

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Summer Term 2021

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Friday, 14th May 2021

A note from the Acting Head of School

Welcome to this week's newsletter on what has been another busy week at Green Ridge! This has been a great time for the school to share the learning experiences of the children with a range of different people within the school community. Some of our Governing body have taken time to come to meet their link classes and explore the learning that the children have been completing as well as talking with teachers about how the return to school has been. These opportunities to share the hard work of the staff and children are really valuable and much appreciated by the staff within the school.

In addition to the children's normal timetable, they were also able to stretch their legs and show off their speed during the house cross country event. This was organised by Mr. Ventin and I know that many of the children really enjoyed the event. We're also now aware of some particularly fast children, especially in Reception! Today also marks the first time the PTA have been able to arrange an event within the school for what feels like quite some time. Tonight's cinema event has taken a lot of organising from the PTA and I know the children will really enjoy this tonight. Thank you to all PTA members for taking the time to make the event a great success! I would also like forward on my well wishes to any families who are celebrating Eid after Ramadan. I hope that during this time you have been able to celebrate with family members and that any of your festivities have went well! Next week, the children will continue with their learning and we will be taking the time to discuss some key points including Walk to School Week and World Day for Cultural Diversity. With this in mind, I would also like to draw your attention to our Equalities Duties Framework document, which can be found on the school website in the Equality and Diversity section. This document is used to highlight how the school works towards serving all of the pupils within the school but also sets out four objectives that directly relate to children within the school. During our next Parent Forum meeting we will be discussing this document in detail, with consideration for if the objectives suitably reflect the children and the needs within the school. If you have any thoughts on this, please relay them to your class representee ahead of the next Parent Forum meeting. From everyone at Green Ridge, we hope you all have a fantastic weekend and we will see you next week.

Mr. Sean English Acting Head of School



(ABOVE) The children had a brilliant time taking part in our House Cross Country event on Wednesday. They all made a tremendous effort and there were some very worthy winners. Well done to all of our children for participating!

"It's brilliant that the PTA are able to hold so many wonderful events for the children even with COVID restrictions still in place. The children seem to love the Cinema Events and all of the popcorn in particular!"

Some lovely praise for our PTA from one of our parents/carers

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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!

	Certificate of	For
	Achievement	
Birch (YR)	Adam	his excellent presentation and determination in Phonics.
Willow (YR)	Clara	being an outstanding member of Willow Class- we will miss you.
Beech (Y1)	Oskar	working really hard on his handwriting.
Elm (Y1)	Jonathon	his independent writing this week – Keep it up!
Oak (Y2)	Stephanie	her wonderful contributions this week in science.
Plane (Y2)	Cairo	working collaboratively with his partner in Computing this week.
Alder (Y3)	Tommy	great improvement in the legibility of his handwriting this week!
Cedar (Y3)	Evie	a great understanding when adding and subtracting fractions.
Rowan (Y4)	Elnathan	overcoming lots of difficult obstacles as he develops his swimming skills.
Maple (Y5)	Rosko	using some excellent vocabulary in our shared write of a wishing tale.

	Certificate of Progress	For
Birch (YR)	Haadiya	working so hard to write independently.
Willow (YR)	Herbie	constantly pushing himself to write during continuous provision.
Beech (Y1)	Lillie	fantastic use of adjectives in her writing
Elm (Y1)	Darcey	her excellent progress in her writing and her use of phonics to support her spelling.
Oak (Y2)	Amelia M	her progress with her spellings.
Plane (Y2)	Finley	his excellent progress with his spellings this week.
Alder (Y3)	Kyi-Michael	great endurance and perseverance displayed during our cross country event.
Cedar (Y3)	Max	being resilient during the cross country house event.
Rowan (Y4)	Harry	a terrific improvement in his self-editing effort and ability.
Maple (Y5)	Samprithi	pushing herself to display her understanding in Maths in increasingly sophisticated ways.

