responses so far, and we're aiming for 300! Have a lovely weekend!

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Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



(ABOVE) It's great to see so many of our children continuing to work so hard at home – Keep up the good work!

"The communication received from school is second to none and we always feel fully informed as parents. During the pandemic we can only imagine the amount of work that went into to revising procedures and strategies and have huge gratitude for all of the staff."

Parent/Carer Feedback from the end of year survey

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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) | Daniel | excellent phonics learning this week. |
| Willow (YR) | Max | always making the right choices and being a great role model to others. |
| Beech (Y1) | Harrison | his fantastic effort and enthusiasm in every lesson. |
| Elm (Y1) | Henley | being on fire with maths and being the first to answer every question this week. |
| Oak (Y2) | Jessie | showing us her wonderful piano playing. |
| Plane (Y2) | Ayah | working so hard to create a mini project all about Morocco. She did some fantastic research into Morocco and worked really hard on her excellent handwriting. |
| Cedar (Y3) | Seshan | working scientifically and writing a good method for the colour mixing experiment. |
| Rowan (Y4) | Oliwia | excellent research for her animal fact file. |

| | <i>Certificate of Progress</i> | <i>For...</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Birch (YR) | Esmay | using her phonics sounds to help her when she is writing. |
| Willow (YR) | Gwennie | building her confidence within class, being resilient |

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| | | and showing great progress in her reading. |
| Beech (Y1) | Izzy | using number lines correctly to solve her maths work. |
| Elm (Y1) | Toby-Lee | working very hard in maths and phonics this week, we have seen a huge difference. |

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!

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| Beech (Y1) | Adeena | Elm (Y1) | Joseph |
| Oak (Y2) | Ava | Plane (Y2) | Mia-Jade |
| Cedar (Y3) | Hrishi | Rowan (Y4) | Callum |

What have you been learning at home?

Little Ridges Nursery



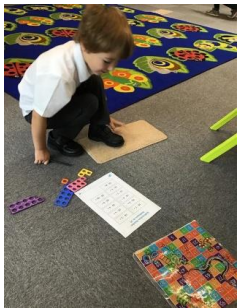
What a fantastic second week back... Little Berries have enjoyed exploring and talking about holidays. They have been learning about different places we can go on holiday and how we get there. They have made passports and postcards too. They have done lots of practising scissor control and making rockets to travel to space. They even

made their own car wash! They have been practising their gross motor skills with jumping from one chalk lily pad to another. They have all done so well at settling back into the nursery routine, well done Little Berries!

Little Acorns have been busy this week continuing with the topic 'To Infinity and Beyond'. They have been creating fantastic space pictures, including planets, rockets and astronauts. This has really helped to develop their cutting skills. They have also been learning how to correctly form the letters in their name and applied this when creating a space rocket. The week drew to and end with planet hopping outside and a moon rock number hunt!



Reception

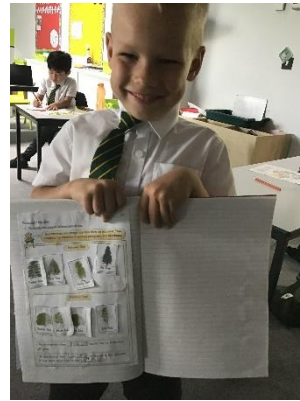


This week in Birch and Willow, we have focussed on the jungle animal, the lion. As a class, we have created a Lion Fact File and have learnt the lion stanza to our poem, Rumble in the Jungle. In Maths, the children have recapped subtraction, becoming more and more confident using different resources to help them

work out their sums throughout the week. It has also been great to see the children complete more challenges independently - the paper chain snakes some children have created have encouraged the children to make up great narratives!

