

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Summer Term 2021

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Friday, 18th June 2021

A note from the Headteacher

We had a blistering start to the week with the heat and sunshine, and somewhat thankfully, it has cooled slightly over the last couple days. I know we shouldn't moan about the weather after all the rain and coldness we have had for most of the year, but the heat does make things feel more difficult! Many of the children bought their sun cream in to put on during the day, but we have quite a few bottles which were unnamed, and ended up going home with the wrong child. Please remember to clearly name any of the bottles sent in so we can ensure they are used and returned to the right child. I've also noticed this week how many of the children haven't had an appropriate water bottle which made things trickier! Screw cap bottles from the supermarket are not ideal as they have a habit of being spilt when open or when squeezed. The bottles with a sports cap which children can pull up or down with their teeth are much easier to use and tend to have less accidents! Again, please make sure these are named.

It was lovely to meet some of our new children as well this week who join us in Reception in September – it's hard to believe it's that time already when our next lot of Green Ridge pupils join us. Next week we start to welcome some of our new Little Ridges nursery pupils as part of their transition, and we look forward to seeing them and welcoming their families.

Our children enjoyed some wonderful science workshops earlier this week, and it was great to see some of our normal type of activities returning, albeit in a COVID safe way for now. Yesterday, I had the pleasure of taking part in Year Five's virtual visit and tour of Bletchley Park as part of their topic on World War Two, and we had great fun learning about code breaking and how tricky it could be.

Have a great weekend, and see you all next week,

A. A. Wanford.

Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



(ABOVE) This week Science Oxford visited us to deliver some exciting science workshops. Lots was learnt and plenty of fun was had!

"The New Reception Parent/Carer Induction Talk was very informative on Monday evening and my child enjoyed attending the first stay and play session on Tuesday.

We are looking forward to our child starting Reception in September!"

Some lovely feedback from one of our new Reception 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!

	<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Pranamyia	having a positive attitude to all of her learning!
Willow (YR)	Niamh	being so much more confident when answering questions in front of the whole class.
Beech (Y1)	Trinity	for joining in the science workshop so well and for sharing her knowledge with all of Year 1!
Elm (Y1)	Grace	her excellent articulation skills – her reasoning is superb!
Oak (Y2)	Kawthar	her resilience in maths this week when learning about time.
Plane (Y2)	Alicja	fantastic determination when telling the time on an analogue clock this week.
Alder (Y3)	Malachi	great learning in German recently where he can confidently share German words for the weather
Cedar (Y3)	Elexy	asking a range of scientific questions during our science workshop
Rowan (Y4)	Alexander	sharing a wealth of knowledge in foundation areas,

		namely Science and RE, with his peers.
Maple (Y5)	Samprithi	her excellent application of arithmetic knowledge.

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	A'isha	working so hard to become more independent in writing.
Willow (YR)	Zoe	being so independent when editing her own work and for using her green pencil so effectively.
Beech (Y1)	Sophie	for listening to feedback carefully and editing her work using the advice given.
Elm (Y1)	Shaylan	his independent love of reading.
Oak (Y2)	Lilly	her wonderful progress in her presentation.
Plane (Y2)	Finley	his excellent progress in proof-reading and editing his own writing this week.
Alder (Y3)	Aryan	great research with an atlas this week in our Geography lessons
Cedar (Y3)	Sianna	becoming a more independent learner.
Rowan (Y4)	Ella-Grace	developing confidence with her Maths and starting to represent her learning in multiple ways.
Maple (Y5)	Aidan	developing his basic arithmetic skills and applying them with increased confidence.

PAP Stars

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

Beech (Y1)	Harry	Elm (Y1)	Oscar
Oak (Y2)	Inaya	Plane (Y2)	Charlie
Alder (Y3)	Norah	Cedar (Y3)	Luciana
Rowan (Y4)	Harry	Maple (Y5)	Talia

Weekly Attendance

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

Birch (YR)	97.2%	Willow (YR)	98%
Beech (Y1)	100%	Elm (Y1)	99%
Oak (Y2)	100%	Plane (Y2)	97.1%
Alder (Y3)	89.9%	Cedar (Y3)	93%
Rowan (Y4)	99%	Maple (Y5)	97.1%

House Points

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

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	334	5259
Disraeli	296	4993
Pratchett	278	4621
Redgrave	348	5354

Word of the Day

The words we used this week are below; please do ask your child about them (they should be able to tell you what they mean and use them in a sentence). You will also find next week's words as well, so if you can, get ahead and talk to your child about them!

w/c 14/06/21	KS1	KS2
Monday	Sweet	Announce
Tuesday	Holiday	Congruent
Wednesday	Factory	Elaborate
Thursday	Wrapper	Genuine
Friday	Ingredient	Ferocious

w/c 21/06/21	KS1	KS2
Monday	Apart	Drastic
Tuesday	Permission	Obedient
Wednesday	Choice	Origin
Thursday	Awful	Priority
Friday	Pong	Realistic

What have we been learning this week?

