

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Summer Term 2021

Edition 29

Friday, 7th May 2021

A note from the Acting Head of School

Hello everyone and welcome to the round-up this week. It has been yet another strange week of weather with showers coming and going throughout! No doubt the seeds that Year One have been planting have much appreciated it.

We had the pleasure this week of welcoming our Deputy Director of Education, Mrs Redgrove, to the school to explore the broad range of learning taking place throughout the week. Over the course of a few days we have had the chance to see the amazing progress the children have been making throughout their phonics lessons alongside the broad range of other lessons throughout the school. We also had the chance to drop into some of the assemblies throughout the week, where the children were learning about deaf awareness. It is always a pleasure when we can share the learning journey the children take part in with others. The world book day celebrations have been an excellent way to end this week. Yet again the children have really astounded me with the thought and creativity that has gone into all of their marvelous costumes. Mrs. Mackie has done such a fantastic job of making arrangements for the day, including an opportunity for the children to see the Wizard of Oz theatre production. I have no doubt that this will stick in many of the children's minds for quite some time and hopefully encourage them to explore a range of different new texts as they develop their love for reading.

Next week we will continue our learning journeys throughout the school, which we will also be sharing with our governors. This is a great chance for us to continue to share how well the children have settled back into their routines and their resilience. Towards the end of next week, we will be hosting the PTA cinema events for children in Reception up to Year Five. It's great to now see these events resuming as we know the children enjoy them so much.

From everyone at Green Ridge, we wish you all the best for the weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mr. Sean English

Acting Head of School



"Communication is clear and open and parents/carers views and suggestions are taken seriously and always considered. It is also fantastic that the school encourages healthy eating and exercise."

Positive feedback from a Green Ridge parent/carer

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(ABOVE) The children (and staff!) have had a brilliant day dressing up as their favourite book characters for our belated World Book Day celebrations! The staff theme for this year was Peter Pan and everyone made a brilliant effort.

Celebrations and Achievements

Achievement & Progress Certificates

Each week we 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. 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)	Tallulah	working so hard to spell independently.
Willow (YR)	Emily	trying so hard with her independent writing.
Beech (Y1)	Esmay	growing in confidence in Maths and English-sharing her ideas
Elm (Y1)	Bilan	her incredible innovated text of the Hansel and Gretel story.
Oak (Y2)	Henley	his fantastic efforts in writing this week and his use of descriptive language.
Plane (Y2)	Gracelyn	working hard to include a range of fantastic, descriptive vocabulary in her story this week.
Alder (Y3)	Jacob	great communication and teamwork during our P.E. lesson.
Cedar (Y3)	Arthur S	using great vocabulary during his writing.
Rowan (Y4)	Mayookha	improving her independent ability to choose the most suitable adjective during descriptive writing.
Maple (Y5)	Talia	recognising how to effectively use pronouns for flow within her writing.

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Rosalyn	making progress in her communication skills and using her signs more at school.
Willow (YR)	Izzy	superb progress with her reading both at home and in school.
Beech (Y1)	Aisha	wonderful independent writing this week
Elm (Y1)	Tuyo	his progress with his handwriting – keep up the good work Tuyo!
Oak (Y2)	Joshua	progressing with his presentation and his wonderful contributions on the carpet.
Plane (Y2)	Megan	her amazing efforts in up levelling her writing this week.
Alder (Y3)	Vincent	excellent work uplevelling his vocabulary in English this week.
Cedar (Y3)	Sienna	being resilient in maths when recognising equivalent fractions.
Rowan (Y4)	Anisa	using direct speech purposefully to progress the plot of her warning tale.
Maple (Y5)	Gloria	starting to use commas for fronted adverbials within her writing.

PAP Stars

'PAP' stands for Presentation, Accuracy and Productivity. Well done to the following PAP stars this week at Green Ridge!