PAP Stars

'PAP' stands for <u>Presentation</u>, <u>A</u>ccuracy and <u>Productivity</u>. Well done to the following PAP stars this week at Green Ridge!

Beech (Y1)	Sophie	Elm (Y1)	Gwennie
Oak (Y2)	Darcie	Plane (Y2)	Imogen
Alder (Y3)	Тауа	Cedar (Y3)	Jessie
Rowan (Y4)	Daniella	Maple (Y5)	Kallie-Rae

Weekly Attendance

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

Birch (YR)	92.3%	Willow (YR)	99.3%
Beech (Y1)	99.3%	Elm (Y1)	99.4%
Oak (Y2)	98.0%	Plane (Y2)	96.3%

Alder (Y3)	92.0%	Cedar (Y3)	98.3%
Rowan (Y4)	93.3%	Maple (Y5)	98.1%

House Points

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

House	Points this week	Total
Disraeli	186	4265
Pratchett	119	3732
Austin	151	4179
Redgrave	169	4086

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
Niamh Y3, Alder	helping set up the Berry Pickers group and coordinating the children. The group had over 30 volunteers for their first event and collected 47 bags of rubbish in two hours! They went on to have 40 volunteers collect 60 bags of rubbish during their second event. Niamh does solo picks and even asked to litter pick on her birthday! She has done so much for the group which continues to grow bigger everyday due to her love of the environment and caring nature. Well done for helping to clear up the streets on Berryfields Niamh!



What have we been learning this week?

Little Ridges Nursery



This week we have been focusing on Autumn. The Berries have enjoyed lots of activities including making bird feeders, making tissue paper trees and spiced playdoh. Our song of the week has been dingle dangle scarecrow and the story was We're Going on a Leaf Hunt. The shape of the week was rectangle, the

berries could find lots of rectangles in our classroom! Our words of the week have been stomp and sway which we have been practicing when doing our mindfulness activities for Mental Health week, they really enjoyed looking at the clouds pretending they were at the beach! They have also learnt Makaton for leaf. The cross country event was very successful, the Berries who took part used excellent listening ears and ran around the MUGA four times! Next week we are focusing on Winter and getting our plants ready to share in the community. Well done Berries for another fantastic week of learning and fun!

This week, Little Acorns have been learning some facts about spiders. We have also continued to learn our Talk4Writing story, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and we have noticed some changes in our caterpillars as they grow. The children have continued to look at the different bugs we have in our classroom closely, discussing



the changes that they can see in them together. Next week, we are going to focus on snails and slugs. As it has been Mental Health Awareness week, Little Acorns have been discussing feelings and focusing on the Zones of Regulation. Outside, the children have sorted different pictures into the emotions and we have discussed why they may be feeling that way.

One of our favourite activities this week was Cross Country on Wednesday! The children were amazing at persevering with running, even when they were tired, and they listened so well to all the adults. We are really proud of them for taking part!

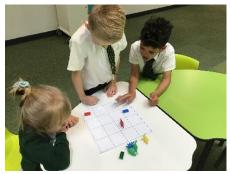
Reception

This week in Reception the children have been thinking all about what they would do with some magic beans. Quite a few of the children decided they would get as much chocolate as they could! In maths we have introduced books to the children and have been working on writing one numeral per square. As it is Mental Health Awareness week we have been thinking all about what things make us feel happy and safe. We have spent some calming time outside enjoying nature and reflecting on how to look after our mental health. On Wednesday the children did a brilliant job during our cross- country event and tried their hardest to run as far as possible. All in all its been another fantastic week in Reception.

Year One

Year 1 have had enjoyed their work this week. They have been working on their own innovated Hansel and Gretel texts this week and have been letting their imaginations run wild. In Maths we have been consolidating our knowledge on sharing equally and have been using lots of concrete resources to help us. We participated in our House Competition this week and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Cross Country event. In Science we continued to look after our cress plants and see how they have grown. This helped us to decide on the best conditions for plants growth. In Reading Skills we have looked into a nonfiction text all about sea creatures and we have learnt lots of fun facts linking to our Seaside topic!

