

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Summer Term 2020

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A note from the Headteacher

As we head into the penultimate week or so of the academic year, there is still so much for us to clarify and work through as we prepare for September and the wider opening of the school. I know many of you have questions about what is going to happen, and I just want to reassure you of where we are. Over the last week or so I have been putting together various risk assessments, systems and procedures in-light of the government guidance for schools to fully re-open in September. All our risk assessments and processes are having a final sign-off by REAch2 at the start of next week and following the anticipated 'green light' on these, we will then share with you our detailed plans for the new academic year. We are very much hoping to get as 'back to normal' as we can, within the parameters we have been given, but please be assured that we intend that all children return fully, full-time.

Just a reminder to all that our term finishes on Tuesday, 21st July as previously communicated in our term dates for this academic year. I know some parents/carers have heard that other schools are closing early for a range of reasons, but we consider it important to finish our term as we planned and give the children as much opportunity as they can to continue their learning before we finish again for six weeks. Next Friday will be our last newsletter for the year. I've been asked a few questions about end of term gifts for staff and whether we can accept these; I've clarified this point later in the newsletter.

Just a final plea from me to ask that if you have not already done so, please complete the parent/carer end of year questionnaire. 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 today. Thank you in advance.

Have a great weekend!

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Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher

"We are so thankful for all the support Green Ridge has given to parents and carers throughout this unusual and uncertain time. We couldn't be happier with Green Ridge as a school for our child and we feel extremely lucky. The communication with parents/carers is faultless and the reception team (as I'm sure are other teams) are amazing and SLT are always approachable."

Some lovely feedback from one of our Reception parents/carers

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(ABOVE) This week the children have spent some time focusing on who they can talk to within school if they have any worries or concerns. They created some wonderful posters that will be displayed in the school.

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)	Oskar	excellent writing about what he can see, hear and smell in the rainforest.
Willow (YR)	Robin	confidence when doubling single digit numbers.
Beech (Y1)	Poppy	being so inquisitive in science.
Elm (Y1)	Harry	consistently impressing us with all of the knowledge he has gained during lockdown.
Oak (Y2)	Tegan	creating a wonderful paper aeroplane for her maths challenge and sending in a video to show us.
Plane (Y2)	Zian	creating an amazing poster all about who he can talk to in school if he needs to.
Cedar (Y3)	Jacob	gaining independence and confidence when solving maths questions using a number line.
Rowan (Y4)	Leon	wonderful creative writing using a broad range of vocabulary throughout.

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Trinity	amazing progress in her writing and using some of the new

		Phase 5 sounds she has learned.
Willow (YR)	Jamie	challenging himself with larger numbers when doubling!
Beech (Y1)	Talha	always being ready to learn and for using lots of reasoning skills to answer questions.
Elm (Y1)	Darcie	a great improvement in her independence when self editing.

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)	Megan	Elm (Y1)	Miggy
Oak (Y2)	Ema	Plane (Y2)	Norah
Cedar (Y3)	Harry	Rowan (Y4)	Faith

What have you been learning at home?

Little Ridges Nursery

What a fantastic week Little Berries... Well done everyone for settling back in so well, we have all loved being back together. Little Berries have been learning about different climates of different countries and they were able to tell us which were hot countries and which were cold. We did helicopter stories and started to create our own stories. There has been lots of painting with different materials this week and learning the song 'I Can Sing a Rainbow' which the children love and sing very loud. They have enjoyed water painting in the garden too. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!



Little Acorns have been busy exploring different ways to create texture when painting. They have continued to practice writing their names, looking at letter formation and developing their pencil control. With our focus on space, we have been using galaxy play dough to create new planets and aliens. The children have been really imaginative with this and produced some fantastic ideas. We finished the week off with a 'magic milk' experiment, leaving the children talking about why things happen and what they have observed.

