

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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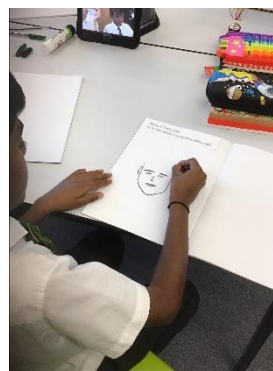
A note from the Headteacher

There's been so much great stuff going on across the school this week. All of classes have been continuing their learning on Black History Month. At Green Ridge, October is not the only time that we talk about and share in the achievements of Black people in history – our curriculum is rich in opportunities to learn about their many wonderful achievements and contributions made. We will continue to celebrate successes of all cultures and backgrounds as part of our curriculum over the course of the year, such as authors, artists, scientists, musicians, inventors to name but a few. But over the next month this will have a particular focus on Black History. Some of the stunning artwork below is an example of just some of the learning taking place.

We received so many wonderful donations to our Harvest festival display which is being shared with our local food bank. My thanks to the team in Year One and the children who put together their Harvest assembly yesterday, ably supported by our pupils in Reception and Year Two who shared some songs. It wouldn't be a Harvest assembly without a song about a Big, Red, Combine Harvester! Thank you for all parents and carers who gave so generously to support out local community and those Year One parents and carers who came along to support.

Finally, it was a pleasure to receive a letter from our local MP, Rob Butler, to congratulate us on our sustainable travel award – and all we are doing to promote this at Green Ridge. Thank you to yourselves and the children for making this happen and doing our part to be more sustainable.

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Celebrations & Achievements

| | Certificate of Achievement | Certificate of Progress | PAP Stars | Times Table Rock Stars | |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | Quickest | Hardest Working |
| Birch (YR) | Saanvi | Ana | - | - | - |
| Hazel (YR) | Nola | Archie | - | - | - |
| Willow (YR) | Harshil | Jessica | - | - | - |
| Beech (Y1) | Eva | Yashwith | Amelie | - | - |
| Elm (Y1) | Gus | Grace | Zakariya | - | - |
| Lime (Y1) | Roman | Mia-Ann | Mara | - | - |
| Oak (Y2) | Abigail | Sidney | Rian | Mikhaela | Ranen |
| Plane (Y2) | Benjamin | Esme | Freddy F | Freddie M | Ritusan |
| Alder (Y3) | Layla A | Maisie G | Ishaan | Pranamya | Ishaan |
| Cedar (Y3) | Izzy | Daisy W | Francis | Archie | Aleksander |
| Ash (Y4) | Ezra | Bilan | Sophie | Pami | David |
| Rowan (Y4) | Jake | Ella | Diya | Shaylan | Darcey M |
| Maple (Y5) | Sowmith | Tanaya | Adeena | Taksh | Charlie |
| Sycamore (Y5) | Alice | Liam | Logan | Yarina | Gaetan |
| Hawthorn (Y6) | Riley | Sienna | Tyler | Deeshna | Max |
| Aspen (Y6) | Harry | Jessica | Millie | Vincent | Rio |

| Attendance Award |
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| Well done to Ash class for the highest attendance of 98.7% this week! |

| House Points | | |
|--------------|------------------|-------|
| House | Points this week | Total |
| Austin | 218 | 1127 |
| Disraeli | 208 | 962 |
| Pratchett | 222 | 995 |
| Redgrave | 207 | 1170 |



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News, Updates & Reminders

Meet Vincent – one of our Head Pupils

My name is Vincent, and I am really glad and feel privileged that I have been selected to become a Head Pupil. Here are a few things that I would like you to know about me.



I enjoy a range of subjects, such as Art, English and Science! However, my absolute favourites are Mathematics and Computing. I am certain that those will help me pursue my dreams for the future of becoming a software engineer (a computer specialist in other words). I also like and challenge myself with P.E, even though it isn't one of my strong subjects.

One of the reasons I wanted to become a Head Pupil is to share my view that everybody should have equal chances of success. People's origin or appearance should not be an obstacle if they want to achieve amazing things in their life.

The other reason for wishing to be a Head Pupil is because I want to raise awareness about climate change. It is caused by greenhouse gases, which are very harmful to the environment. They get created by many things (such as cars and waste of plastic), so I would like as a Head Pupil to encourage the Green Ridge community to be as sustainable as we can.

Lastly, I would like to help other students to be kinder, better behaved, to go to Green Ridge with joy and pride, and work for the good reputation of the school.

Green Ridge's Podcast

This week's podcast features a handful of pupils from Year Three. Listen to them discuss their recent trip to the Chiltern Air Museum - what they learnt, what they enjoyed and how this has supported their learning in History. To listen to our 2nd edition of our Podcast please follow the [link](#).

Individual and Sibling School Photographs

Pupil photographs will be taking place on **Friday, 20th October**. This will include individual photographs of school-aged children from Reception through to Year Six. Although we cannot offer individual photos to our nursery children, we

would very much like them to be included in the sibling photos and we will do our best to manage this during the course of the day.