Year Two



This week, Year 2 began a new unit of learning in maths looking as position and direction. We started by revisiting some of the learning from year 1, such as

forwards, backwards, left and right, before introducing turns towards the end of the week. These include quarter turns, half turns, three quarter turns and full turns in both a clockwise and anti-clockwise direction. It was also lovely to hear the children beginning to make links to our current geography learning, where we have started to look at map skills and how to use a compass.

Year Three

Year 3 enjoyed their cross-country house event this week. They had a course that took them around the perimeter of the field, through the playgrounds and round the back of the MUGA to join the field again. It was a long distance to run and the pupils demonstrated excellent resilience throughout with many completing it without stopping to have a break!

Year Four



It has been a very fun and practical week for Year 4; the children have enjoyed the sun returning and had multiple opportunities for outdoor learning, including the house cross-country event and exploring decimal division by powers of ten using chalk on the playground. Year 4 have now

shared two lessons with their linking class at Brill School and enjoyed thinking about 'togetherness'.

Year Five

This week, year 5 have been looking at adding and subtracting numbers with different decimal places using the column method, as well as multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000 and sequencing decimals. The children have been writing character descriptions, looking at how they can use show, don't tell to describe a character's personality and appearance. In Science , the children have been researching endangered animals and creating factfiles about them, and in History, we have been looking at rationing and the reasons for it. In RE, we were lucky enough to have Gareth Lane from the Church on Berryfields come in to talk to us about the different ways that Christians support our local community.

News items from this week

Sponsored Read



Further to the letter sent on Tuesday, 20th April, if your child took part in the sponsored read, can we please

remind you to return the sponsorship form and any money raised as soon as possible please.

All money raised will go towards buying brand new Usborne books for our school and Usborne Books will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school.

We are pleased to say that an excellent $\pounds1096.00$ has been raised so far! $\textcircled{\sc op}$

Wellbeing Tips

It's important to have chats with your child linked to mental health. Here are some conversation starters you can use.



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 9 and 20. For more information please follow this <u>link</u>.



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!

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Ms. Hashi for your generosity this week! ©

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 <u>link</u> to check the forecast each day.



House Cross Country Event

On Wednesday, the children had their second house event of the year - a cross country event! The children ran around the field or around the whole school, competing in their houses. They really enjoyed the event and they all tried their hardest which is excellent! Each bubble had individual winners as well as house winners, with the house points tallied up at the end.

In Reception, there were honourable mentions for Leila, Alayna, Connor, Alfie, Aaliyah, Izzy, Jayden and Prahathi who all approached their version of the cross country event with great enthusiasm!

In Year One, the overall winner was Daniel, with Archie taking second place and Ella S-S finishing third. Redgrave were the overall winners in Year One, finishing just ahead of Disraeli in second and Austin in third.

In Year Two, Miggy took gold, with Casey and Harrison completing a Disraeli second and third place. Redgrave were the overall winners again, with Disraeli in second and Austin in third once more. In Year Three, Arthur came in first place, Dexter took second place and Kyi-Michael came in third. Austin house took gold for Year Three, with Pratchett coming second and Redgrave finishing third.

In the Year Four and Five bubble, Ingrid took gold, with Bella finishing second and Alexander just securing third place. Austin house were the quickest house, with Disraeli just pipping Pratchett to second place.

Overall, **Pratchett** finished in fourth place, **Austin** in third, **Disraeli** in second, and clear winners were **Redgrave**. Well done to all of the children who participated!

What's coming up?

Relationships and Sex Education Parent and Carer Teacher Meetings

As per the letters sent on Thursday, 29th April, we would like to remind you that the RSE parent and carer teacher meetings are taking place via Zoom next week. The meetings will be a good opportunity to show you the lessons what will be taught within each year group and the resources, allowing you time to ask any questions you may have about the lessons. Further information regarding the meetings can be found below.

