

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term 2021

Edition 4

Friday, 1st October 2021

A note from the Headteacher

The temperature seems to have dropped this week, and the weather has certainly shown signs that autumn is well and truly upon us! Year Four and some of the Year Six pupils had their Bikeability training this week (amidst the awful rain at the start of the week) but nevertheless, did a fantastic job and had a great time gaining more confidence on their bikes, learning how to be safe as a rider and how to navigate many different things at once as you have to do as a cyclist. The feedback from the pupils, parents and the trainer were wonderful, and my thanks to Mrs. Thomas for organising this again as part of her work on developing more sustainable school travel. This should become an annual event so that all Year Four pupils have the opportunity each year.

Yesterday, I met with some of our Parent Forum reps for the first time this year. I am extremely grateful for the time they give, and they gave some very useful feedback, including about drop-off times and organisation, as well as about other aspects such as PE and the curriculum. Please do have a look at the link later in the newsletter so you can see the minutes of what was discussed. We still have several vacancies on the Parent Forum, and it would be great if every class could be represented. If you would still like to be, please just e-mail into the school office, and let us know. The more parents/carers we have, the greater the views and ideas we get!

Last night also saw our annual PTA general meeting. It was great to hear all the fundraising that managed to take place last year, and events planned for the coming year. Remember, every parent/carer is a member of the PTA by default, so there's no excuse for not getting involved! Please see later in the newsletter for the minutes of the meeting. Our first PTA Cinema event is in a few weeks' time, and I know the children are already excited and talking about it already (the popcorn is always a huge success!) Have a wonderful weekend,

A. A. Wanford

Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



"My child was so excited to take part in the Bikeability training this week."

It's great that Green Ridge is able to offer these amazing opportunities to the children."

Positive feedback regarding the Bikeability training

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(ABOVE) On Monday and Tuesday Haddenham Cycle Training Centre visited some of our Year Four and Year Six children who took part in the Level 1 Bikeability training. The children did a brilliant job and learnt lots of new skills.

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)	Arabella	fantastic listening and letter formation in phonics.
Willow (YR)	Alexandra	her confidence when sharing some Romanian words in front of the whole class during European day of languages.
Beech (Y1)	Zac	demonstrating an excellent understanding of ordinal numbers in maths.
Elm (Y1)	R'Elle	her incredibly descriptive captions that she created in our English this week.
Oak (Y2)	Jake	settling in so well at Green Ridge! 😊
Plane (Y2)	Lily - Sue	her resilient attitude to learning and fantastic imagination in her traditional tale.
Alder (Y3)	Gracelyn	always being a good role model for her peers and always responding positively to feedback.
Cedar (Y3)	Logan	explaining his answers and working out clearly in maths
Ash (Y4)	Mia-Jade	writing an excellent adaptation of a wishing tale.
Rowan (Y4)	Arthur	great reasoning and problem solving in maths.
Maple (Y5)	Jasper	his wonderful work in Science this week.

Hawthorn (Y6)	Zack	coming up with a number of independent ideas in our hot task.
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	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Daniel	having a go at making a paper plate face, describing his features and comparing with his peers.
Willow (YR)	Harlee	fantastic enthusiasm during every phonics lesson.
Beech (Y1)	Yashvi	making huge improvements to her handwriting.
Elm (Y1)	Daniel	making huge improvements with his independent writing.
Oak (Y2)	Esmay	her huge improvement in handwriting and sentence structure.
Plane (Y2)	Joshua	his incredible progress with his handwriting, using the handwriting lines accurately.
Alder (Y3)	Cairo	trying hard to improve his presentation and being increasingly keen to share ideas in class.
Cedar (Y3)	Henley	working hard to stay focussed during independent tasks.
Ash (Y4)	Sophia	developing her confidence in swimming this week and showing great bravery.
Rowan (Y4)	Casey	using an apostrophe for possession independently.
Maple (Y5)	Maia	her resilience in art this week where we were sketching using viewfinders.
Hawthorn (Y6)	Rosko	his improvement in using short division after some initial confusion

PAP Stars

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

Beech (Y1)	Ishaan	Elm (Y1)	Prahathi
Oak (Y2)	Megan	Plane (Y2)	Sophie
Alder (Y3)	Imogen	Cedar (Y3)	Ellie
Ash (Y4)	Tommy	Rowan (Y4)	Eva
Maple (Y5)	Ramaa	Hawthorn (Y6)	Callum

Times Tables Rockstar Awards

Every fortnight, teachers award two certificates per class. One is awarded to the 'Quickest Rockstar' based on how much their speed of recall has improved over the two-week period. The other is awarded to the 'Hardest Working Rockstar' based on a variety of factors, such as number of coins earned, number of questions answered and the number of levels they've progressed through.

