

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term 2021

Edition 10

Friday, 19th November 2021

A note from the Headteacher

The children have thoroughly enjoyed coming to school today in their pyjamas to help support the Children in Need charity and raise some vital funds for this worthy cause. We have talked about the importance of charities such as this and where the money raised goes and who it helps, and I hope that all of the children see the benefit of helping other Children in Need as well as the fun they've had today being in their onesies and all manner of other pyjama outfits!

One of the highlights of my week has been my learning walks and lesson visits to our Early Years as part of my monitoring of the children's learning. I've been blown away at some of the wonderful, thoughtful, and creative learning going on across Nursery and Reception. A particularly memorable moment for me this week was in Little Berries as I sat with a group of children who were all learning to care for their 'pets' (a range of fluffy toys) and helping to put bandages on them and give them medicine if they were poorly. The children's genuine care and patience was so evident, and this then transferred to the children between themselves. I was also bandaged up and given much medicine by the children – I'm not quite sure what they thought my ailment was, but they made sure they used all the medical equipment they had to make me feel better! The children's confidence and understanding in this area was fantastic and looking at people who help us across the Nursery over this half-term has been really embedded. In Little Acorns they have also been looking at the fire service and other emergency services who help us, and the children have been so enthusiastic about their learning. I have been extremely proud of what they can talk about and show.

Just remember we are closed for our INSET day next Friday, so the newsletter will be coming to you next Thursday. Have a great weekend,

A. A. Wanford

Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher



"It was great to see the children in class and get a better idea of what a typical day in Reception at Green Ridge looks like. I found it beneficial to see the facilities in person and to understand what the school can offer."

More positive feedback from the Reception 2022 Prospective Parent/Carer Open Afternoon held on Wednesday

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(ABOVE) The children (and staff!) have had a wonderful day wearing pyjamas in aid of Children in Need. Everyone looked super snuggly in their pyjamas, slippers and dressing gowns! We've even had our very own Blush and Pudsey bears!

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)	Esme	her beautiful independent writing.
Willow (YR)	Jack	his fantastic independent writing and brilliant use of his newly learnt phonics knowledge.
Beech (Y1)	Khalil	a brilliant start to his adventure story.
Elm (Y1)	Sid	his excellent innovated version of our Duffy and the Runaway Train story.
Oak (Y2)	Jenna	showing her incredible learning in history when answering questions in St Paul's Cathedral.
Plane (Y2)	Lewis	demonstrating resilience when learning about money problems in Maths this week.
Alder (Y3)	Cairo	showing an incredible change in his attitude and striving to improve himself every day.
Cedar (Y3)	Joseph	his brilliant maths work this week on pictograms and tally charts.
Ash (Y4)	Harry	always applying maximum effort during independent writing and responding well to feedback.
Rowan (Y4)	Nathan	an incredible innovated poem.
Maple (Y5)	Thomas	his fantastic use of vocabulary in this

		week's information texts.
Hawthorn (Y6)	Thomas	his independent retrieval skills in reading skills.

	<i>Certificate of Progress</i>	<i>For...</i>
Birch (YR)	Eliza	her fantastic reading and trying really hard to blend.
Willow (YR)	Ayyoub	his incredible letter formation and progress with his reading.
Beech (Y1)	Tallulah	working on her independence and resilience.
Elm (Y1)	Maya	her growth mindset with her independent writing!
Oak (Y2)	Quinn	doing incredibly well and using his imagination when writing his diary in English.
Plane (Y2)	Oskar	a huge improvement in his confidence when creating freeze frames in History this week.
Alder (Y3)	Poppy	writing an excellent plan for her hot task in English, organising her ideas clearly.
Cedar (Y3)	Lincoln	increasing his use of green pen to check his own work first.
Ash (Y4)	Kyi Michael	improving his independence and taking more and more pride in his learning.
Rowan (Y4)	Oliver	great effort when finding the perimeter of different shapes.
Maple (Y5)	Alexander	his productivity this week and fantastic contributions in English.
Hawthorn (Y6)	Faith	effective use of scaffolds to support with adding mixed numbers.