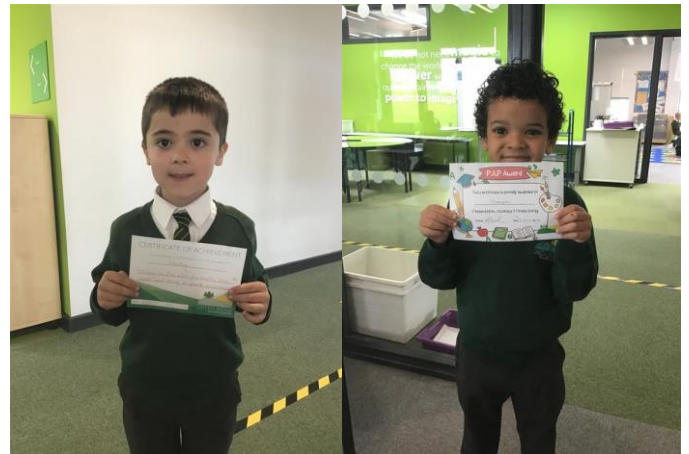


Year One



This week Year 1 have been solving addition and subtraction word problems. They have used RUCSAC (Read, Understand, Choose, Solve, Answer, Check) to help them work through the problems. We have been so impressed with their problem solving skills. In English the children have been building and

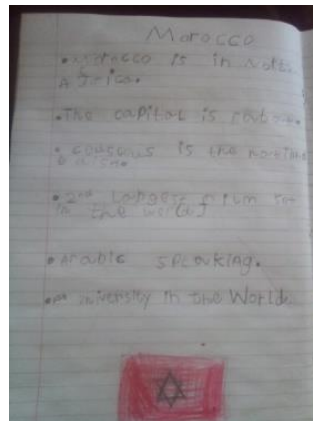
enhancing sentences using time connectives, adjectives and nouns. There has been more learning all about plants this week as Science took the children onto learning all about deciduous and evergreen trees, maybe this weekend you could go on a tree hunt and see if you can identify any trees that share a name with one of our classes...



Year Two

Ayah from Plane class was awarded with this week's achievement certificate for working so hard to create a mini project all about Morocco. She did some fantastic research into Morocco and worked really hard on her excellent handwriting.

Mia from Plane class was awarded with this week's PAP award for writing a fantastic shape poem about a flower and presenting it beautifully.



Jessie from Oak class was awarded with this week's achievement certificate for showing us her wonderful piano playing.



Year Three

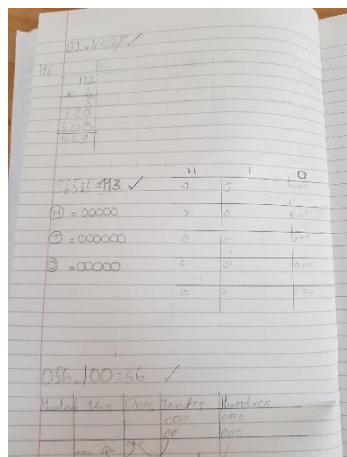
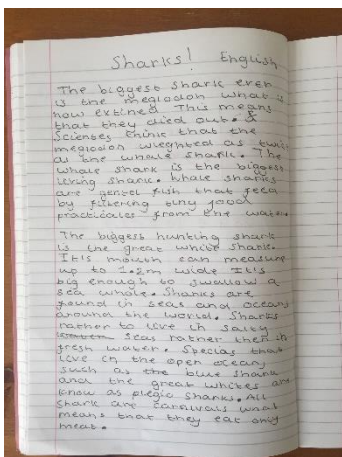
This week year 3 have been completing a science experiment. They experimented what happens when you put food colouring into a cup and a paper towel in the other. They discovered that paper towels are absorbent and sucks up the water. The colour travels and mixes the colours together.



Year Four

Oliwia was awarded with the achievement certificate this week for excellent research for her animal fact file.

Callum was awarded with this week's PAP award for beautifully presenting pictorial representations for his Maths learning.



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, 13th 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, 8th 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 13th July for pupils in Year Two, Three and Four. Similarly, you are still required to sign-up via the link above.

Staffing and Transition Arrangements

Yesterday, your child was told who their new Class Teacher will be in September and you should have received a letter detailing staffing arrangements. Please do familiarise yourself with this communication.

Annual Parent Survey

Just a reminder that our annual parental survey is due to close **next Friday (10th July)**. To date, **only 50** parents have responded, as per below!