Beech (Y1)	Ezra	Elm (Y1)	Freddie
Oak (Y2)	Kiera	Plane (Y2)	Grayson
Alder (Y3)	Alfie	Cedar (Y3)	Tyler
Rowan (Y4)	Noah	Maple (Y5)	Faith

Times Tables Rockstar Awards

Every fortnight, teachers award two certificates per class. One is awarded to the 'Quickest Rockstar' based on how much their speed of recall has improved over

the two-week period. The other is awarded to the 'Hardest Working Rockstar' based on a variety of factors, such as number of coins earned, number of questions answered and the number of levels they've progressed through.

	Quickest Rockstar	Hardest Working Rockstar
Oak (Y2)	Inaya	Ruby
Plane (Y2)	Sreejan	Oliver
Alder (Y3)	Kayden	Maddison
Cedar (Y3)	Oliver	Dexter
Rowan (Y4)	Ivy-Grace	Maia
Maple (Y5)	Anya	Keira

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Oak class for the best attendance this week!

Birch (YR)	98.8%	Willow (YR)	97.0%
Beech (Y1)	99.2%	Elm (Y1)	97.6%
Oak (Y2)	100.0%	Plane (Y2)	95.8%
Alder (Y3)	96.3%	Cedar (Y3)	92.5%
Rowan (Y4)	99.6%	Maple (Y5)	95.7%

House Points

Well done to Austin house for gaining the most points this week!

House	Points this week	Total
Disraeli	180	4079
Pratchett	103	3613
Austin	188	4028
Redgrave	117	3917

Achievement Boxes

During our video link Celebration Assemblies each week we like to celebrate what the children have achieved outside of school. This is a fantastic way for the children to showcase their talents and interests, so we welcome you to send pictures of external achievements/awards to the admin email address in order for them to be sent on to the relevant class.

The achievements this week were:

	For...
Ava Y1, Beech	joining a group on Berryfields called Berry Pickers who help to clear rubbish and keep our local area looking clean and tidy. Not only is it helping the local environment and wildlife but using the litter picker is helping strengthen Lexi's hand muscles which will help with her writing too... an added bonus! There are solo and organised group picks (abiding by social distancing restrictions of course!) and if you are interested in joining, please

visit the Facebook page by following this [link](#).



What have we been learning this week?

Little Ridges Nursery



What another fantastic week of learning Little Berries! We focused on summer this week and talked about what we might wear, do and eat. We had some new additions join us too... Caterpillars! The Little Berries are eagerly watching them grow! The children have enjoyed lots of fun and messy activities this week including an

ice cream parlour with real cones and sprinkles. This was loved by all of the Little Berries! We have also made glow bugs which created lots of excitement in the dark tent when they lit up. Our Makaton of the week has been sun and we have been singing 'The Sun Has Got His Hat On' and reading 10 Little Ladybirds. The words of the week have been spotless and annoy and next week our focus is autumn. Thank you so much for your donations for this week's activities. We can confirm that they have been well used! Have a wonderful weekend!



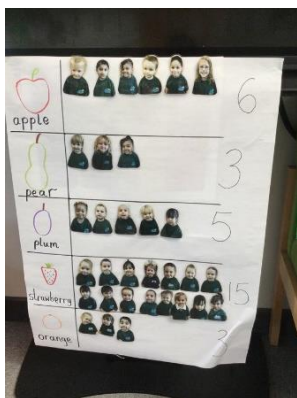
Reception



Reception had an exciting delivery this week from someone called Jack. He left us some golden magic beans to try and grow in different areas around our environment.

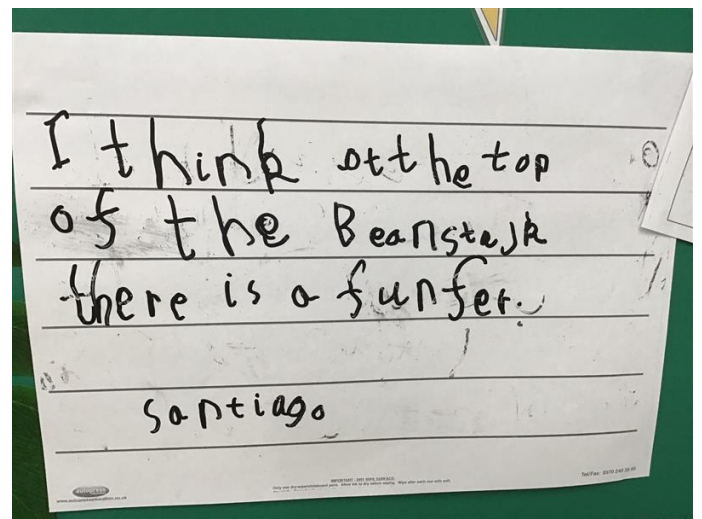
Some children planted their beans outside, some in the dark and some inside. One of the groups who