PAP Stars

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

Beech (Y1)	Mya	Elm (Y1)	Ingrid
Oak (Y2)	Trinity	Plane (Y2)	Ella
Alder (Y3)	Alisa	Cedar (Y3)	Orla
Ash (Y4)	Raisha	Rowan (Y4)	Dexter
Maple (Y5)	Daniella	Hawthorn (Y6)	Mustapha

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)	Megan	Heidi
Plane (Y2)	Ellie	Lillie
Alder (Y3)	Myrtle	Alicja
Cedar (Y3)	Izzy	Liam
Ash (Y4)	Samuel	Ayah
Rowan (Y4)	Evie	Dexter
Maple (Y5)	Harry	Elnathan
Hawthorn (Y6)	Isla-Rose	Abdul

Weekly Attendance

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

Birch (YR)	96.7%	Willow (YR)	93.3%
Beech (Y1)	98.3%	Elm (Y1)	94.3%
Oak (Y2)	98.7%	Plane (Y2)	99.3%
Alder (Y3)	98.4%	Cedar (Y3)	97.9%
Ash (Y4)	100.0%	Rowan (Y4)	96.3%
Maple (Y5)	93.9%	Hawthorn (Y6)	97.4%

House Points

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

<i>House</i>	<i>Points this week</i>	<i>Total</i>
Austin	71	1984
Disraeli	63	1743
Pratchett	114	1710
Redgrave	60	1833

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 15/11/21</i>	<i>KS1</i>	<i>KS2</i>
Monday	Brick	Belligerent
Tuesday	Straw	Consecutive
Wednesday	Basket	Conspicuous
Thursday	Scarf	Simultaneous
Friday	Cloak	Diligent

<i>w/c 22/11/21</i>	<i>KS1</i>	<i>KS2</i>
Monday	Sauce	Assume
Tuesday	Bowl	Capable
Wednesday	Utensil	Initial
Thursday	Homemade	Mitigate
Friday	Chop	Specific

What have we been learning this week?

Little Ridges Nursery



What a wonderful week of learning we have had this week! We have learnt how to cross the road safely and made our own traffic lights too. The Berries have been busy taking good care of our pets in the classroom and know that we need to take animals to the vets if they are poorly and that we need to feed them and give

them plenty of water. As it has been Nursery Rhyme Week, we've been singing LOTS of nursery rhymes! We've been making lots of odd socks for Anti-Bullying Week too. Our Makaton sign this week has been rabbit and our song has been 'I Had a Little Turtle'. Well done Berries and have a wonderful weekend



This week has been a busy week with a huge focus on being kind for Anti-Bullying Week, crossing the road safely for Road Safety Week and discussing our favourite nursery rhymes for Nursery Rhyme Week! The children have been creating traffic lights and they have practised

crossing a road safely, including crossing the zebra crossing we have just outside school! We have also had some children take on the role as school crossing patrollers outside managing the traffic and zebra crossing in our outdoor area. On Thursday, the children had to investigate what happened in our outdoor area and put their learning of being a police officer into practice!



Reception

This week we have introduced our Christmas performance 'A King Is Born' and we have been practicing some of the songs, and actions to go with them. The children are very excited. We have also been sharing our talents this week and recognising that we are all amazing at lots of different things. We have been practicing road safety outside with our traffic light paddles, which the children have all enjoyed. We have also looked at Andy Warhol's pop art and had a go at creating our own. We can't forget odd socks day on

Monday for Anti-Bullying Week! We have all made a circle of friendship with our handprints and the children have been telling us one kind word about a friend. We finish the week with Pyjama Day for Children in Need!!

Year One



This has been an exciting week for Year One! On Tuesday we went on our FIRST school trip! In keeping with our Toys and Transport theme, the children went to St Albans Cathedral and took part in a Victorian toy workshop. They really enjoyed having a play with some old-fashioned toys such as pin the tail on the donkey and skittles.

They then had a go at making their own toy: a thaumatrope! For the second half of their day, they had a guided tour around the beautiful cathedral and explored all of the different areas. They learned about the font, the alters, and the lady chapel. It was a fantastic trip, and the children are already excited for their next one!