Reception

Wednesday, 19th May at 3.30pm <u>https://reach2.zoom.us/j/91341977317</u> Meeting ID: 913 4197 7317 Passcode: 878416

Year One

Friday, 21st May at 4.00pm <u>https://reach2.zoom.us/j/92099487548</u> Meeting ID: 920 9948 7548 Passcode: 174297

Year Two

Wednesday, 19th May at 4.30pm https://reach2.zoom.us/j/98383075422 Meeting ID: 983 8307 5422 Passcode: 553938

Year Three

Tuesday, 18th May at 4.00pm https://reach2.zoom.us/j/91508852535 Meeting ID: 915 0885 2535 Passcode: 911861

Year Four

Thursday, 20th May at 4.00pm <u>https://reach2.zoom.us/j/99496432323</u> Meeting ID: 994 9643 2323 Passcode: 017934

Year Five

Thursday, 20th May at 4.30pm <u>https://reach2.zoom.us/j/91992082292</u> Meeting ID: 919 9208 2292 Passcode: 949795

Year One Vision Screening – Wednesday, 7th July

Further to the letter sent on Tuesday, 4th May, we wanted to inform you that a date has now been scheduled for the Year One vision screening. This will take place on Wednesday, 7th July. Please remember to opt-out via email to <u>bht.schoolhealth-screening@nhs.net</u> 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.

Walk to School Week

A five-day walking challenge takes place from 17th-21st May. It is an annual celebration of walking, or travelling actively, to school. Walking, scooting and cycling has so many benefits from physical to mental well-being; aiding concentration and creativity and creating safer, less polluted and more welcoming streets. All that makes for a happy, healthy child set up for success in and out of the classroom.



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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 <u>here</u>, or see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

	MENU WEEK 3
17 th	8.00am YR Multi-Skills Enrichment Club
	3.20pm Y1 Multi-Skills Enrichment Club
18 th	AM – Y4 swimming lesson
	Guitar lessons
	3.20pm Y2 Multi-Skills Enrichment Club
	4.00pm Y3 RSE Parent and Carer Teacher
	Meeting
19 th	8.00am Y2 Gymnastics Enrichment Club
	3.30pm YR RSE Parent and Carer Teacher
	Meeting
	4.30pm Y2 RSE Parent and Carer Teacher
	Meeting
20 th	3.20pm Y3 Multi-Sports Enrichment Club
	4.00pm Y4 RSE Parent and Carer Teacher
	Meeting
	4.30pm Y5 RSE Parent and Carer Teacher
	Meeting
21 st	4.00pm Y1 RSE Parent and Carer Teacher
	Meeting

