

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

Issue 2

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A note from the Headteacher

This week, our children have been getting stuck back in with their learning in different subject areas, and Years One to Six have had their WOW afternoon to kick-start their new topic this term. There's always such a buzz with these activities and lessons as the children get hooked into their new year-groups – whether this to be start learning about the Great Fire of London, learning about the Mayan civilization, or learning about toys through the ages.

We hope that you found the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions informative this week if you were able to attend, and that you have more information about what your children are learning and how you can help them over the coming year. For those unable to attend, we will be publishing all the slides and resources onto our year-group pages on our website by the end of next week.

We had our first fire drill this week on Wednesday, and I was really impressed at how well all our children did getting out of the building safely and quickly, especially our newest pupils in Reception.

Well done to our Year Six pupils who sat their 11+ tests yesterday too: a sigh of relief that their finally done – for children and parents/carers! Have a lovely weekend and see you all next week,

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars	Times Table Rock Stars	
				Quickest	Hardest Working
Birch (YR)	Phoebe	Sayan	-	-	-
Hazel (YR)	Sreeyan	Freddie	-	-	-
Willow (YR)	Alayna	Reggie	-	-	-
Beech (Y1)	Ronnie	Ethan HH	Vanessa	-	-
Elm (Y1)	Sidvik	Alex	Percie	-	-
Lime (Y1)	Dylan	Cerys	Matthew	-	-
Oak (Y2)	Daniel	Alfie	Dwiti	Malavika	Eva
Plane (Y2)	Freya	Matteo	Liah	Adam	Ritusan
Alder (Y3)	Pranamyia	Lucas	Danny	Katie	Willow
Cedar (Y3)	Alice	Alfie N	Prahithi	Aaliyah	Archie
Ash (Y4)	Lewis	Mya	Dylan	Sophie	Elise
Rowan (Y4)	Aisha	Freddie	Layla-Marie	Diya	Shayne
Maple (Y5)	Kobe	Izzy	Tanaya	Taksh	Megan
Sycamore (Y5)	Amelia Y	Roman	Yarina	Izzy	Ruby
Hawthorn (Y6)	Eva	Shaun	Lucy	Arthur	Kian
Aspen (Y6)	Rio	Ava	Niamh	Vincent	Luke

Attendance Award

Well done to Birch, Beech, Oak, Plane, Alder and Aspen class for the highest attendance of 100% this week!

House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	164	202
Disraeli	172	221
Pratchett	151	187
Redgrave	185	220



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News, Updates & Reminders

Parent Forum Reps 2023/2024

Each class has a parent/carer representative, who meet regularly with the leadership team at school. For more detailed information about the role and the formation of the forum, including previous minutes, please click [here](#).

We are now looking again to re-establish a Parent Forum group for this academic year. To keep the group a manageable size, it will typically be made up of one rep for each class. Parent Forum meetings will be held each half-term. The first meeting for this half-term will be on: **Thursday, 5th October at 2.15pm**. Meetings will alternate between just after drop-off or just before pick-up to avoid unnecessary trips to school.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward to be a representative this year, please complete this [form](#) by **Thursday, 21st September**. If parents/carers have previously been part of the Parent Forum and they wish to continue being part of this, please still do complete the form. 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 by Monday, 25th September.

Who to contact – queries and questions!

With some changes to staffing and roles and responsibilities this year, we have updated our staffing guide of who to contact which is attached with this newsletter today. Please do look carefully at this so you know who to contact with your relevant questions, so that we can deal with query more efficiently.

Safeguarding

At Green Ridge we place a high emphasis on safeguarding our children at all times – both inside and outside of the school. Miss. Thomassen, Deputy Headteacher is the named Designated Safeguarding Leader (DSL) for Child Protection and Safeguarding.

