

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term 2021

Edition 2

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## A note from the Headteacher

The children have now well and truly settled back into their learning routines at Green Ridge, and on my walks around the school this week each day I have been impressed at the new skills and learning our pupils are discovering; Year Three are now practicing their writing in pens, Year Four are now learning to swim and already gaining confidence in the water in just two weeks; Nursery have been learning to keep the beat when learning 'Wind the bobbin up' and use different voices for singing and speech, and Year One have been learning about the terms of pitch and dynamics in their music lesson.

I am privileged that I get to see all the fantastic learning that goes on day-to-day around the school, and this week I also welcomed Jenny Redgrove (Deputy Director of Education in REACh2) who came into quality assure our work on Behaviour, Attitudes and Personal Development. In doing so, Mrs. Redgrove spent the day with Mr. Kaye and Mr. Foster who lead on these areas, observing the children's behaviour across the school and during break and lunch, and looking at the implementation of our Relationships, Health and Sex Education curriculum which began in the summer. Mrs. Redgrove was extremely complimentary about the pupils at Green Ridge, their conduct and behaviour and she was impressed with their views that they shared about Green Ridge when she met with them. Of significant importance was our extremely high attendance, one of the highest in our trust of 60 schools, which shows just how important our families value their education and time at school. Please help us to continue to keep our attendance as high as it is, and ensure that your child is in each day, unless there is good reason for them not to be. Next week we are having our promotional video created on Wednesday which we are really excited about! Thank you to those parents/carers who have kindly agreed to assist me with this, and I very much look forward to being able to share the final video later this term, when we can showcase what an exceptional place of learning Green Ridge is for everyone. Have a lovely weekend,

*A. A. Wanford*

Mr. Aaron Wanford  
Headteacher



**"The team at Green Ridge are dedicated and communicate well with parents/carers. The care and effort invested in the children is another strength to name a few."**

*Positive feedback from our recent Annual Parent/Carer Survey*

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(ABOVE) Year Five have been busy and creative using flowchart algorithms to design playground games in Computing this week.

# 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)	Freddie F	being extremely kind and helpful at all times.
Willow (YR)	Elin	settling in so well and for being such a caring friend.
Beech (Y1)	Haadiya	a fantastic attitude to all of her new learning in Year One.
Elm (Y1)	Lily	settling into the Year 1 routine and being an excellent role model.
Oak (Y2)	Layla-Marie	using exciting adjectives in her writing.
Plane (Y2)	Oskar K	going above and beyond and working hard to challenge himself in Maths this week.
Alder (Y3)	Olly	superb use of figurative language in his character description.
Cedar (Y3)	Izzy	her fantastic piece of descriptive writing.
Ash (Y4)	Lissy	her hard working and reading this week.
Rowan (Y4)	Junior	having impeccable manners and always trying his best.
Maple (Y5)	Elnathan	his fantastic resilience this week and his speedy mental maths!
Hawthorn (Y6)	Ingrid	her exceptionally detailed explanation of how different factors contributed to the start of World War 1.

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Lekshana	trying her hardest to answer in a full sentence.
Willow (YR)	Kiyansh	Joining in more during carpet time.
Beech (Y1)	Archie	working hard to improve his presentation in writing.
Elm (Y1)	Alfie	working hard to improve his presentation in both Maths and English.
Oak (Y2)	Theo	improving his ball skills in PE this week and having good control when dribbling.
Plane (Y2)	Lewis	a huge improvement in his confidence with representing numbers using base 10 in Maths.
Alder (Y3)	Taksh	settling in so well since starting Green Ridge.
Cedar (Y3)	Archie	showing greater independence in Maths.
Ash (Y4)	Kyla	showing a great increase in her confidence in our attest swimming lesson.
Rowan (Y4)	Evie	great resilience in swimming and believing in herself.
Maple (Y5)	Noah	his reading fluency and amazing answers in reading skills this week.
Hawthorn (Y6)	Rhylee	his development in using the text to support his answers in Reading Skills.

## PAP Stars

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

Beech (Y1)	Riyon	Elm (Y1)	Cassia
Oak (Y2)	Shaylan	Plane (Y2)	Pami
Alder (Y3)	Kyle	Cedar (Y3)	Amelia M
Ash (Y4)	Taya	Rowan (Y4)	Pola

Maple (Y5)	Kanuyan	Hawthorn (Y6)	Abdul
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### Weekly Attendance

Well done to Cedar and Ash class for the best attendance this week!