Can we please remind you to ensure that your child is in the correct school uniform and that they are well presented ahead of having their photo taken. Thank you!

Enrichment Clubs Next Week

We would like to remind parents/carers that Enrichment Clubs will not be running next week, commencing Monday, 16th October due to the Pupil Learning Reviews taking place. Please collect at the normal time of 3.15pm or 3.20pm.

SchoolGrid Menu Change and Christmas Lunch

We are delighted to share that for our creatures of habit there will be a Jacket Potato option every day from Monday, 30th October on SchoolGrid.

We are also happy to share with you that our Christmas Lunch menu is now available on SchoolGrid to order. Our Christmas Lunch is on Friday, 15th December and the menu is as follows.



Red meat option: Sliced Turkey Breast with Chipolata Sausage, Sage, and Onion Stuffing with Gravy

Green vegetarian option: Quorn Fillet, Sage, and Onion Stuffing with Gravy

Please note there will be no cold option on this day.



Lunch orders will need to be placed by **8.55am on Friday, 15th December**. If you have already preordered a lunch for that day via SchoolGrid, please reorder choosing from the new menu options.

External Gate Closure

The External gates will open at 4.00pm and close at 4.30pm to allow amply time for parents/carers off the premises.

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

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

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, 5th December at 9.00am.

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.

Mental Health Week

As Mental Health has been a large focus for our school this week, we thought it would be beneficial to share this wonderful calendar made by Action for Happiness. They are a movement to help share the best parts of our days and share kindness and happiness. As this very much matches our values of a school, we would like to share this with you and for you to then pass this on to your children and those around you. This is something that we will be trying to include in our everyday routine.

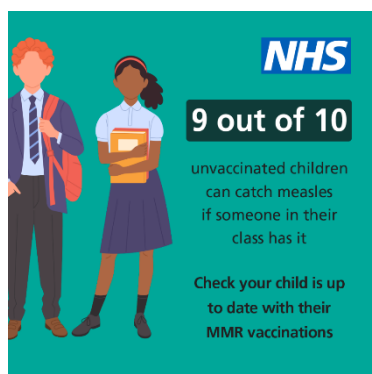


Flu Vaccinations

We have booked in pupil flu vaccinations and are currently awaiting correspondence from the NHS Nursing team to send out the parent/carer letter.

Information on Measles/ MMR Vaccination

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,00 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR/Measles and how to get vaccinated.



The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please share these resources with colleagues, parents, and where suitable, community organisations to increase awareness and encourage parents to get their children vaccinated.

PTA Fireworks

As you would have already seen, Green Ridge PTA is holding our annual Fireworks Night on **Saturday, 4th November 2023**. Tickets are on sale on our PTA Events page www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta tickets are limited, so don't miss out! Please note that tickets are only available in advance.

If you would like to be a part of making our night a great success, we need your help as volunteers in a variety of ways – helping to sell refreshments and other items, scanning tickets or as fire marshals. Please click [here](#) to sign up. You would be needed from 4.00pm-6.30pm and all volunteers will receive free entry and a free burger or hot dog.

Please contact the PTA if you have any questions or issues purchasing a ticket via email at pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk.

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you there!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Managing Online Information– EYFS/KS1

Ask your child(ren) if they can name two devices that can be used to access the internet. When we use those, how can we make sure we are being safe?

Managing Online Information– KS2

Talk to your child(ren) ways that the internet can unknowingly 'lure us into information'. Key strategies used are pop-ups and targeted ads.

Right of the Week Article 38

Article 13 – Sharing Thought Freely

Children have the right to share freely with others what they learn, think and feel. This can be verbally or through drawing or writing (unless it is harmful to others). This supports our inclusive ethos at Green Ridge and reinforced many of our key values.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Turning Off Electronics at Home

As we embrace a sustainable mindset, let's focus on reducing energy consumption at home this week. Remind your children to turn off lights, electronics, and appliances when not in use. Small actions like these contribute to a greener environment and instil valuable habits.

Thank you for your commitment to sustainability and for nurturing a sense of responsibility in our school community.



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

TALK PANTS

Developed in consultation with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.



- P – Privates are private
- A – Always remember your body belongs to you
- N – No means no
- T – Talk about secrets that upset you
- S – Speak up and someone can help



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Important Dates & Events

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| Monday 16th October | Travelling book fair in school all week 3.30-6.00pm – Little Acorns Pupil Learning Review |
| Tuesday 17th October | 1.45pm – Prospective YR parent/carer information session for September 2024 entry 3.30-6.00pm – Little Acorns Pupil Learning Review 4.00-7.30pm – Pupil Learning Reviews |
| Wednesday 18th October | 3.30-6.00pm – Little Acorns Pupil Learning Review |
| Thursday 19th October | 4.00-6.30pm – Pupil Learning Reviews |
| Friday 20th October | Individual and sibling school photographs Children finish for half-term |