Little Ridges Nursery



What a lovely week of learning we have been having in Little Berries! Our focus has been on the months of the year and to help the Berries in this we have been singing a new song which many of the children have already grasped. The beautiful weather has allowed access to lots of outdoor play, and this has been helpful for

our word of the week holiday with many sandcastles made along with tents, campfires, and the occasional robot. There was also much excitement as the new playhouse was explored! The Makaton sign for rainbow along with our other word of the week sweet has encouraged lots of opportunities for language skills. We have had fun making potions using all sorts of spices, herbs, flowers, and plenty of water. The children have threaded bird feeders, watered our plants, washed the boards, and made a surprise for the Daddy's for this coming weekend. Have a wonderful weekend Berries!



This week has been a busy week for Little

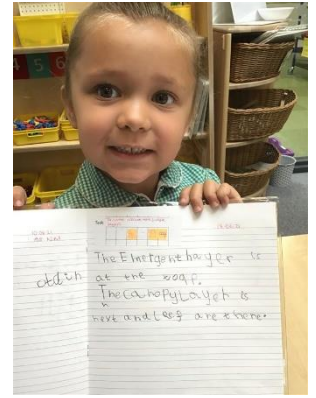


Acorns. We have learnt some facts about the planet that is nearest to the sun, Mercury. We have also explored rockets and space shuttles and we watched a space shuttle launch which the children thought was very loud! The children have also created their own name rockets, trying hard to form their letters correctly - something we are focusing on to support their transition into Reception. In phonics we have learnt the phonemes, 'm' and 'd' and we have been working hard on our oral blending skills. The children have created number lines using stickers, taking their time with counting each sticker and we have been very impressed by their focus with this challenge! Next week, we look forward to learning all about the planet, Venus and discussing what astronauts eat in space.

Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning all about the different layers of the jungle and starting to think about what animals might live in each layer. The children have continued to do some fantastic writing, applying the phonics sounds they know and trying

super hard with the formation and presentation of their writing. In maths we have been thinking about doubling numbers and exploring ways we can represent these calculations. It has been so hot but the children have all been really sensible about drinking water and making sure they wear their hats and



sunglasses if they are outside, thank you for ensuring they always come into school with their sun cream on. Next week we will be learning about animals that live in the canopy of the rainforest, I wonder if the children could find out about any of these animals at home over the weekend?

Year One



This week Year 1 had an excellent start to the week with a fun practical Science workshop from Science Oxford. We learnt about waterproof materials, things that melt and investigate which balls would be the bounciest! We have also been innovating the Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig text. They have

created some fantastic pieces of writing and enjoyed using the past tense. In Maths, we have been looking at counting all the way up to 100 and consolidating our number work. We started our DT unit and began looking into bags and their properties so we can begin to design and make a bag. In RE, we discussed and shared special objects to our families. Finally, in Science we looked at deciduous and evergreen trees. It was a jam packed week!

Year Two



This week in Year 2, Oak and Plane have been continuing our learning all about non-chronological reports. We started our week by writing an exciting character description, all about a rare new sea

creature named a Sea-Rex, before innovating our model text and creating our own. In Plane class, we have been writing non chronological reports all about a new species of 'Turfish' and in Oak, we have been writing all about 'Dolphish'.

Year Three

This week, year 3 enjoyed the "Science of Magic" workshop. We watched lots of different experiments, including an egg floating and sinking and watching smoke come out from a bottle! The children really liked observing how science can appear magical and showed their courageous learning muscle.

Year Four

Year 4 loved their Science workshop on Tuesday. They enjoyed exploring how physics and chemistry are used in magic tricks and focused mainly on magnetism, density and absorption. The pupils also enjoyed using Isle of Tune in Computing as they worked in pairs to create digital music and re-sequence performances by selecting given samples.

Year Five

This week, year 5 have been finishing off our geometry topic by looking at the properties of 3D shapes. The children have been looking at biographies of a variety of famous people, particularly focusing on David Attenborough, as well as continuing to shared write a biography about Marcus Rashford as a class. In Science, the children have looked at the stages of development for a baby and the gestation periods of different animals, and in History, we were lucky enough to have a virtual workshop from Bletchley Park about the Enigma Machine and code breaking.



News items from this week

Tissues

We wouldn't usually make a plea at this time of year for tissues, but unfortunately our Nursery classes are in need of some boxes should anyone have any going spare or you would consider kindly donating some. Unfortunately there are lots of running noses due to hay fever and colds. Thank you in advance for your help!