Birch (YR)	95.0%	Willow (YR)	97.0%
Beech (Y1)	92.2%	Elm (Y1)	99.3%
Oak (Y2)	99.3%	Plane (Y2)	99.3%
Alder (Y3)	97.2%	Cedar (Y3)	100.0%
Ash (Y4)	100.0%	Rowan (Y4)	97.7%
Maple (Y5)	96.6%	Hawthorn (Y6)	99.7%

### House Points

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

House	Points this week	Total
<b>Austin</b>	180	213
<b>Disraeli</b>	120	141
<b>Pratchett</b>	30	54
<b>Redgrave</b>	102	135

### 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 13/09/21	KS1	KS2
Monday	<b>Tatty</b>	<b>Dither</b>
Tuesday	<b>Lush</b>	<b>Gloat</b>
Wednesday	<b>Scoff</b>	<b>Barge</b>
Thursday	<b>Fidget</b>	<b>Vanquish</b>
Friday	<b>Multiple</b>	<b>Incessant</b>

w/c 20/09/21	KS1	KS2
Monday	<b>Apology</b>	<b>Flood</b>
Tuesday	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Sarcastic</b>
Wednesday	<b>Damage</b>	<b>Debate</b>
Thursday	<b>Blame</b>	<b>Perfection</b>
Friday	<b>Neighbour</b>	<b>Propel</b>

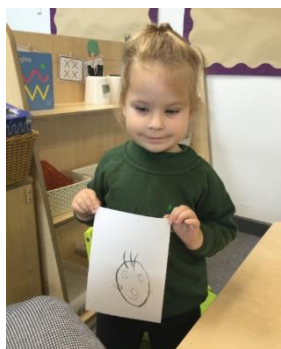
# What have we been learning this week?

## Little Ridges Nursery



What a wonderful week Little Berries! This week our focus has been 'Who's in our Family?' which the Berries have loved. The children were talking about their families and using the photos you sent in. They have also been busy using the photos as Play-Doh mats by making eyes and mouths. We have made paper plate faces with lots of different materials and our song of the week has been 'Baa Baa Black Sheep'. The Berries love singing so we have been doing lots this week! They have been outside with the Little Acorns which they have really enjoyed. Especially riding the bikes! Next week our focus is 'Parts of the Body', so we will be exploring where our nose, eyes and ears etc. are. Well done for a lovely week of fun and learning!

This week, Little Acorns have been completing some challenges! We have used charcoal to create our own self-portraits to display in the classroom. We have also looked at the features of ourselves using a mirror and we have even begun to learn a poem using actions, called 'This is Me' during carpet time.



We are continuing to learn our class charter; using kind words, kind hands, listening ears, looking eyes and trying our best. We look forward to talking about our families next week and sharing our family photos!

## Reception



We are super proud of how Willow and Birch class have been during their first week of being in

school full time. We are all really enjoying getting to know them even more and listening to their stories about their families and things that they enjoy. They experienced their first PE lesson with Mr Meachen on Monday (which was really fun!) and tried really hard getting changed all by themselves. They have also



made their own library paddles and were extremely excited taking out their first library books. Well done Reception for another fabulous week!

## Year One

This week Elm and Beech have continued to work so hard on their new Year One learning. In English, the children have been learning how to write lists and have perfected their bullet points and layouts. We have seen some fantastic lists from favourite Disney characters to who is in their family. In Maths, we have been revisiting one more and one less and, in their carousel activities, the children have been using counting objects and creating their own number lines to help them with their learning. We also started our first Science unit which is all about working scientifically and we discussed what we think scientists do and what we would like to know about scientists. Then the children had a go at their own experiment to



see what would happen if they mixed paint and water. They made predictions and thought carefully about how to carry out their experiment and then used equipment to see if they were right. We can't wait for more exciting learning next week!

## Year Two

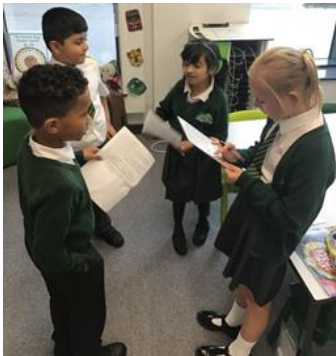
Year Two have settled back into school incredibly well and we have been very impressed with their work ethic this week. In Maths, we have been learning to represent numbers to 100 in a variety of ways, using a range of resources to support us. Furthermore, we have begun to add tens and ones within 100. In English, the children have been enjoying learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood. The children have written character descriptions of the Big Bad Wolf, using many exciting adjectives. We have created a text map of the story as a class, representing the story through pictures as well as in actions. The children are continuing to enjoy our Great Fire of London topic and have learnt how the fire spread through London. Well done Year Two for a fantastic week and keep up the good work!