Year Two

Year 2 have had a fantastic week this week! We are writing recounts in English to explain what happened to the tooth fairy's bag. The children received a letter from the tooth fairy manager thanking them for all their hard work in investigating who the bag belonged to. The children have really enjoyed this. We also started the second part of our history topic about the Gunpowder Plot! The children created brilliant freeze frames to depict the different parts of Guy Fawkes' life! On Thursday we went on our trip to St Paul's Cathedral. The children made us so proud with their behaviour and how much they were able to tell our tour guides about the Great Fire of London. We especially enjoyed looking up at the beautiful ceilings

in the cathedral and asking many questions about how the paintings were created.

Year Three

Year 3 have had another incredible week and have embraced the changes to our typical timetable to immerse themselves in anti-bullying and road safety awareness activities to fit in perfectly with the themes of the week. We spent some time discussing the concept of 'bullying' and how one kind word or action can really brighten somebody's day. We came up with some ideas of random acts of kindness and designed messages to spread positivity. Road safety heroes have been a huge part of this week and we noted the selfless acts of police, firemen and paramedics, alongside the daily unsung heroes such as lollipop people - who always ensure we are safe when near roads. In addition to this, we have enjoyed our reading skills lessons this week, where we have been looking at a book called 'King and King' which follows the story of a Prince who finds his match is in fact a Prince, rather than the traditional Princess - this helped us to understand the diverse make up of families within our communities and accept people for who they are. Finally, we loved seeing everybody dressing up in their pyjamas to end the week on a massive high, raising money and raising awareness for such a fantastic cause. Have a great weekend everybody!

Year Four

This week, Year 4 have been taking part in anti-bullying week. We started of the week with odd sock day and created poems about kindness. In Maths we recapped perimeter. We defined perimeter as the length around a closed 2D shape. We explored what perimeter is and what it isn't. We then went outside to measure 2-D shapes and compared different shapes which have the same perimeter. Finally, we created our own shapes and found the perimeter.



Year Five

Last week in Science, Year 5 designed their own investigation into the strength of different shopping bags as part of our Materials unit of learning. This week, they carried out their experiment, and myself and Mrs. Faisal were so impressed at how everyone took to time to ensure the test remained fair throughout. The winner was the insulated cool bag, which hold an amazing 24 bottles of 1.5l water bottles.



Year Six

This week, Year 6 have continued investigating journalistic writing, writing their own newspaper article about the mysterious creature that Michael discovered in his garage. In Maths, we have been continuing our focus on fractions, looking at adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. In Science, we used classification keys to identify unusual animals. In History, we had a look at how people lived on the home-front during World War 1 and in PSHE, we carried out some roleplay activities for anti-bullying week, looking at identifying bullying and how we can support others who feel as though they are being bullied.

News items from this week

Staffing Update

You will have received a letter this week from Mr. Wanford detailing that Mr. English will be leaving Green Ridge at the end of term to take up his Headship at another of the REAch2 schools. We are delighted for Mr. English, but obviously sad that he is leaving us! More information about changes to staffing and arrangements will follow later on this term.

Road Safety Week

This week Green Ridge has taken part in the UK's biggest road safety event, Road Safety Week. We have joined thousands of schools, organisations and communities to shout out for our right to make safe and healthy journeys every day.

The theme of Road Safety Week 2021 is Road Safety Heroes, celebrating the heroic work of road safety professionals, and explaining how we can all play a part in making journeys safer for everyone. This year, the pupils at Green Ridge have had an assembly on road safety and lessons linked to this too.

It has been fantastic to see so much learning linked to road safety this week. Please continue to reinforce the messages of how we can stay safe in our cars and walking out and about.



Book Swap Shop

In the main school entrance foyer, we have a trolley containing books which the children are welcome to borrow to enjoy at home. Donations are also gratefully received. Please do come along to take a look add/borrow/swap from our collection!

Children in Need Pyjama Day



Thank you to those who donated £1.00 or more in aid of today's pyjama day. Children in Need is a worthwhile cause and we raised a total of £407.00!

Parent Forum 2021-22 Vacant Spaces

We still have some vacant spaces for Acorns, Birch, Oak, Ash, Maple and Hawthorn. If you would like to put your name forward to be a representative, please [email](#) Mrs. Curtis-Cross in the school office.

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.

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on **Monday, 10th January** at **2.15pm** in school.