	<i>Quickest Rockstar</i>	<i>Hardest Working Rockstar</i>
Oak (Y2)	Shaylan	Darcey M
Plane (Y2)	Manya	Ezra
Alder (Y3)	Charlie	Alicja
Cedar (Y3)	Wynnie	Jacob
Ash (Y4)	Alfie	Aryan
Rowan (Y4)	Jessie	Ethan
Maple (Y5)	Maia	Thomas
Hawthorn (Y6)	Bella	Leon

Weekly Attendance

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

Birch (YR)	98.3%	Willow (YR)	97.3%
Beech (Y1)	94.8%	Elm (Y1)	97.3%
Oak (Y2)	95.7%	Plane (Y2)	98.0%
Alder (Y3)	95.7%	Cedar (Y3)	95.8%
Ash (Y4)	99.3%	Rowan (Y4)	90.5%
Maple (Y5)	93.4%	Hawthorn (Y6)	97.4%

House Points

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

<i>House</i>	<i>Points this week</i>	<i>Total</i>
Austin	99	477
Disraeli	101	424
Pratchett	116	341
Redgrave	151	387

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!

<i>w/c 27/09/21</i>	<i>KS1</i>	<i>KS2</i>
Monday	Save	Gingerly
Tuesday	Unlock	Fond
Wednesday	Crack	Cherish
Thursday	Hang	Chaos
Friday	Bury	Snare

<i>w/c 04/10/21</i>	<i>KS1</i>	<i>KS2</i>
Monday	Dozen	Appetite
Tuesday	Duo	Unfamiliar
Wednesday	Fortnight	Divert
Thursday	Talent	Mimic
Friday	Suitcase	Convenient

What have we been learning this week?

Little Ridges Nursery



This week in Little Berries we have been exploring our emotions and how we feel. Our song this week has been 'If You're Happy and You Know It' and 'You Choose' has been our story. The Berries have enjoyed a trip to the library and the dance studio this week and they have all been amazing at walking through the school!

The Little Berries word of the week has been unlock and lots of the Berries knew we could unlock a door. Thank you for the wonderful videos of your children speaking in their own languages at home. They enjoyed sharing them with the class! Next week we are focusing on everything to do with maths. It's lovely to hear so many of the Berries are singing the feelings song at home. Have a wonderful weekend!



This week, Little Acorns have continued developing their listening skills during Phase 1 phonics. The children enjoyed tuning in to different instruments and creating music with various instruments whilst listening to some rhymes. It's been great to observe the children continue this throughout their play, exploring the different sounds

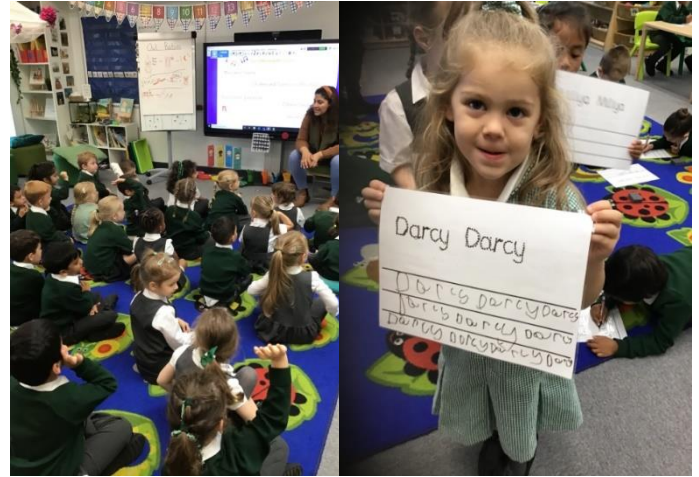
the instruments make. Throughout the week, we have learnt the song '5 Little Ducks' using different makaton actions.