### Year Three

Year 3 have worked hard on writing setting descriptions in English using our five senses. We have all worked hard to include some great descriptive language which we can use in our writing task next week. In maths, we have continued our work on place value and found out how to solve 1, 10 or 100 more and less than a number. We started our science topic this week where we investigated the importance of light. Our German lessons also started this week so please be sure to ask us what we have learnt and how we can greet each other in German!

### Year Four



This week, in English we explored their model text: The King of the Fishes. We summarised what happened in the warning tale and started to think about the main features and who the main characters were. In groups, we broke the story down into key

sections and events, then used role play to familiarise ourselves with the text.

### Year Five



This week in Computing, Year 5 began our new unit, 'Complex Programming'. We discussed the new vocabulary that we will be using this term, before beginning to look at complex flowcharts. We chose our favourite games and created our own flowcharts of how to play them. Once complete, we

tested them out and debugged any errors.

### Year Six

This week, Year 6 have been planning and shared writing a persuasive advert for the infamous Camp Green Lake, the main setting in our class novel, Holes. In Maths, we have been looking at rounding any number, comparing, and ordering any number and looking at negative numbers in context. We have started our new topics in Science, PSHE, History and Computing, looking at healthy bodies, the importance of mental health, some of the contributing factors to the start of World War 1, and designing a game using Scratch towards a specific brief.

# News items from this week

## Head Pupil Appointments



Today, Mr. Wanford and three members of the governing body interviewed 11 members of Year Six who applied for the role of Head or Deputy Pupil at Green Ridge. The governors were thoroughly impressed at how well the pupils answered the

questions given and gave such thoughtful responses about how they could help improve Green Ridge and be ambassadors for all the pupils.

Head Pupils will represent the school and the values it stands for, acting as advocates and ambassadors for the school in all it does.

After much deliberation, the following pupils were appointed to the roles for the next academic year:

Head Pupils	Deputy Head Pupils
Lukas	Samprithi
Keira	Abdul

A huge well done to all those who applied for the roles, and many congratulations to those who were appointed to the position!

## Meet the Teacher Information Sessions

If you were not able to attend the Meet the Teacher sessions this week, you can now find the slides from the presentations on our website. Please follow the links below.

[YR Meet the Teacher](#)  
[Y2 Meet the Teacher](#)  
[Y4 Meet the Teacher](#)  
[Y6 Meet the Teacher](#)

[Y1 Meet the Teacher](#)  
[Y3 Meet the Teacher](#)  
[Y5 Meet the Teacher](#)

## A41 Bicester Road Highway Improvement Works

We have been informed by the Buckinghamshire Council Highways Infrastructure Team that road improvement works are about to commence along Bicester Road, starting with works on the Jackson Road/Dickens Way junction. Please find attached the latest A41 Bicester Road project bulletin, which includes information on the upcoming construction works at the Jackson Road/Dickens Way junction.

## KS2 Snacks

We would like to remind parents/carers that chocolate is **not** permitted if you are providing your child in KS2 with a morning snack. Should your child bring in a snack in which we believe is not adequate, we will have no choice but to take the item/s off them and return them to you at the end of the day. We would also like

to take the opportunity to remind you that we are a **nut-free school**. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Please also refer to the below which you can find within our Parent/Carer Handbook.

**WE ARE A 'NUT-FREE' SCHOOL DUE TO ALLERGIES.** Therefore, children must **not** bring in food containing nuts, regardless of their nutritional value. Please check cereal bars and other similar products as they often have traces of nuts, which are also **not** permitted.

## Menu Change – Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September

Unfortunately, the kitchen are experiencing problems with deliveries at the moment and quite often they are arriving late resulting in them having low stock (or no stock at all!) of certain items. This has resulted in them unfortunately having to change the menu slightly on Monday (20<sup>th</sup>). Please find revised options below.

**Red (meat option):** Beef bolognaise

**Green (vegetarian option):** Sausage pattie

**Yellow:** Jacket potato with various toppings

**White (cold option):** Cheese sandwich

## Secondary Transfer Open Events

You can now find a list of secondary transfer open events on our website [here](#). We kindly ask that you collect your child after morning or afternoon registration should you wish to attend an event during school hours.

## Parent Forum 2021-22

Yesterday you will have received a letter regarding the Parent Forum for this academic year. If you are interested in being a Parent Forum representative and would like to put your name forward, please email [admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk) stating your interest **by next Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. There will be an expectation that you can attend most meetings, or else the role will not be effective. Dates for the Autumn term meetings can be found below.

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00-10.00am**

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November from 2.15-3.15pm**

If parents/carers have previously been part of the Parent Forum and they wish to continue being part of this, please still do email us to confirm that you wish to remain as part of the forum, or else we will assume you no longer wish to be part of it.