Year Five and Six Basketball Team A Match

This week the Year Five and Six basketball team A visited The Mandeville School to kick off the league by competing against other local schools. This was their first opportunity to play competitively against other schools and they showed wonderful behaviour throughout, worked together as a team, supported one another, showed fantastic sportsmanship towards the other teams and most importantly, had lots of fun! They grew in confidence as the matches went on and demonstrated some skilful techniques. You have made us very proud, well done Green Ridge!



Data Collection Sheets and Consent Packs

Data Collection Sheets and Consent Packs were sent home with our Key Stage One children recently. If you haven't yet checked through the document to ensure that the information that we have on file is correct and completed the Consent Pack, can we kindly ask that you do so as a matter of urgency as the deadline was today. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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

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! 😊

PSHE PANTS Lessons

In our PSHE lessons this term, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse". In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lessons will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent/carers guide can be found [here](#).

Reception Garden Plea

We would be very grateful for any donations of bags of compost or hardy outdoor plants or herbs in order to jazz up the garden section of our outside area. 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 we have articles 1 and 4. For more information, please follow this [link](#).

INTRODUCING WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

Jessica, Strategic Lead for Youth Engagement, introduces World Children's Day

World Children's Day 2021

On the 20 November we celebrate World Children's Day, the anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It's a global day of action for children, by children.

There are two articles that provide a particularly strong link this week:

Article 1 – Definition of the Child
Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

Article 4 – Implementation of the Convention
Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

Article of the Week:
Article 1 and 4 – World Children's Day

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

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What's coming up?

Phonics and English Stay and Learn Sessions

We are delighted to announce we will be hosting our first post-COVID stay and learn sessions across the school. Taking on feedback from previous sessions we have split them across the week to accommodate parents/carers with more than one child. The sessions will be as follows.

Early Years (Nursery and Reception)

Tuesday, 23rd November from 9.00-10.00am

Key Stage One (Year One and Two)

Wednesday, 24th November from 9.00-10.00am

Key Stage Two (Year Three, Four, Five and Six)

Thursday, 25th November from 9.00-10.00am

You are welcome to come into class with your child at drop off and join in with our morning routines before the Phonics or English session starts. We kindly ask that you wear a face covering for the duration of your visit and do **not** attend should you have any COVID symptoms. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of you back into school!

Christmas Tree!

We are delighted to share that Hartwell Nurseries have kindly agreed to donate a Christmas tree this year. They will be delivering it on Tuesday, 30th November and we are excited to get decorating and share some photos with you all! A flyer can be found at the end of the newsletter with further information regarding their Christmas offerings this year. Thank you, Hartwell's, for your generosity!

Year One and Two Christmas Nativity Costumes

Yesterday Year One and Year Two parents/carers will have received letters regarding costumes and props required for the upcoming Key Stage One Christmas Nativity 'Straw and Order'. As per the letters, we kindly ask that you send any costumes/props in with your child in a clearly named carrier bag by **Friday, 3rd December**.

Reception Trip to Windsor Castle – Thursday, 13th January

Last week you will have received a letter regarding the Reception trip to Windsor Castle on Thursday, 13th January. Can we kindly ask that you complete the Microsoft Form (by following this [link](#)) and make the £13.00 payment via Arbor by **3.30pm on Friday, 10th December**. Don't forget to let us know if you are available and willing to help on the day when completing the form!

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.

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

Reception 2022

Applications have now opened for those with children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 who will be starting Reception in September 2022. **The deadline is at midnight on Saturday, 15th January.** National offer day is on Tuesday, 19th April.

What's happening next week at Green Ridge?

MENU WEEK 1	
22 nd	3.15pm: Y1-Y2 Football Enrichment Club
23 rd	9.00am: Early Years Phonics and English Stay and Learn Session 11.00am: Year Four Rowan Swimming Lesson 3.15pm: KS2 Sewing Enrichment Club
24 th	9.00am: KS1 Phonics and English Stay and Learn Session 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
25 th	9.00am: KS2 Phonics and English Stay and Learn Session 3.15pm: KS1 Board Games Enrichment Club 3.15pm: Y3-Y6 Gymnastics Enrichment Club
26 th	INSET Day #2 - SCHOOL CLOSED

Letters sent home this week

Reading Book System 16 11 21

Farewell to Mr. English 17 11 21

Year One Christmas Nativity Costumes 18 11 21

Year Two Christmas Nativity Costumes and Props 18 11 21



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