

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term 2021

Edition 1

Friday, 10th September 2021

A note from the Headteacher

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year, and a big welcome to all our new families and children this term. I know there has been lots of communication over the last week or so with letters sent out, but it has been necessary to ensure all parents and carers have some key information about the school and arrangements. We try to limit numbers of letters sent wherever we can, and instead put it in the one weekly round-up, but sometimes, there is just too much information for one document!

The children have had a fantastic first week back, even though it has been extremely hot (typical when we come back to school after six weeks of clouds!) I have visited classes each day and with Mr. English we have been doing learning walks to look at how well the children have settled into their routines and getting back on with their learning. In every class, our children have settled extremely quickly with routines and systems, and it is almost like they have never been away. Yesterday afternoon I was joined by Gill Ellyard, Director of Education from REACh2 who had been unable to visit the school for the past 18 months due to COVID restrictions. She commented on the exemplary behaviour she saw from pupils, their excellent attitudes to learning and the calmness in each class. We are extremely proud of all our children, and particularly this week to all our brand-new children in Nursery and Reception who have started, who have settled so well and so quickly.

Yesterday, our Year Six pupils undertook their 11+ tests for secondary transfer, and for those that took part, I wanted to say a huge well done for their resilience, calmness, and can-do approach to these. Parents and carers will know that these tests are not easy for many reasons – in the way they work, the content covered and the timings. But our pupils did themselves proud, and I am sure the children (and parents!) are relieved that these are now behind us.

Next week, our important 'Meet the Teacher' meetings are taking place, and please do come if you are able. Any resources or slides shared will be published on our website afterwards. Have a wonderful weekend,

A. A. Wanford

Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



"Leadership at Green Ridge is a huge success and they clearly communicate the school's goals and visions. Mr. Wanford has high expectations of students as well as teachers and this is a great attribute. Green Ridge has great communication with children and parents/carers and the school is secure and well organised."

Fantastic feedback from our recent Annual Parent/Carer Survey

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(ABOVE) Today has been our first WOW Day! of the year and the children have had a brilliant day! We have seen plenty of creative costumes and it has been a fun and exciting way to introduce the children to their new units of learning for this term.

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)	Ameliya	being super kind and making lots of new friends.
Willow (YR)	Ritusan	becoming more confident when answering the register and picking his lunch option.
Beech (Y1)	Maisie	her beautiful presentation in maths this week.
Elm (Y1)	Jayden	his positive attitude to learning and for earning lots of smiles on his class chart!
Oak (Y2)	Jamie	always being a kind friend and helping others in the class.
Plane (Y2)	Krithik	settling into year two at Green Ridge so well.
Alder (Y3)	Myrtle	always having a fantastic attitude towards learning.
Cedar (Y3)	Aditya	starting the mornings brilliantly and doing some great morning fluency.
Ash (Y4)	Dennis	having a fantastic first week at Green Ridge and making new friends.
Rowan (Y4)	Pola	a fantastic self-portrait.
Maple (Y5)	Brayden	displaying fantastic leadership skills in this week's PE lesson.
Hawthorn (Y6)	Isla-Rose	showing exceptional honesty and keeping her friends safe.

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Benjamin	coming into school a lot more settled.
Willow (YR)	Amelia	trying new things and showing patience in waiting for her turn.
Beech (Y1)	Arlo	progress in his confidence for writing
Elm (Y1)	Alyaana	progressing in her confidence with coming to school.
Oak (Y2)	Jacob	challenging himself every day in maths and continuing to contribute.
Plane (Y2)	David	demonstrating incredible resilience when learning to represent numbers in maths this week.
Alder (Y3)	James	contributing more to class discussions.
Cedar (Y3)	Kowsik	being brave and sharing his ideas with his peers.
Ash (Y4)	Maddison	developing her confidence in all areas of learning in her first week of Year Four.
Rowan (Y4)	Tegan	being resilient during our first swimming lesson.
Maple (Y5)	Imogen	her fantastic progress in reading.
Hawthorn (Y6)	Bella	showing an improved enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge, particularly in Maths.

