

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

Issue 1

Friday, 8th September 2023

A note from the Headteacher



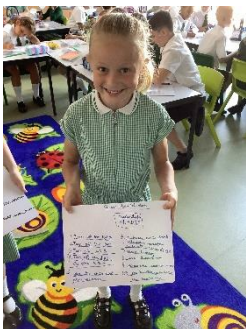
A very 'warm' welcome back to the new academic year!

You might notice a slightly different look and layout to our weekly round-up this term, as we've taken on board feedback from parents/carers. We are keen to hear your views and thoughts about the information given, and please do give me and/or the admin team the feedback; we really do take it on board, and hopefully improve things for the better.

The children have had a great start to the term and have settled brilliantly back into routines. I have been so impressed at just how seamlessly the children have cracked on with their learning and work this week, and their enthusiasm and excitement to be back at school. Green Ridge has certainly felt busier than usual at the start and ends of the day with new children and increased numbers of parents/carers. I am aware of trying to make the movement around the school as easy as possible with the site we have, and again any suggestions please do reach out and let us know.

I'm sure the children will be exhausted by the end of today with their first week back, so enjoy the weekend and the last of heatwave. See you all back on Monday!

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Roman	Helena	Kai
Elm (Y1)	Mark	Lincoln	Sophia
Lime (Y1)	Harley	Pranav	Kairo
Oak (Y2)	Kiyansh	Mikhaela	Jack
Plane (Y2)	Zachary	Adam	Alexandra
Alder (Y3)	Riyon	Mya	Archie
Cedar (Y3)	Reggie B	Archie	Ingrid
Ash (Y4)	Oskar	Skylar	Malachi
Rowan (Y4)	Shayne	Jess	Harry
Maple (Y5)	Imogen	Cairo	Myrtle
Sycamore (Y5)	Miggy	Lincoln	Gaetan
Hawthorn (Y6)	Oliver	Elijah	Ema
Aspen (Y6)	Maddie	Kayden	Vincent

Attendance Award
Well done to Maple class for the highest attendance of 98.4% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	38	38
Disraeli	49	49
Pratchett	36	36
Redgrave	35	35



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News, Updates & Reminders

Little Pips Playgroup

Due to staffing capacity at the start of this busy term, Little Pips playgroup will not recommence until after October half-term. Further information regarding the much-anticipated return will be shared in due course within the newsletter and on social media. Keep your eyes peeled if you are a Green Ridge parent/carers with younger siblings!

School uniform – Polo shirts

Please can we remind all parents/carers that polo shirts are NOT part of the Green Ridge uniform. There are an increasing number of pupils coming in polo shirts, with or without ties, which are not in-line with our school expectations. Further information about our uniform and expectations can be found on our website [here](#). Parents/carers will be receiving reminder letters about incorrect uniform over the coming weeks.

Meet the Teacher Information Sessions

Further to the letter sent out on Tuesday, we are inviting parents/carers into school as a way of meeting their child/children's new class teacher/s. Please see below for the times and locations of each year group.

Year Group	Date	Time	Location
Year One	Tuesday, 12 th September	2.45-3.15pm	Large hall
Year Two	Monday, 11 th September	2.45-3.15pm	Small hall
Year Three	Monday, 11 th September	2.24-3.15pm	Large hall
Year Four	Wednesday, 13 th September	2.45-3.15pm	Small hall
Year Five	Friday, 15 th September	2.45-3.15pm	Small hall
Year Six	Thursday 14 th September	2.45-3.15pm	Small hall

We look forward to seeing you during these sessions and hope you find them helpful.

Reception 2024 Prospective Parent/Carer Open Events

We are holding several 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:

- Tuesday, 17th October at 1.45pm
- Monday, 30th October at 6.00pm
- Tuesday, 14th November at 1.45pm
- Wednesday, 22nd November at 9.15am

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.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Talk with your child about responsible use of their games console

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to turn off the screen and tell an adult.

Think about the location of the games console

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.

Right of the Week Article 29

Goals of Education #29

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Choose recyclable gift wrap and greeting cards

When you shop for gift wrap and greetings cards, avoid anything embellished with foil or glitter as it can't be recycled. Thick, glossy wrapping paper is likely to have been laminated, which means it can't be recycled either so steer clear of this, too. When you receive a gift, use the "scrunch test" to check if the gift wrap it came in is likely to be recyclable – if it stays scrunched, it probably is. Don't forget to remove sticky tape before adding the paper to your recycling bin.

Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Setting boundaries for babbies, toddlers and those in the Early Years!

- Introduce boundaries from an early age.
- Reflect to your child that you know how they may be feeling – for example, saying "I know you're frustrated," if your child is struggling to do something.
- Share your own feelings if you find it helps to relieve your stress – for example, "I know you're tired but I'm tired too."
- Try to avoid using orders and ultimatums.



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Important Dates & Events

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Friday 8th September	9.00-10.00am PTA Welcome Coffee Morning for new YR Parents/Carers All pupils in KS1/KS2 take home reading books today (NM)
Monday 11th September	Y6 secondary applications open 2.45pm – Y2/Y3 Meet the Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 12th September	2.45pm – Y1 Meet the Teacher Meeting Y6 11+ Practice Tests
Wednesday 13th September	2.45pm – Y4 Meet the Teacher Meeting
Thursday 14th September	2.45pm – Y6 Meet the Teacher Meeting Y6 11+ Tests
Friday 15th September	2.45pm – Y5 Meet the Teacher Meeting
Monday 18th September	2.30pm/6.00pm – YR/Y1 Parent/Carer workshop for Reading and Little Wandle Autumn term enrichment clubs commence
Wednesday 20th September	Y3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
Thursday 28th September	Y2 Great Fire of London workshop (in school)
Monday 2nd October	Spina Bifida Awareness Day – Wear your t-shirt back to front 2.30pm - EYFS Parent Workshop Lets Learn Together 1 'Building Independence
Wednesday 4th October	Y4 Ancient Maya Workshop (in school)
Thursday 5th October	7.00pm - PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Friday 6th October	3.15-4.45pm - YR/Y1 PTA Cinema Night
Thursday 12th October	9.15am – Harvest Festival assembly for Y1 parents/carers 6.30pm – Y6 parent/carers meeting to discuss leaver arrangements
Friday 13th October	Y5 workshop 'Make something amazing' (in school) 3.20-5.20pm – Y2-Y6 PTA Cinema Night

Monday 16th October	Travelling book fair in school all week
Tuesday 17th October	1.45pm – Prospective YR parent/carer information session for September 2024 entry 4.00-7.30pm – Pupil Learning Reviews
Thursday 19th October	4.00-6.30pm – Pupil Learning Reviews
Friday 20th October	Individual and sibling school photographs Children finish for half-term