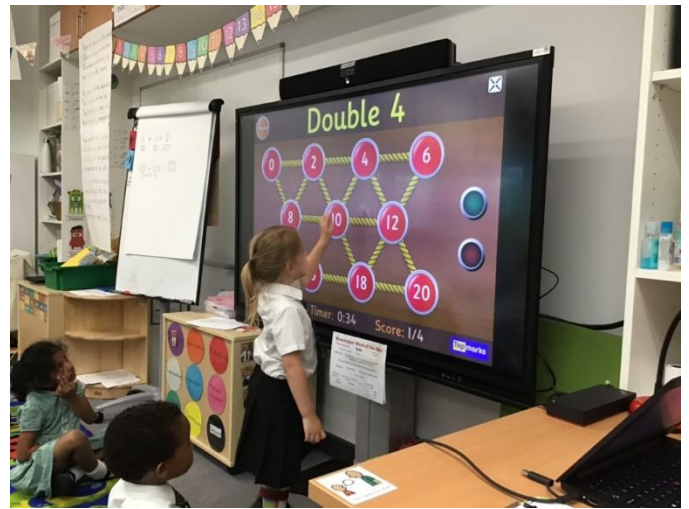


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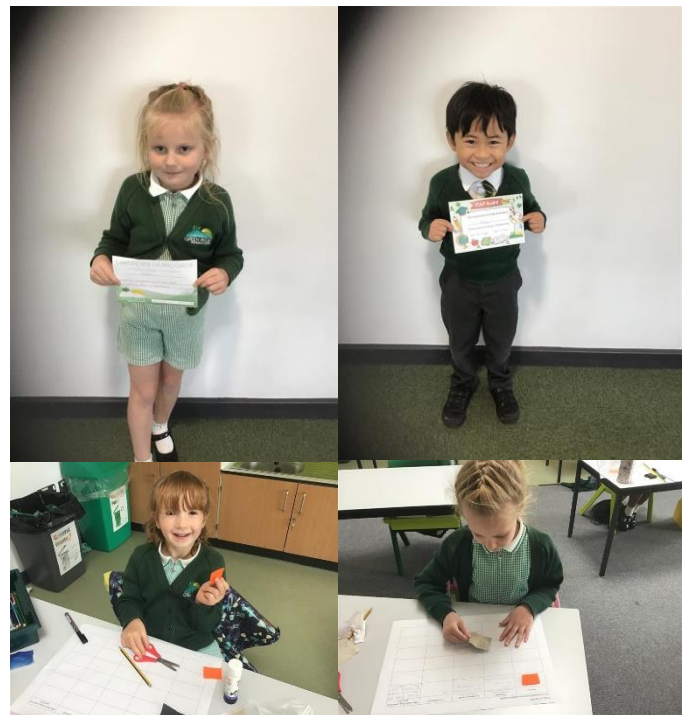
This week, Willow and Birch have started to prepare for their transition into Year 1! They have done so well to complete different adult initiated activities and in the mornings, we have replaced Super Sentences with 'Maths Fluency' which they have already made progress with. In English this week, the children have been learning all about the different

layers of the rainforest and in Maths they have developed their doubling skills. To support them with this they have used different resources such as mirrors, numicon and even cookies!



Year One

In Year 1 this week we have been looking at poetry in Reading Skills, the children have been identifying rhyming words and answering questions about the text that they have read, the children especially enjoyed the poem about 'Rodger the Razorfish'!. In Design Technology we have started a new unit called 'We are bag designers', last week we discussed the purpose and features of different types of bags and this week we have investigated materials. We looked at their properties and discussed whether they would be appropriate to use for a bag.



Year Two

Tegan from Oak class was awarded with this week's achievement award for creating a wonderful paper



aeroplane for her maths challenge and sending in a video to show us.

Ema was awarded with this week's PAP award for her wonderful Sir Quentin Blake inspired paintings. Norah from Plane class was awarded with this week's PAP certificate for for using her imagination to write an amazing story and create her own comic strip.

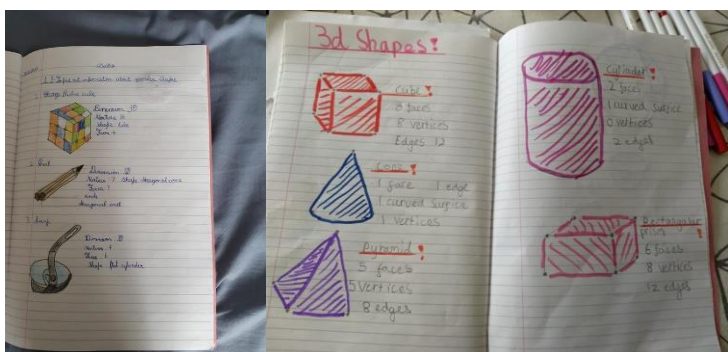
Year Three

This week Cedar class have been busy completing their home learning challenges. They have been writing letters to their new teacher, Mr. Arnold and have been writing a recount of their favourite memory in Year 3.

Harry has started a new hobby during lock down and has has been learning how to ride a horse.



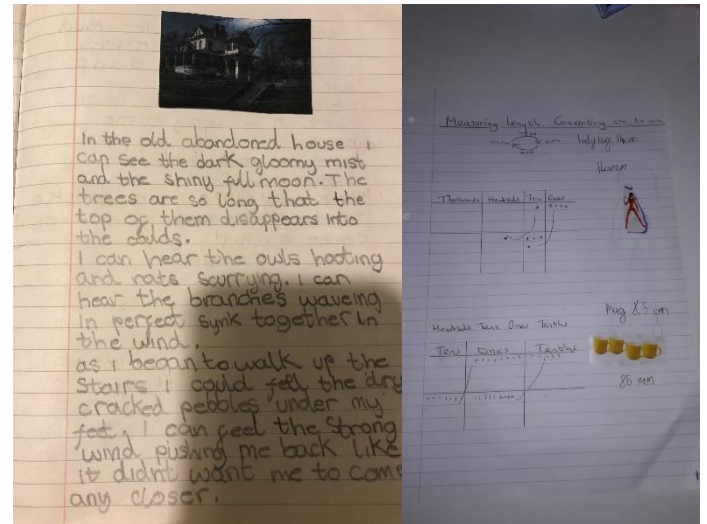
Hrishi and Maia found different shapes and described Leon was awarded with this week's achievement certificate for his wonderful creative writing using a broad range of vocabulary throughout.