Our number focus this week has been the number 2. The children are beginning to understand that when we have one and another one, we have two altogether! We have created a number 2 Numberblock and completed different challenges linked to the number 2 during continuous provision. Well done, Little Acorns!

Reception

This week started with our European Day of Languages! We have continued to greet the children every day in a different language. We have also finished our Talk 4 Writing story 'Owl Babies' and the children were so good and remembering the story through actions. The children were involved in creating some

of the actions. We have looked at the Owl Babies family, compared it with our own and discussed any similarities and differences. This week we have also starting Phonics! We have been learning some phonemes and we have been practising how to write them.



Year One

This week in Year One we have started looking at captions in English. The children have been learning to say what they see to help them develop their captions and then they have improved their work by adding adjectives to describe. We have been using adjectives all week in a lot of our learning and our favourite adjectives have been adorable, lonely and fluffy. In Maths, we have started to learn about ordinal numbers, looking at 1st, 2nd 3rd etc. The children have been putting them in order from first to tenth and matching representations as well. The children also started learning their songs for the Harvest Festival performance. They are very excited to put on a show for all of their parents! We have given each child a line to learn and it has been stuck in their reading record so that you can help them learn it at home. We can't wait for you to see it!

Year Two

We have had a wonderful week in Year 2! In English, the children have been completing their hot task! They have innovated the story of Little Red Riding Hood and created their own characters and villains. This will continue this over the next week as children are finishing their stories and editing what they have written! In maths, we have been learning to compare calculations using the relevant symbols and solving missing number problems. Continuing from this, we recapped our number bonds to 100 and worked with our learning partner to match the correct numbers together. On Friday we made finger pots in art which the children thoroughly enjoyed! This will lead to us making our own pots in the next few weeks.

Year Three

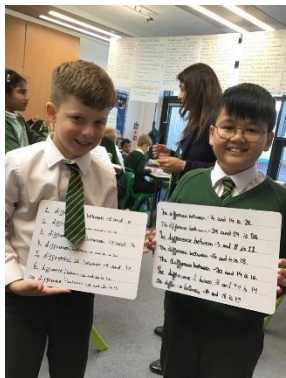
It has been another fantastic week in year 3. Firstly, would like to congratulate both classes for showing such great maturity during the lockdown practise on Thursday. The children were calm, sensible and silent and we were super impressed. Earlier on in the week, our in-school guitar teacher, Sam, treated the children and adults to a taster session, which they absolutely loved. Many children were left inspired and enthusiastic about learning the guitar. In addition to this, we had a zoom call to discuss arrangements for an exciting Christmas lantern project which we will be involved with in the coming weeks. To top the week off we had a virtual author visit where we heard from Dara McNulty who introduced us to his new book 'Wild Child'. The children also finished writing their innovated quest tales this week and are ready to get cracking on the hot task on Monday, with some great ideas already flowing.

Year Four

This week some of our Year Four pupils completed their Level 1 Bikeability cycle training. We had a visit from Haddenham Cycle Training Centre who spent two hours training us to be safe on the road. We learnt all the cycle control skills needed and the children practised looking behind them and signalling the direction they were travelling in.



Year Five



This week in Maths, Y5 came to the end of our unit on place value. One of our final lessons in this unit of learning was on the use of negative numbers, whereby the children were set an investigation to find the difference between a range of negative numbers and positive numbers. Mrs Faisal and I were so impressed at how engaged the children

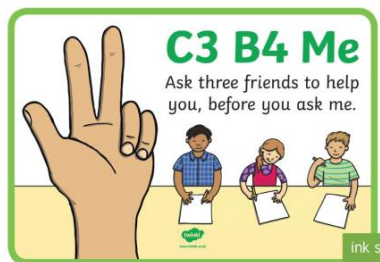
were, and at how well everyone worked together to complete the challenge!

Year Six

This week, Year 6 have been finishing off their persuasive texts about Camp Green Lake before looking at some example character descriptions for our new topic. In Maths, we have been looking at multiplying by 2-digit numbers, particularly thinking about what happens when we multiply by the multiple of 10, as well as looking at using short division methods to divide by 1-digit numbers. We finished off our experiment on the effects of exercise on heart rate, as well as investigating which countries were involved in World War 1. Many of the children had the chance to participate in Bikeability this week as well.

News items from this week

C3 B4 Me – What does this mean?