Sun Cream

As the weather has continued to get increasingly warmer over the last couple of weeks, we strongly suggest that your child is provided with some sun cream which is clearly labelled and can be kept in school. Each class has an allocated box in which sun cream can be left and easily accessible for the children. Please note that the children are required to apply the cream themselves. Please also ensure that your child is provided with a water bottle each day and a sun hat. Thank you for your cooperation.

Science Share Week 2021

This week Green Ridge have celebrated Science Share Week 2021 and have had exciting workshops delivered by Science Oxford. EYFS and KS1 enjoyed the 'Inventing Isobel' workshop where we learnt about waterproof materials, materials that melt and looked for the bounciest ball. KS2 looked into the 'Science of Magic' and experimented using lots of different materials.

Volunteers

We are forward thinking and are already on the lookout for volunteers from September! We previously had a small (but mighty!) army of parent/carer volunteers who helped us in numerous ways with the many, many jobs and tasks we do in school. Some of the jobs include listening to children read and changing reading books.

Unfortunately due to the pandemic, we were no longer able to allow visitors or volunteers on site. As things appear to be moving in the right direction and restrictions are slowly being lifted, providing that support is regular and we follow our risk assessments, we hope that we can welcome volunteers again from September.

If you would like to put your name forward and can give at least half a day a week on a regular basis, please e-mail Mrs. Curtis-Cross in the school office to admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk who will be happy to provide you with an application form. Please note that as part of our safeguarding requirements, we require all volunteers to have a DBS check to ensure their suitability to work with children, as well as completing a safeguarding training session and

volunteer induction led by one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads within the academy.

Once you have completed and returned your application form, a member of staff will be in contact to arrange a suitable time for the safeguarding training, volunteer induction and to advise you of what is required for your DBS.

We would like to thank you in advance for any time and support that you are able to provide.

Reading Wish List

We are still in need of some books for our next reading challenge so it would be great if some of our parents/carers would buy us a book (or two!) from our Amazon Wish List which can be found [here](#) if you haven't already done so. Be sure to leave a gift note so we can show our appreciation! 😊

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 article 22 and 10. For more information please follow this [link](#).

World Refugee Day – 20th June 2021

On World Refugee Day Article 22 and Article 10 are particularly important:

Article 22 (refugee children)
If a child is seeking refugee or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

Article 10 (family reunification)
Governments must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has a right to visit and keep in contact with both of them.

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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 and be provided with 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?

YR-Y5 Whole Class Photos – Wednesday, 23rd June

Next Wednesday, 23rd June, Kittle Photographic will be visiting to take our annual whole class photos. Please ensure that the children have the correct uniform, their hair in place and smiles at the ready! ☺ Please note that nursery are unfortunately not included in whole class photos as the children do not all attend at the same time and we are unable to mix bubbles due to ongoing COVID restrictions.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop – Friday, 25th June

On Friday, 25th June from 4.00-4.45pm there will be a mental health and wellbeing workshop running remotely over Zoom with Miss. Lazarou. This will be completed through a presentation and will include some ideas to support your child's well-being. The topics that will be included are:

- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Supporting your child to manage anxiety
- Supporting your child to manage frustrated and angry feelings well

The log in details can be found below.

<https://reach2.zoom.us/j/96820199433>

Meeting ID: 968 2019 9433

Passcode: 354106

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 bht.schoolhealth-screening@nhs.net 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.

Macmillan Mighty Hike – Saturday, 17th July



On Saturday, 17th July, Mrs. Mackie will be walking a marathon along the

Thames Path to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. If anyone would like to sponsor her and assist in raising some money for this amazing charity, please follow this [link](#). Thank you! ☺

PTA News

PTA Ice Cream Friday!

Last Friday was our first Ice Cream Friday! of the year and thanks to you it was a great success! We sold over 330 ice creams with a profit of over £250!

Thank you to all that bought one and fingers crossed for good weather for our next Ice Cream Friday! in a couple of weeks!

Second-Hand Uniform

As you may know, the PTA collects and sells second-hand uniform to raise funds for the school. This is sold both online via our PTA Events page which can be found [here](#) and also at various times throughout the year after school.

If you have any uniform that you no longer need or your child has grown out of, please consider donating it to the PTA. Where possible, please remove any name tags or ink over any names in pen.

If you have anything to donate or any queries please contact the PTA directly to arrange collection or discuss.

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

MENU WEEK 1	
21 st	8.00am YR Multi-Skills Enrichment Club 3.20pm Y1 Multi-Skills Enrichment Club
22 nd	AM – Y4 swimming lesson Guitar lessons 3.20pm Y2 Multi-Skills Enrichment Club
23 rd	Whole Class Photos 8.00am Y2 Gymnastics Enrichment Club 3.20pm Y4 & Y5 Football Enrichment Club
24 th	3.20pm Y3 Multi-Sports Enrichment Club
25 th	4.00pm Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop

Letters sent home this week