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child's safety or their family, then you should bring

this to the immediate attention of Miss. Thomassen or one of the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DDSLs) below:

- Mr. Wanford - Headteacher
- Miss. Gardiner – Director of Inclusion
- Mrs. Mackie, Mr. Ladyman, Miss. South and Mr. Arnold - Assistant Headteachers
- Mrs. Cavanagh – Pastoral Leader
- Miss. Eaver – Attendance, Safeguarding and Family Liaison Officer

We work jointly in all matters of safeguarding and if you need to speak to any of us, please contact the school office and ask to speak to one of the safeguarding leaders, or alternatively our confidential e-mail safeguarding@greenridgeacademy.co.uk

As a school we review our safeguarding procedures and systems regularly, and a copy of our Child Protection Policy can be found on our website [here](#).

Scooters and Bikes

Can we please encourage parents/carers to remind their children to take extra care when approaching the gates in the mornings at drop off. It is extremely busy and to keep this time as safe as possible we ask that children riding a scooter or bike should stop safely at the gates, get off and walk the remainder of their journey into school safely. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

James Woodward's Tennis at Roman Park

Roman Park is delighted to share that for this academic year we are continuing with our fun-filled tennis coaching programme for all children and adults local to Berryfields.

Tennis will be held at the Roman Park Tennis Courts on Mondays at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm. Sessions cost £6.00 each with the Tennis based around enjoyment, learning and when ready competition. All equipment will be provided, and courses run for 6 weeks up to half term. If you are interested, please get in touch with James Woodward on 07834826130. We hope to see you on the court soon!

PTA AGM

We would like to invite you to join us at our AGM on **Thursday 5th October at 7pm** to find out how much we raised last year, what we spent that money on, our plans for upcoming events and spending for this current year.

Would you like to join us and be involved more? Every year we recruit new Class Reps to be part of the PTA to ensure each class is represented and they are a point of contact for parents in each class. We are a friendly bunch, and commitment can be as much or as little as you can spare time for. If you would like to find out more, but can't make the AGM, drop us an [email](#).

Please do come along on October 5th, whether you are looking to join the PTA, meet the current committee or just find out more about your PTA and the upcoming events. We are always looking for volunteers and any help at all is gratefully appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries, please contact the [PTA](#).

PTA Second-Hand Uniform Shop

We have our online Second-Hand Shop at www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta. Here you can purchase from a wide range of second-hand uniform, everything from jumpers to PE Kit.

If you are having a clear-out, please consider donating any unwanted uniform to the PTA. Simply drop your donations into the office or contact the PTA to arrange collection. Please note we are no longer able to take donations of school shirts. From next week you will see a bright yellow wheelie bin outside the school office every Tuesday and Thursday for you to leave your donations.

Don't forget we also sell school colour hair bands and clips for £1.50, these can be found on our site.

Thank you for your continued support.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Do you think about what you're sharing?

We tell children to be careful about the pictures they share online, such as in their school uniforms, but at the start of every school year, many parents do this.

It can be confusing for your child, but also an opportunity to discuss how you are doing this safely, e.g. privacy settings.

Modelling good behaviour includes asking their permission first and not over-sharing. You could show them the image you want to share; assure them you are only sharing with family and that you have privacy settings in place. If they say they don't want their image shared, we should respect their feelings.

Right of the Week Article 12

Respect for children's views #12

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.

This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Eco-Friendly Lunchbox Tips: Reduce Single-Use Plastic Waste!

Instead of buying multipacks of individually wrapped snacks or crisps, consider purchasing a larger bag and transferring them into reusable containers. Not only does this reduce the amount of waste and single use plastic, but it could also save you some pennies!



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Rewards and Discipline

- ✓Praise children whenever possible for all they do.
- ✓Reward positive behaviour and consider asking what would be a good reward.
- ✓Avoid making rash decisions when you're angry.
- ✓Talk to your child about the rewards and consequences of their behaviour and do it before rather than after.
- ✓Take time to really listen to what your children are saying and explain to them what you are feeling.
- ✓Be a role model and don't do things that you wouldn't want your children to do.



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Important Dates & Events

Autumn Term 1

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/KS1 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 – KS2 PTA Cinema Night
Monday 16th October	Travelling book fair in school all week
Tuesday 17th October	1.45pm – Prospective YR parent/carers 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