planted their seeds inside had a bit of a surprise on Wednesday to find a beanstalk had grown in the classroom! They had some wonderful ideas about what could be at the top of the beanstalk, including a land full of sweets or horses you can ride forever. Some of the seeds we planted last week have also started to sprout, much to the children's delight, let's hope we can keep them growing until we harvest some vegetables from them...



What an interesting week it has been for Little Acorns! As we are learning the story, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, on Thursday we tried all the fruit the caterpillar ate and we voted for our favourite fruit! This week, we have focused on finding out about 'worms'. We learnt lots of facts about worms and the children have also learnt a rhyme linked to worms too – There's a Worm

at the Bottom of the Garden. A few children found worms in the soil and we took a closer look at them. Not only have we been joined by worms and snails, the caterpillars arrived on Tuesday and we also have some tadpoles in our classroom too! They have provided a great discussion point for the children. During phonics, we have learnt the phonemes, 'i' and 'n'. I wonder if you can find any objects beginning with these sounds at home? We look forward to learning all about spiders next week!



Year One

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed the week. We have been continuing to look at multiplication and division and maths and have innovated the Hansel and Gretel text in English. In RE we began our learning on the creation story and we looked into lots of faiths beliefs. The highlight of the week though has been our world book day! We dressed up in fantastic costumes and all looked great. We continued setting descriptions and described Neverland - we even used some exciting similes. We also had a Wizard of Oz workshop, a special world book day celebration assembly and in the afternoon for Science we started our cress diaries and planted some cress seeds.

Year Two

Year 2 have had an amazing week this week. A highlight for the children and adults was dressing up for World Book Day! In English, Oak and Plane class read and explored the story of Peter Pan, before drawing and creating their very own Neverland island. They used their imagination to describe their dream island using a range of exciting vocabulary. In Geography this week, the children learned to identify the difference between human and physical features by going on a walk around the school grounds and looking for examples of features.

Year Three

Year 3 enjoyed learning about the Seder plate in R.E. this week. This is part of their wider unit on the links between religion and food. They had the opportunity to put together their own Seder plate with real food items and learned the significance of different items. For example, they learned that the salt water can represent the tears of those enslaved by the Egyptians.



Year Four

Year 4 progressed their understanding of decimals from tenths to hundredths. Their learning was focused on fraction and decimal equivalents and correctly placing decimals on number lines. Year 4 really enjoyed constructing simple circuits in Science and have significantly improved their geographical knowledge through their new topic 'A Passport to Europe'.

Year Five

This week, year 5 have been looking at adding and subtracting numbers with different decimal places using the column method and showing these methods with different representations, as well as using them in word problems. The children have been doing a shared write, innovating around our model text and making changes. In Science, the children have been looking at the life-cycles of birds and butterflies, including having a look at our new butterfly net within our classroom and in History, we have been looking at evacuees and the reasons that children from cities

were evacuated to the countryside. In RE, we have been looking at how Muslims help their local communities, particularly during Zakat.

News items from this week

Year One Vision Screening

Each year the Buckinghamshire NHS Trust (BHT) School Nursing Service routinely visit Reception Class to undertake vision screening and height and weight measurements. Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BHT were unable to undertake this screening last year. We are pleased to confirm that this will now resume for Year 1 children who are eligible and who have **not** had their eyes tested in the past 12 months.