You may have heard your child come home and talk about one of the strategies we use at Green Ridge to develop their independence and resilience in learning.

One of our goals as educators is to encourage our pupils to become self-directed learners, and we need to shift our pupils' perception that the teacher is the source of all knowledge (this doesn't help for when they leave school eventually!) We want to create a sense of community among the learners in our classrooms. The C3 B4 Me approach shifts the roles of teacher and student and puts the student in the centre of the learning. Hopefully, this creates an environment that empowers and encourages pupils throughout their journey towards becoming more self-directed in their approach to learning.

For example, in class a teacher might say to the children that before they contact them for assistance, the children have to go to three sources to determine if they can find the answer to their question on their own. You could ask one of their classmates, check the sheet or TV screen for clues, check what is in their book, or use the iPads or laptops to help them find an answer. Or they might ask three of their classmates to see if they have the answer. We might then say to the children if they do not get the answer they need, then they should come to an adult. Most likely, at that point, it's a question we need to address with the whole class, and we'll determine the best way to share the information with everyone.

Ask your child what C3 B4 Me is, and how they use it in their classrooms – what three things or peers do they go to?

Y1-Y6 Curriculum Booklets

Yesterday you will have received curriculum booklets for the Autumn term for Years One to Six. They can also be found on our website using the links below.

[Year One](#)

[Year Two](#)

[Year Three](#)

[Year Four](#)

[Year Five](#)

[Year Six](#)

Updated Term Date Information

Yesterday a letter was sent to all parents/carers informing them of a change to the 2021-22 term dates due to the Platinum Jubilee and to also confirm the

term dates for 2022-23. They can also be found on our website [here](#).

Data Collection Sheets and Consent Packs

Data Collection Sheets were sent home with our Early Years children last week. Can we kindly ask that you take the time to check them to ensure that the information that we have on file is correct. Please amend where necessary, sign and return by **Friday, 15th October**.

Data Collection Sheets and Consent Packs will be sent home with our KS1 and KS2 children soon.

Parent Forum 2021-22 – Vacant Spaces & Minutes

Mr. Wanford met with the Parent Forum Representatives yesterday for the first Parent Forum meeting of the year and a copy of the minutes can be found on our website [here](#).

If you have any feedback of a generic nature for the school, please do talk to the class reps or complete the short questionnaire online available [here](#). Please remember that if you complete the questionnaire that it should not be for individual/child feedback or to raise concerns, you should follow the normal procedures starting with your child's class teacher.

We still have some vacant spaces shown within the table below. If you would like to put your name forward, please [email](#) Mrs. Curtis-Cross in the school office.

Class	Representative
Berries	<i>Vacant</i>
Acorns	<i>Vacant</i>
Birch	<i>Vacant</i>
Willow	Sadie Mooney
Beech	<i>Vacant</i>
Elm	Laura Nunn
Oak	<i>Vacant</i>
Plane	Ethan O'Driscoll
Alder	Pooja Chotai
Cedar	<i>Vacant</i>
Ash	<i>Vacant</i>
Rowan	Emily Routledge
Maple	<i>Vacant</i>
Hawthorn	<i>Vacant</i>

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, 9th November at 2.15pm in school.

Reception Plea

Please could you kindly donate any old, buttoned shirts that you may have for us to use in fine motor skills. Lots

of the children find doing and undoing buttons very tricky so we would like to support them in building these skills. Thank you! 😊

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 it is based on Black History Month. For more information, please follow this [link](#).

INTRODUCING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Helen introduces Black History Month



Article of the Week:
Black History Month

This links to Articles 2 and 30...

2
NO DISCRIMINATION

30
IDENTITY CULTURE LANGUAGE AND RELIGION

Black History Month is celebrated in October every year and is a celebration of key figures and events in Black history.

In 2021 the theme is 'Proud to Be', which aims to recognise the achievements and contributions that Black people make to the UK every day, from working on the Covid-19 frontline in hospitals, care homes, schools and supermarkets to the children and young people leading the fight for equality in the classroom.



What's coming up?

Change to Advertised Menu – Thursday, 7th October

As part of our commitment to promoting healthy eating in school, we would like to encourage as many pupils as possible to have a freshly prepared meal in school each day. To encourage children to try a meal who don't usually have one, we are changing the options to some of our more popular choices next **Thursday, 7th October**. The options will be as follows.