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| Little Berries | 2 | Little Acorns | 4 |
| Willow | 11 | Birch | 3 |
| Elm | 4 | Beech | 4 |
| Oak | 9 | Plane | 2 |
| Cedar | 8 | Rowan | 2 |

We really want to aim for as close to 300 minimum as possible, so please spread the word and make this happen – this is your chance to have your say and give us some feedback about how we can improve. The survey is in two parts so we ask you to please complete the online questionnaire that can be found [here](#) as well as the online survey found [here](#). The survey is going to remain open until 5.00pm on Friday, 10th July.

Reports (Year R-Year 4)

On Monday, your child will be bringing home their annual school report. The report contains information about your child's academic performance and progress over the last year, as well as personal comments about their attitude to learning and behaviour. The reports are designed to be helpful to you as parents/carers so that you have a clear understanding of how well your child is doing and

what they need to work on next as they move to their new year group in September. This year, the reports are slightly different in light of the COVID19 pandemic and this will be explained in a letter sent to you all on Monday electronically. For those children not in school, we will be sending these home via post and they should arrive with you early next week.

We ask that all parents/carers complete the electronic reply slip in the report to acknowledge you have safely received the report, and to let us know if you would like to follow this up with a conversation with your child's class teacher.

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 9

[Schoolreaders Storytime – 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers](#)

One day a boy finds an aeroplane in his cupboard. Up, up and away he flies, past clouds and stars until suddenly, phut, phut phut, the plane runs out of petrol and the boy crash lands on the moon. Just as he is beginning to get cold and lonely, a Martian appears from the darkness – could this be the start of an unlikely friendship? And will the boy ever manage to get home again?

Reading Age 6+

[Schoolreaders Storytime – 'The Squirrels who Squabbled' by Rachel Bright](#)

Greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce both have their sights on a very special prize: THE VERY LAST NUT OF THE SEASON! As the nut bounces crazily through the forest, the squirrels race after it, between the trees, over boulders, down the river and - ARGH! - right to the edge of a waterfall! Working together might be the only way to save themselves now ...

Reading Age 5+

[Schoolreaders Storytime – 'Searching for Treasure' by Annabel Pitcher. 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+

Social Distancing – Polite Reminder

Can we ask that you help us in ensuring that social distancing measures are continued to be enforced during drop-off and pick-up. The beginning and end of the day are the busiest times for children and adults to be congregating together so it is vital that you maintain a safe distance where possible. We implemented a staggered start, introduced a one-way system and multiple drop-off/pick-up points but we still require your support for everyone's safety.

Water Bottles

We would like to remind you that squash, juice or fizzy drinks are **not** permitted. Children are welcome to bring in water or still flavoured water in a named, sports type bottle for use in the classroom. These can be refilled during the day but should be taken home overnight for washing.

Bike & Scooter Safety

Can we please ask that you encourage your children to take extra care when riding on their bikes and scooters. It is great to see so many children travelling to school on their bikes and scooters but we have had reports that children have been travelling at excessive speed and are not being very aware or courteous. Thank you for your cooperation with this!

Nursery Pupil Learning Reviews

Bookings for Nursery Pupil Learning Reviews close at 6.30pm on Sunday, 5th July. Please follow the link in the Nursery Pupil Learning Reviews – July 2020 letter sent to Nursery parents/carers on 23rd June to make an appointment if you haven't already done so.

Letters sent home this week

Registration Sign Up for wc 6th July 29 06 20

Letter to parents & carers from Buckinghamshire Council 30 06 20

Nursery New Parent & Carer Information Packs 30 06 20

YN Moving Up from Berries to Acorns, September 2020 02 07 20

Staffing Arrangements for September 2020 02 07 20

Admission arrangements for YN, YR, Y1 & childcare wc 6th July 02 07 20

Appendix A - Temporary Site Plan Layout (internal) - July 2020

Appendix B - Temporary Site Plan Layout (external drop and collection points) - July 2020



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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).