On Tuesday, a letter was sent to all Year One parents/carers with regards to this and **you are required to opt-out if you do not want your child to participate due to one of the following reasons;**

- Your child is currently under the care of an ophthalmologist, orthoptist, optometrist at your local hospital eye clinic
- Your child is currently under the care of a local optometrist (optician) or had a recent sight test
- You do **not** want your child screened due to personal reasons.

Enrichment Clubs

Further to the letter sent out on Tuesday, we are pleased to confirm that some enrichment clubs will resume from Monday, 17th May with Mr. Meachen. The timetable can be found below and you can book online via the Clubbly website [here](#). The deadline to sign up is next Thursday, 13th May.

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Multi-Skills	8.00-8.45am	YR
	Multi-Skills	3.20-4.30pm	Y1
Tuesday	Dodgeball	8.00-8.45am	Y4/Y5
	Multi-Skills	3.20-4.30pm	Y2
Wednesday	Gymnastics	8.00-8.45am	Y2
Thursday	Multi-Sports	3.20-4.30pm	Y3
Friday	Multi-Sports	3.20-4.30pm	Y4/Y5

Curriculum Booklets – Summer Term

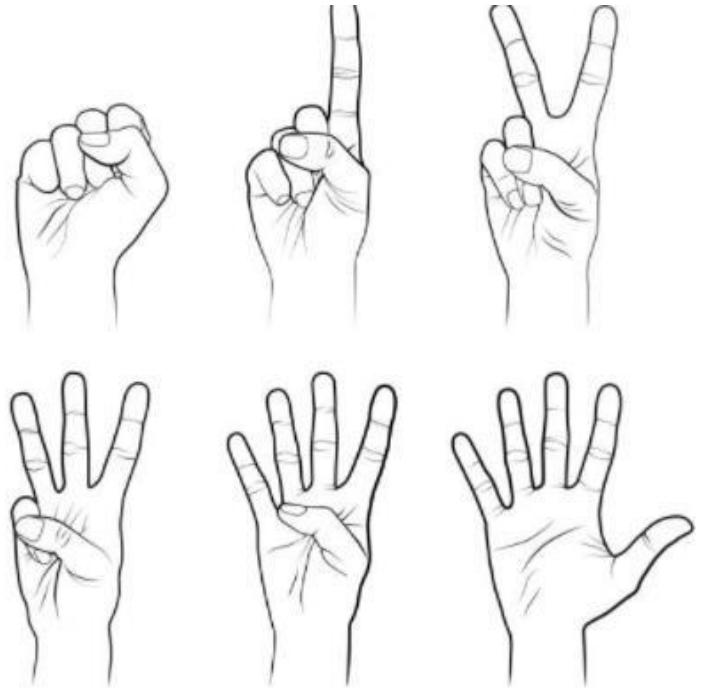
The class teachers have completed a range of curriculum booklets, which we have posted onto the school website in the curriculum section. These booklets will provide details of what is being taught in each year group over the Summer term. The can each be found by following the below links.

- [Year One](#)
- [Year Two](#)
- [Year Three](#)
- [Year Four](#)
- [Year Five](#)

Wellbeing Tips

One of the simplest, most-effective relaxation techniques for children (teens and adults too!) is mindful breathing. Teaching children to take slow, deep breaths helps to calm them physically and mentally. Here are 3 ways to make "Take a Deep Breath" more fun:

1. **Blow out the candles.** Hold up your hand. Inhale through the nose and hold for 3 counts. Exhale out the mouth to "blow out" (fold down) a finger!



2. **Fog up the glass.** Hold your hand in front of your face, palm inwards. Inhale through the nose, close your eyes and make a 'haaa' sound out your mouth, feeling the air against your palm.
3. **Inflate the balloon.** Place both hands onto your stomach. Feel it expand like a balloon, as you inhale through the nose. As you exhale, imagine the balloon deflating slowly.

Rights Respecting School Award – Article of the Week

As we are committed to becoming a Rights Respecting School, we will be focusing on the RRSA Article/s of the Week each week. This week we have articles 6 and 29. For more information please follow this [link](#).