Meat option: Burger

Vegetarian option: Macaroni cheese

Cold option: Ham roll

We will of course still have jacket potatoes available for those creatures of habit!

Don't forget that all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are eligible for UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals) meaning that they are funded by the government so why not give them a try! For children in KS2, the cost of each meal is £2.65 unless your child is eligible for Pupil Premium.

Year Three Trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum – Friday, 8th October

Last week, 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, 8th October. As per the letter, please complete this [form](#) and make the payment of £17.50 via Arbor by 3.30pm on Friday, 1st October.

Reception Phonics and Reading Workshop Tuesday, 12th October

We will be running a workshop on Tuesday, 12th October at 6.30pm where all parents/carers of Reception children are warmly invited. During the workshop, we will explain in more detail about how the school teaches our children to read through our phonics system, and the expectations of reading at home with your child and the books they will have access to. Please do come along if you can make it as it will help you to fully support your child's phonics learning at home.

Harvest Festival Assembly – Thursday, 14th October

On Tuesday you will have received a letter regarding the Harvest Festival assembly that is taking place on Thursday, 14th October. We will only be inviting Year One parents/carers to this event as our Year One pupils are leading the assembly. If you have a child in another year group, please rest assured that you will be invited to another event later on in the school year when other year groups take the lead. Thank you for your understanding.

We are once again partnering up with Aylesbury Foodbank and would be extremely grateful if you are

able to donate any of the items in which the foodbank are in desperate need of shown within the poster at the end of the newsletter. Please send any donations in with your child by **Monday, 11th October**. Thank you for your support and generosity!

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.

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

AGM

Thank you to those who were able to attend the PTA Annual General Meeting last night. You can find the minutes for the meeting [here](#) on the school website.

Thank you to the parents/carers who have put themselves forward to represent their child's class. It's very important to us that each year group and class has a voice. There are still some classes yet to be filled and we welcome anyone who would like to join the team.

We are still looking for a secretary to join our committee. The main role is to support the Chair and committee with admin work and details of planning all our events. If you think this is something you would be interested in and would like to know more then please contact the PTA via [email](#).

PTA Cinema Events – Friday, 15th October

Letters were sent out on Tuesday regarding the PTA Cinema Event that is being held on Friday, 15th October. Tickets are at a cost of £5.00 each and include a drink, popcorn and sweets. Tickets can be purchased via the PTA-Events [page](#) by 11.00pm on Wednesday, 13th October. If you experience any difficulties purchasing tickets, please contact the PTA directly.

Second-hand Uniform Sale

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 second-hand uniform can be found on PTA-Events page [here](#) to purchase and is updated regularly as items are donated to us.

Affiliate Schemes

Please find attached to this newsletter a list of schemes that the PTA are affiliated with. Each time you purchase from or through them, the PTA receive a small amount at no additional cost to yourself. What could be easier than raising funds for the PTA from the comfort of your sofa! If you have any questions about any of these, please get in contact.

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

MENU WEEK 3	
4 th	3.15pm: Y1-Y2 Football Enrichment Club
5 th	9.30am: Y5 Maple Library Session 11.00am: Year Four Rowan Swimming Lesson 3.15pm: KS2 Sewing Enrichment Club
6 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
7 th	9.30am: Y4 Rowan Library Session 3.15pm: KS1 Board Games Enrichment Club 3.15pm: Y3-Y6 Gymnastics Enrichment Club
8 th	Year Three Trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum 3.15pm: Y3-Y4 Football Enrichment Club

Letters sent home this week

Year Six Leavers Arrangements 2021-22 28 09 21

Harvest Festival Assembly 28 09 21

YR Book System 28 09 21

Parent & Carer Survey – Summer 2021 Outcomes and Next Steps 28 09 21

PTA Cinema Event - Reception 28 09 21

PTA Cinema Event – Year One 28 09 21

PTA Cinema Event – Year Two & Year Three 28 09 21

PTA Cinema Event – Year Four, Year Five & Year Six 28 09 21

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This Harvest we are particularly in need of:

Food

Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Meat
Long Life Fruit Juice
Tinned Fish
Tinned Beans
Tinned Soup
Tinned Fruit
Chocolate
Long Life Milk

Extras

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste

To Pack Into

Bags for Life

Thank You