Year Four

Leon was awarded with this week's achievement certificate for his wonderful creative writing using a broad range of vocabulary throughout.

Faith was awarded with this week's PAP award for her beautifully presented pictorial representations for her 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, 20th 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, 15th 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 20th July for pupils in Year Two, Three and Four. Similarly, you are still required to sign-up via the link above.

End of term gifts/presents

We have been a few questions about whether we can accept end of terms gifts for staff with the COVID19 situation. Firstly, please know that we do not expect gifts or cards from parents/carers as a thank you; your gratitude in your kind words and e-mails and parent feedback is more than enough to show us your appreciation. However, if you do wish to pass something on to a member of staff at the end of term, we will have a box upon drop-off/pick-up on the last day of term where anything can be placed which will then be isolated before staff are allowed to access. We know this might appear extreme, but our advice is still to limit the contact of items taken to and from school, and so by isolating anything brought in initially, this reduces the risk of spreading any infection, should it be present. Thank you for your understanding with this.

School Lunches

If your child has specific medical dietary requirements, is Halal or has religious dietary requirements, Herts Catering Limited (HCL) require you to inform them by using this [link](#).

Although you may have already made us aware, it is important that you share this information with HCL to ensure that they have all the relevant information required and to provide special diet menus if necessary.

Special diet menus will only be considered where evidence can be provided from a medical professional, such as a GP, hospital consultant or registered dietitian. Their nutritionist will then be able to review the information and where appropriate, create a suitable menu.

School Trip Refunds

We can confirm that any outstanding refunds for school trips have been processed and you can expect to receive them in the coming weeks. We appreciate your patience with this. Thank you.

Annual Parent/Carer Survey

Just a reminder that our annual parental survey is due to close **at 5.00pm today**. 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](#). Please do complete the survey if you haven't already done so.

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 – 'Click Clack Moo - Cows that Type' by Doreen Cronin](#)

Farmer Brown has a problem. His cows like to type. All day long he hears Click, clack, moo. Click, clack, moo. Clickety, clack, moo. But the problems really begin when the cows start leaving Farmer Brown notes. First it was electric blankets... where will it end? And when the animals don't get what they want they go on strike, of course!

Reading Age 8+

[Optional activity](#)

[Schoolreaders Storytime – 'I'm not cute!' by Jonathan Allen](#)

With visions of himself as a "huge, scary, sleek, sharp-eyed hunting machine," Baby Owl goes out for a walk in the woods. But every animal he meets thinks he's so cute, fluffy, and huggable! Poor Baby Owl. "I am NOT cute!" he shouts. Then Mom comes along--and she comes up with the perfect solution to the adorable little creature's problem. It's a real hoot that every kid will relate to!

Reading Age 5+

[Schoolreaders Storytime – 'Grandma's House' by Alice Melvin](#)

Often, after school, a little girl goes to her grandmother's house where everything is different, but

always the same. She puts her coat on the hook in the hall, pours a glass of milk for herself in the kitchen and tries to reach the biscuit tin on the highest shelf in the pantry. But where is Grandma?

Reading Age 5+

What's coming up?

Parent Forum Meeting – Wednesday, 15th July

The next Parent Forum meeting is being held on Wednesday, 15th July at 2.00pm.

Please remember to let any of the Parent Forum Representatives know if you have any ideas/feedback or suggestions.

Letters sent home this week

Annual Reports YR-Y4 06 07 20

REAch2 Letter to Parents & Carers 07 07 20

Registration Sign Up for wc 13th July 07 07 20

Admission arrangements for YN, YR, Y1 & childcare wc 13th July 09 07 20



Win 10 books for you and 50 books for your school library!

Read a book this summer and send us your book review for a chance to win a bundle of books for you and your school.

Summertime Book Review

Do you love to read? Do you have a favourite book? Tell us all about it, or read a new book and rate it! You can use one of the templates on our website for your book review, one from school or create your own.

For details about the competition, things to include in your review, templates and full terms and conditions click [here](http://www.schoolreaders.org/summertime-book-review-competition) or www.schoolreaders.org/summertime-book-review-competition



What could you win?

Two winners will win 10 books for themselves, along with 50 books for their school's library. The two winners and their class also gets a video call with award winning children's author M G Leonard; who wrote the best-selling book Beetle Boy!

Four runners up will win 5 books each. The winners' book reviews will be featured on the Schoolreaders website.

When by?

All entries need to be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 30th September

Important information:

This is a competition for pupils of primary school age in the UK. By entering the book review competition participants and their parent(s) or guardian(s) are deemed to have accepted and agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions.

The child's name and age and an adult's contact details must be included with each entry. Please also include the name and town of the entrant's primary school so we can contact them.

Send entries by e-mail to competition@schoolreaders.org or post them to: Schoolreaders, Bedford Heights, Brickhill Drive, Bedford, MK41 7PH.

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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).