PAP Stars

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

Beech (Y1)	Willow	Elm (Y1)	Zoe
Oak (Y2)	Heidi	Plane (Y2)	Grace
Alder (Y3)	Sreejan	Cedar (Y3)	Yarina
Ash (Y4)	Shannon	Rowan (Y4)	Max
Maple (Y5)	Aimee-Leigh	Hawthorn (Y6)	Aidan

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Elm, Plane, Alder and Cedar class for the best attendance this week!

Birch (YR)	95.5%	Willow (YR)	95.5%
Beech (Y1)	98.6%	Elm (Y1)	100.0%
Oak (Y2)	97.7%	Plane (Y2)	100.0%
Alder (Y3)	100.0%	Cedar (Y3)	100.0%
Ash (Y4)	96.0%	Rowan (Y4)	94.6%
Maple (Y5)	99.3%	Hawthorn (Y6)	97.7%

House Points

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

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	33	0
Disraeli	21	0
Pratchett	24	0
Redgrave	33	0

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 06/09/21	KS1	KS2
Monday	River	Confront
Tuesday	Rattle	Dawdle
Wednesday	Snap	Devious
Thursday	Feather	Famished
Friday	Terrible	Relinquish

w/c 13/09/21	KS1	KS2
Monday	Tatty	Dither
Tuesday	Lush	Gloat
Wednesday	Scoff	Barge
Thursday	Fidget	Vanquish
Friday	Multiple	Incessant

What have we been learning this week?

Little Ridges Nursery



Well done Little Berries for a fantastic first week of settling in sessions and first full sessions. We are so proud of all of the children, who have been busy exploring the setting and having lots of fun! Our topic this week has been about following the class charter, so we have been talking about using kind hands and listening

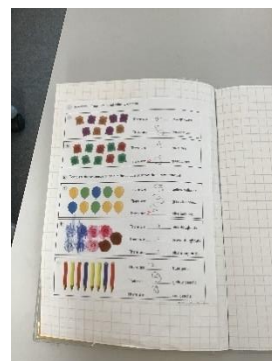
ears. The children have been enjoying playing with the cars, garage and trains. We have been singing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star together which the children have loved. We have also been playing with the water and digging in the garden. Next week we are focusing on who is in our families, so the wonderful photos you have sent in will be great for this topic. Have a lovely weekend and thank you again for all your support!



had a tour of the school to see all of the areas that they will be exploring during their time at Green Ridge. They have shown great listening skills when on the carpet and we have started short carpet activities with them such as; Reading Skills, Helicopter Stories and Maths songs. It has been lovely

observing all of the children interact with one another and start to make new friendships with their peers. Our WOW Day was so much fun and we learnt so much about each of the children and their interests.

Year One



Year One have had a brilliant first week back to school! They have been settling into the new Year One routine really well and are thoroughly enjoying the new learning they are doing. In maths, they have been practising their counting skills and exploring the resources in their new classrooms. We have been

very impressed with how much of their Reception learning they have remembered! We also started out Seasonal Changes learning this week and went for an early autumn walk around the school grounds to see if we could spot any changes. Well done Year One for a fantastic start to the year! Keep up the hard work!



It has been great to welcome all of the Little Acorns class this week! We are so proud of all the children; they have been so brave, some even starting a full day on their first day in Little Acorns! It has been great to see the children settle in well, get to know where everything is in their classroom and begin to develop new friendships. As

our theme this term is 'Marvellous Me', we look forward to finding out more about each other next week!

Reception



Willow and Birch class have completed their first full week of Reception. We have been super impressed at how well the children have come into

school each day. They are even engaging in a 'busy fingers' activity independently after they have put their belongings away. All of the children are slowly getting used to the rules and routines of the day and they have

Year Two

Year 2 have had an amazing first full week back at school. In Maths, we have been learning to partition numbers into tens and ones, using a range of resources to help us. In English, the children have begun learning about Traditional Tales. They learned about the features of a traditional tale by reading, highlighting and annotating a selection of tales. They also used drama to re-enact the story of Little Red Riding Hood in small groups. During our WOW Day, we celebrated our topic of An Eye for London by

writing a diary entry as if we were living in London during the Great Fire, we baked biscuits as if we were working in Thomas Farriner's bakery and we completed silhouette portraits. What a busy week!