INTRODUCING ARTICLE 29

Kathy introduces Article 29

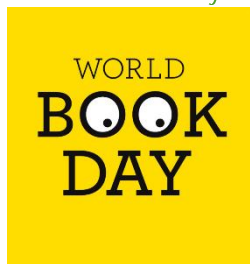


Article 29 – goals of education
Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

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World Book Day Winners



Well done to all our children for their efforts in dressing up for World Book Day today. There was some tough competition as always, but some stand-out costumes were given to a boy and a girl from each class as follows.

Class	Boy	Girl
YN Little Berries	Tres	Thea
YN Little Acorns	Phoebe	Harley
YR Birch	Roseanna	Zack
YR Willow	Alice	Jack
Y1 Beech	Trinity	Harry
Y1 Elm	Sophie	Seb
Y2 Oak	Harry	Ellie
Y2 Plane	Casey	Lissy
Y3 Alder	Kyla	Vincent
Y3 Cedar	Arthur S	Luciana
Y4 Rowan	Harry	Imogen
Y5 Maple	Urvi	Thomas

Reading Wish List

Last year we created an Amazon Wish List containing lots of books that we would like for our next reading challenge. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic things came to a halt but we are keen to kick-start things again and would be very grateful if you would consider buying us a book (or two!). Our wish list can be found [here](#). Please be sure to leave a gift note so we can show our appreciation. Thank you in advance!

Can we also please ask that any books from the last reading challenge that were not returned before the Easter break are returned as soon as possible in order for the challenge to be relaunched this term. Unfortunately, there are currently at least half of the books missing. Many thanks.

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.



What's coming up?

Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week marks the launch of Mental Health Awareness Week, the UK's national week to raise awareness of mental health. The week, which is hosted by the Mental Health Foundation, is in its 21st year and runs from 10th-16th May. This year, the theme for the week is 'Nature'. Across the country, people will be celebrating the mental health benefits of being around nature in their local community in a range of creative ways. For more information please click [here](#).



Plant & Share Month

Between Monday, 19th April and Wednesday, 19th May it is Plant & Share Month. As a school we will be taking part and will be putting our green fingers to work and doing lots of gardening (and hopefully growing!). Coincidentally the topic in Reception when the children return will be Down at the Bottom of the garden. If anyone is willing to donate some bags of compost or any quick and easy grow seeds (flowers or vegetables welcome) we would be incredibly grateful.

PTA News

Vale Lottery

You will have received a letter on Tuesday with regards to the Vale Lottery. The Vale Lottery supports community projects in the local area and each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! Over the last two years of Green Ridge taking part, we have been lucky to have had several winners.

A ticket for the Vale Lottery costs £1 a week, with Green Ridge keeping 50p of every ticket sold from their page. Funds raised go directly back to the children, providing them with experiences such as pantomimes, books and memorable experiences throughout their time at Green Ridge.

As you can appreciate, over the last year it has been especially difficult for the PTA, as many of our annual fundraising traditions have had to have been cancelled. It would be absolutely fantastic if you (and your family and friends!) were able to support us by supporting the Green Ridge Vale Lottery.

To buy lottery tickets, click [here](#), or see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

PTA Cinema Event – Friday, 14th May

We are delighted to announce that the next after PTA Cinema Event will be held on Friday, 14th May. Letters were sent to parents/carers on Thursday, 29th April with further information. Tickets can be purchased from the PTA's online system PTA-Events via the website [here](#). Please do contact the PTA if you have any questions or issues when purchasing a ticket. **We are also in need of some help from parents/carers on the day (mainly some extra pairs of hands to open drinks and sweet packets!).** If you are free to help, please contact the PTA directly. Thank you! 😊

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

MENU WEEK 2	
10 th	
11 th	AM – Y4 swimming lesson Guitar lessons
12 th	
13 th	
14 th	PTA Cinema Event

Letters sent home this week

Child on Child Abuse 04 05 21

Vale Lottery 04 05 21

Enrichment Clubs – Summer Term 2021 04 05 21

Y1 Vision Screening 04 05 21

Leadership Update 06 05 21

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