If more than one parent/carer comes forward per class and nominates themselves for the role, we will contact individuals to work out how best to split the roles between various parents/carers. We will communicate to all those parents/carers who express an interest to

confirm whether they will be participating in the forum for 2021-22.

### Polite reminder regarding dogs on site...

As the school continues to grow, we have noticed that more and more families are bringing their four-legged friends on the school run. For health and safety reasons, we kindly ask that you do **not** bring them on site past the front gates (including the upper KS2 gate) and the rear gate leading to the playground from the carpark. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### 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 24. For more information, please follow this [link](#).

## INTRODUCING... ARTICLE 24



Stuart introduces Article 24 – Health Care



Article 24 – Health Care - ensures that every child has the right to the best possible health.

Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.

Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

[Watch Stuart on YouTube](#)



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

# What's coming up?

## Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September



The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Many of us know

somebody who has or is suffering from the illness, and the event is a great way to bring our community together for a good cause.

We will be holding a coffee morning here at Green Ridge next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September between 9.00-10.00am in the school hall. Please enter via the side doors/fire exit by the visitor car parking spaces located outside of the front of the school. You will be required to sign in for fire register purposes.

It would be greatly appreciated if parents/carers could help us by donating some cakes (baked or shop bought!). We kindly ask that any cakes donated do **not** contain nuts due to allergies.

Tea and coffee will be available, and we hope that it will be a great opportunity for all of our new and existing parents/carers to come together all in aid of a good cause. Younger siblings/children are also very welcome!

If you could please send an email to [admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk) to let us know if you are happy to bring a cake along, this would really help us prepare for the event and know what to expect. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all next week!

## Year Four and Year Six Level 1 Bikeability Cycle Training

On Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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 last week with further information, but please ensure that you make payment and complete this [form](#) by 3.30pm on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you!

## Year Three Trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October

Yesterday Year Three parents/carers will have received a letter with regards to a trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum for our Year Three pupils on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October. As per the letter, please complete this [form](#) and make the payment of £17.50 via Arbor by 3.30pm on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## 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, 21<sup>st</sup> October 1.45pm
- Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.00pm
- Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am
- Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> October 11.00-11.30am

**Y5 Maple** – Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-10.00am

**Y4 Rowan** – Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-10.00am

**Y4 Ash** – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-10.00am

**Y3 Alder** – Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-10.00am

**Y3 Cedar** – Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-10.00am

**Y2 Oak** – Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 1.30-2.00pm

**Y2 Plane** – Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 1.30-2.00pm

**Y1 Elm** – Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 1.30-2.00pm

**Y1 Beech** – Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 1.30-2.00pm

**YR Willow** – Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 1.15-1.45pm

**YR Birch** – Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 1.15-1.45pm

**YN Little Acorns** – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 10.30-11.00am

**YN Little Acorns** – Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2.30-3.00pm

**YN Little Berries** – Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 10.30-11.00am

**YN Little Berries** – Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### AGM

As we do each year, we are holding our AGM on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the school hall. The committee will report on the previous year, the totals raised, how we have spent these funds and what we hope to do in the coming year. We would like to invite all parents/carers to come along, to find out more, ask any questions or take a bigger role in planning PTA events.

We are particularly needing to recruit a new secretary and would like to fill a non-committee role, working with the chair to liaise with local businesses to obtain raffle prizes and sponsorships for the academic year.

We will also be recruiting new parent/carer reps for each class where needed, and especially for the new Reception year group. It is very important to have every year group represented and especially as the school continues to grow.

If you would like to express an interest in any of the roles or to put your name forward as a parent/carer PTA rep, please contact us via email to [pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk).

### What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

MENU WEEK 1	
20 <sup>th</sup>	3.15pm: Y1-Y2 Football Enrichment Club
21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am: Year Four Rowan Swimming Lesson 3.15pm: KS2 Sewing Enrichment Club
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Promotional video filming 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
23 <sup>rd</sup>	3.15pm: KS1 Board Games Enrichment Club 3.15pm: Y3-Y6 Gymnastics Enrichment Club
24 <sup>th</sup>	Macmillan Coffee Morning 3.15pm: Y3-Y4 Football Enrichment Club

### Letters sent home this week

Y1 Vision Screening 13 09 21

Sponsor the PTA 14 09 21

Parent Forum 2021-22 16 09 21

COVID Warn and Inform 16 09 21

Year Three Trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum 16 09 21



**6TH NOVEMBER 2021**  
**GATES OPEN FROM 5.30**

# **FIREWORKS** **NIGHT**

Hot  
Drinks

BBQ

**TICKETS**  
**AVAILABLE SOON**

WIN THE CHANCE  
TO START THE  
FIREWORKS

Other  
stalls

— GREEN RIDGE PRIMARY —  
ACADEMY PTA