Year Three



In year 3, we have had a fantastic start to the year. We have been busy working on our presentation in maths and English ensuring we take pride in our work. We have found out about our new science topic (Light and Shadow) and created a list of questions we would like to investigate. For our WOW day, we

have written a letter to the Stone Age Boy and even became hunters and gatherers! We also had the chance to investigate some Stone Age poo to find out what people used to eat. It has been a great start to the term!

Year Four

Rowan and Ash have loved returning to school, being reunited with their peers and even starting our swimming lessons. We have spent lots of time revising expectations, rules and rewards and the children thoroughly enjoyed having stories based on our learning behaviours read to them (lots of learning dots have already been handed out). We enjoyed logging into TT Rockstars and challenging one another online. Year 4 also showed great understanding of e-safety by producing lots of imaginative and artistic posters.

Year Five



This week, Year 5 have settled back into school wonderfully and really impressed Mrs Faisal and I. In Maths, we have been revisiting place value as well as

looking at rounding numbers. In English, we have been looking at a range of adventures tales so that we can begin to identify the features. Towards the end of the week, we began to plan a short burst of writing (setting description), whereby the children stepped into a thunderstorm (in the hall) and gathered and researched different vocabulary that we could use next week.

Year Six

Year 6 have settled back into a routine exceptionally well, setting really high standards straight away. For many children, the focus of this week has been on their 11+ tests, with the practice and the real thing taking place. The whole class have been looking at examples of persuasive writing ready to write an advert for the infamous Camp Green Lake, the main setting in our class novel, Holes. In Maths, we have been re-familiarising ourselves with place value up to the 10 millions, looking at different ways of representing numbers. We had an eSafety session where we focussed in particular on staying safe on Social Media and on mobile phones. The children looked amazing dressed up for our WOW Day on World War 1, and we investigated some facts about World War 1, looked at some war poetry as well as writing our own, decoded messages written in Morse code and creating some silhouette art.

News items from this week

Enrichment Clubs

The deadline to sign your child up for enrichment clubs for the Autumn term was yesterday. Unfortunately, due to minimum numbers not being met for some clubs, we have had to cancel the following clubs. Please also check your inbox as you should have received an email from Clubbly.

Day	Club	Time	Available to year groups
Monday	Multi-Sports AM	8.00-8.45am	Y5-Y6
Tuesday	Multi-Sports AM	8.00-8.45am	Y3-Y4
Wednesday	Dodgeball AM	8.00-8.45am	Y1-Y3
	Netball	3.15-4.30pm	Y4-Y6
Thursday	Multi-Sports AM	8.00-8.45am	Y1-Y2
	Choir	3.15-4.30pm	KS2
Friday	Archery AM	8.00-8.45am	Y1-Y2

DfE Education Catch-Up Website

The Department for Education has launched a website for parents/carers to support children of all age ranges and abilities catch up on lost learning from the pandemic. The site features advice and support for parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as programmes, resources and activities for children and young people. For further information, please follow this [link](#).

Silver Level Modeshift STARS Accreditation



Excitingly, Green Ridge has achieved the silver level award for our work linked to the school travel plan. A huge thank you to all the parents/carers and children for your support in travelling

actively to school. We will be beginning the WOW Travel Tracker system again from next week. If your child travels to school actively at least once a week, your child will earn a badge for that month. More information can be found by following this [link](#).

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 12 and 13. For more information please follow this [link](#).

INTRODUCING PUPIL VOICE

Article 12 and 13

Article 12 – Respect for the views of the child

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right always applies, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Article 13 – Freedom of expression

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, if it is within the law.

What's coming up?

Year Four and Year Six Level 1 Bikeability Cycle Training

On Monday, 27th September – Wednesday, 29th September children within Year Four and Year Six will be taking part in cycle training hosted by Haddenham Cycle Training. A letter was sent to parents/carers yesterday with further information, but please ensure that you make payment and complete this [form](#) by 3.30pm on Monday, 20th September. Thank you!