Letters sent home this week

Year Two Geography Walk 11 05 21



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



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Family Learning Online Courses commencing week 7 June			
Welcome to Schools Family Learning Online! We hope that you will join us for one of our fun and informative courses, this			
	June. Our courses are for parents only and will help you to support your child to make progress at school.		
-	this <u>link</u> , or contact the Enrolment Team on 01296 383582.		
For more informa	ntion contact Kathryn on 07770 641997		
	Free online, 5- week course for parents with children in Reception:		
To see	Help your child use what they are learning about money at school to further develop their skills, and build a good relationship, with money.		
Help your	Choose from: Mondays am; Tuesdays am; Tuesdays pm		
child be	Choose nom. Monuays and ruesuays and ruesuays prin		
confident with			
money			
۵	Free online, 1-week course for parents with children in Year 1 & 2		
Support Your	Discover how science is taught and learn simple, fun experiments to improve your child's skills and		
child with	knowledge. Understand how science can improve English and maths; and explore the outside world.		
Science	Choose from: Tuesdays am; Wednesdays pm, Thursdays pm,		
	Free online, 5-week course for parents with children in Reception		
- 🧟 😤	How can you help your child to be ready for Year1? Discover how to support your child to learn. Find out		
Getting	fun, simple activities to support your child's wellbeing, confidence, and independence.		
Confident for	Thursday am		
Y1			
A	Free online, 1-week workshop for parents with children in Year 3 & 4		
-	Help support your child to develop strategies to tackle maths problems through practical, child-friendly		
Help Your	activities. Understand what children are learning at school and discover techniques to unpick maths		
Child Tackle	questions.		
Maths	Choose from: Mondays pm; Tuesday pm Wednesday am; Wednesday pm- all on week of 7 June		
Problems			
	Free online 1-week workshop for parents and carers with children in Year 3 & 4		
Penality works	Make reading and writing fun. Learn child- friendly ways to practise key skills and discover activities to		
Revolting	help your child to make progress.		
Rhymes	Choose from: Mondays pm; Tuesday pm Wednesday am; Wednesday pm- all on week of 14 June		
۲	Free online 1-week workshop for parents and carers with children in Y2, 3 & 4		
Moving Up	Using the Truth Pixie story, explore how to support your child through transition and change in school.		
	Choose from: Mondays pm, Tuesday pm, Wednesday am, Wednesday pm- all on week of 21 June		
	Free online workshop for parents and carers with school are children		
Thinking	Are you thinking of going back into the workplace? Discover the skills you have and how they match		
about	the skills you need to work as a volunteer. Look at where to find volunteer opportunities and what are		
	the next steps on your journey.		
Volunteering	Thursday 24 June am		









Buckinghamshire Family Learning



Family Learning Online Courses in June 2021 Welcome to Family Learning Online! We hope that you will join us for one of our fun and informative courses, this February. Our courses for school- aged children are for parents only, whereas our courses for Early Years are for parents and children. To book, see the contact information for each course. Iva for more information Free online, 5- week course for parents with children in Reception: Phonics is a crucial part of learning to read. Learn how phonics is taught and how you can support your child through simple, fun resources. Steps into Nursery Choose from dates: Monday 1 March- 9:30- 11:30; Thursday 25th February 12:30- 2:30 Text: Kathryn on 07770 641997 with your name, the day and the code: GRP Free online, 5- week course for parents with children in Year 1 & 2: Find out how phonics is taught in Key Stage 1 and what your child needs to know. Learn simple, fun activities and games to reinforce their phonic knowledge and skills. Getting Ready for Date: Tuesday 2 March- 9:30- 11:30 Reception Text: Kathryn on 07770 641997 with your name and the code: G12P Free online. 5- week course for parents with children in Year 3 & 4: Help support your child with their writing, including spelling, punctuation and grammar. Find out what is expected and how children are taught these essential skills and knowledge. Healthy, Active Date: Wednesday 24 February- 12:30- 2:30 Child Text: Kathryn on 07770 641997 with your name and the code: G34W1 Free online, 5- week course for parents with children in KS2 and Y7: Help to keep your child safe and happy when using digital devices. This course will give you useful information and child-friendly activities to do with your child. Confident Me Date: Wednesday 24 February- 12:30- 2:30 Text: Mandy on 07825 862029 with your name and the code: DWB Free online 5-week course for parents and carers children starting Y7- Sept 2020 Help support your child's wellbeing. Explore ways to build their self-esteem and confidence. Date: Monday 1st March, 12:30- 2:30 Story Box Text: Mandy on 07825 862029 with your name and the code: GenWB Workshop Free online 6-week online course for parents of children from 2 – 4 years Children learn best by doing. Use things found in your home to support your child's development, through craft, construction, messy play & mark-making. Date: Every Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 from Thursday 25 February - Thursday 1 April. Text Iva 07710 145234 with your name and word: Busy Free online 6-week course for parents of children from 2 – 4 years Each week you will share a story online and, using materials found at home, discover how to support your child to explore their senses in activities inspired by the book. Date: Every Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 starting Wednesday 24 February - Wednesday 31 March Text: Wendy on 07768 044813 with your name and word: Explore