Reception 2022 Prospective Parent/Carer Open Events

We are holding a number of open events for prospective parents/carers to come and visit the school and meet Mr. Wanford and our team of staff. The events are as follows:

- Thursday, 21st October 1.45pm
- Tuesday, 2nd November 7.00pm
- Wednesday, 10th November 9.15am
- Wednesday, 17th November 1.45pm

The open events will give you an opportunity to have a tour of the school and Mr. Wanford will give a short presentation about the academy, its vision and ethos, and helpful information to those parents and carers who intend to apply.

Further information and our admissions policy can be found on our website [here](#) and we kindly ask that you complete this [form](#) to book a place at one of the open events.

Take a Look and Read a Book – Library Sessions

Yesterday you should have received a letter regarding library sessions which will be taking place in which parents/carers are welcome to attend and enjoy a library session with their child. Parents/carers will be required to support their child with their library skills by perhaps helping them select books and putting them back correctly, scanning books in and out using our library system or by reading both fiction and non-fiction books. We look forward to hopefully seeing you on the following dates.

Y6 Hawthorn – Friday, 1st October 11.00-11.30am
Y5 Maple – Tuesday, 5th October 9.30-10.00am
Y4 Rowan – Thursday, 7th October 9.30-10.00am
Y4 Ash – Friday, 15th October 9.30-10.00am
Y3 Alder – Wednesday, 20th October 9.30-10.00am
Y3 Cedar – Monday, 8th November 9.30-10.00am
Y2 Oak – Wednesday, 12th January 1.30-2.00pm
Y2 Plane – Wednesday, 19th January 1.30-2.00pm
Y1 Elm – Monday, 17th January 1.30-2.00pm
Y1 Beech – Monday, 24th January 1.30-2.00pm
YR Willow – Friday, 28th January 1.15-1.45pm
YR Birch – Friday, 11th February 1.15-1.45pm
YN Little Acorns – Tuesday, 1st March 10.30-11.00am

YN Little Acorns – Thursday, 10th March 2.30-3.00pm
YN Little Berries – Tuesday, 15th March 10.30-11.00am
YN Little Berries – Thursday, 24th March 2.30-3.00pm

PTA News

Sponsor the PTA

Once again, this academic year, we would like to invite local businesses to sponsor our fantastic school with a variety of different advertising packages. This enables us to raise much needed additional funds.

Packages include the opportunity to have the exposure to every person who will buy a ticket for all our events. This is both our in-school events like our cinemas clubs and our second hand uniform shop, and also to our local wider community events like our fireworks night and summer fete.

If this is something you are interested in, please contact the PTA to discuss the various options and if you would like to either advertise on our site or in our newsletter.

Secondhand Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has donated uniform to the PTA. If you still have uniform, you wish to donate then please contact us to arrange collection.

Our current stock of secondhand uniform can be found on our PTA Events [page](#) to purchase and is updated as and when items are donated to us.

Thank you for continuing to support the PTA.

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

MENU WEEK 3	
13 th	3.15pm: Y1-Y2 Football Enrichment Club
14 th	9.00am PTA Meeting 11.00am: Year Four Rowan Swimming Lesson 3.15pm: KS2 Sewing Enrichment Club
15 th	11.00am: Year Four Ash Swimming Lesson 3.15pm: Y5-Y6 Football Enrichment Club 3.15pm: KS1 Choir Enrichment Club 3.15pm: KS2 Chess Enrichment Club
16 th	National Teaching Assistants' Day 3.15pm: KS1 Board Games Enrichment Club 3.15pm: Y3-Y6 Gymnastics Enrichment Club
17 th	3.15pm: Y3-Y4 Football Enrichment Club

Letters sent home this week

Year 6 11+ Opt Out Reminder 06 09 21
Year 6 11+ Examination Reminder 06 09 21
Attendance Matters – YR, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 07 09 21

Uniform Expectation Reminder – Reception to Year Six
07 09 21

Meet the Teacher Information Sessions 07 09 21

Safeguarding Information Update – September 2021
07 09 21

Year Four and Year Six Level 1 Bikeability Cycle Training
09 09 21

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