

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

Issue 7

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A note from the Headteacher

It has been great to see so many parents and carers this week come along to our Pupil Learning Reviews. We hope that they have been informative and encouraging in how we can work with you to support your child and ensure that you know how well your child is doing. As always, we are keen for feedback if you think we could tweak or change any of the process, so please do reach out to your Parent Forum reps if you have a suggestion.

There's been a great deal of hype this week around English at Green Ridge – and rightly so! Firstly, our new curriculum reading displays have been put together for every curriculum area across the school, and the children have been very interested in learning more about each of the stations and delving into the new range of books we have purchased (the model skeleton for science was also just as exciting!) In addition, most of the school have also been completing a unit of poetry over the last week or so, and it's been wonderful to see children sharing and reading their own poems with their classes and peers.

As we head into the half-term break, it's hard to think we're already at the half-way point of the term, and the run-up to Christmas when we return is always busy for everyone. The children are ready for the break to arrive, and I hope that you all manage to get some down-time with family and friends over the next week or so. Have a lovely week, and let's hope the weather stays kind to us. See you back on Monday 30th October.

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Birch (YR)	Aliza	Rithvik	-
Hazel (YR)	Zayyan	Molly	-
Willow (YR)	Hazel	Lucas	-
Beech (Y1)	Sophia	Nikola	Teddy
Elm (Y1)	Teddy	Ethan	Shriram
Lime (Y1)	Arthur	Finlay	Edward
Oak (Y2)	Eva	Jaxon	Lekshana
Plane (Y2)	Elin	Lakshan	Freddie F
Alder (Y3)	Khalil	Sienna	Alfie
Cedar (Y3)	Zoe	Herbie	Emily
Ash (Y4)	Joshua	Krithik	Lena
Rowan (Y4)	Max	Trinity	Jamie
Maple (Y5)	Megan	James	Imogen
Sycamore (Y5)	Harry	Adi	Stephanie
Hawthorn (Y6)	Pola	Megan	Elexy
Aspen (Y6)	Malachi	Jessica	Norah

Attendance Award
Well done to Plane class for the highest attendance of 99% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	215	1342
Disraeli	117	1079
Pratchett	74	1069
Redgrave	270	1440



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News, Updates & Reminders

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion have provided us with poppies to sell and also a range of other small merchandise for parents/carers and children to purchase in aid of a donation to their charity.



The poppies and merchandise will be available to buy at the main school gate from Mr. Morris every morning and afternoon from Monday, 30th October until stocks last. There is a suggested donation amount for some of the merchandise, but poppies are for any donation which you would like to give. Thank you for your cooperation.

Merchandise items:

Zip pull	50p
Reflector	50p
Silicon wristband	£1.00
Snap band	£1.50
Poppy	Donation

Arbor App

Earlier this week you would have received an In-App message via Arbor as a reminder that there were no Enrichment Clubs running this week due to the Pupil Learning Reviews.

In-App messages are an easy way for us to communicate with parents/carers instantly as you will be able to see these messages in the communications section of the Parent Portal.

To receive these notifications, we strongly encourage parents/Carers to download the Arbor App and have enabled push notifications.

Green Ridge's Podcast

Be sure to listen to some of our Y2 pupils discuss their incredible Great Fire of London workshop earlier in the term; they have loved their unit and the immersive experience clearly helped them learn an important fact or two! To listen to our 3rd edition of our Podcast please follow the [link](#).

Reception Plea

Reception are kindly asking for any donations of school uniform trousers or shorts in the following ages 3-4, 4-5 and 5-6. Thank you in advance.

PTA Rainbow Raffle & Non-Uniform Day

Today you would have received a letter about the Non-Uniform Day on Friday, 3rd November and the donations for the PTA for that day. Below is a reminder of the colours for each year group to bring in.

Little Ridges: Gold or Silver

Reception: Red

Year 1: Orange

Year 2: Yellow

Year 3: Green

Year 4: Blue

Year 5: Purple

Year 6: Pink



While we'd love it if your child dressed in their year groups colour, it's just a suggestion, if they don't have that colour no new clothes are required!

PTA Easyfundraising



We wanted to remind parents and carers that Green Ridge is signed up to easyfundraising and

how you can raise funds while sitting on your sofa!

It couldn't be easier. Whenever you shop online, switch energy providers or book a holiday, if you do so through easyfundraising.org.uk. The retailer gives a small percentage of what's been spent back to us to say thank you for shopping with them, at no cost to you.

With over 4,400 online retailers involved including John Lewis, Amazon, Moonpig, Justeat, eBay, Booking.com, Now TV, Domino's Pizza, Audible and Uswitch.

All you need to do is register and list Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA as your "Good Cause". It's quick and easy to set up, and most importantly free to join!

Now with the Donation Reminder on your iPhone and iPad it's even easier!

Simply download their app and enable the Donation Reminder feature on your Safari browser. They'll then pop up every time a donation is available.

This means Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA won't miss out on any donations as you're shopping online using your mobile!

So don't forget when shopping to use Easyfundraising!

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 show you how they would search for something online. Are they use a child-friendly search engine like Kiddle? Can they do this safely on multiple devices?

Managing Online Information– KS2

Talk to your child about searching for something online – explain that search engines 'rank' results based on a number of factors. Often, the more a company pays for advertisement, the more people are directed to their page! Is this fair?

Right of the Week Article 16

Article 16 – Protection of Privacy

Children have the right to privacy – the laws in place must protect children's privacy, family, home, communications and reputations (or good name) from any attack.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Sustainability Challenge

This half term, embark on a fun and meaningful sustainability challenge with your family. Encourage your children to take a closer look at their wardrobes and consider donating clothing items they no longer need or wear. This wardrobe challenge not only promotes sustainability but also teaches your family valuable life lessons about empathy, responsible consumption, and the importance of giving back. It's a small step that can lead to a brighter, more sustainable future for everyone.

Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Strengthening the Parent-Child Relationship

Tell your child you love them

Tell them every day, even on difficult days let your child know you didn't like the behaviour but you love them unconditionally. A simple "I love you" can do a lot to strengthen a relationship.

Play together

As well as it being fun and helping you develop your relationship with your child, play helps children's language skills, emotions, creativity and social skills.

Be available

Make time to talk to your child without distractions, even 10 minutes a day can make a big difference in establishing good communication habits. Spend some quality time together.

Eat meals together

Eating together as a family sets the stage for conversation. Encourage no technology at the table and enjoy each other's company.

Listen and empathise

Connection starts with listening. Try and see things from your child's perspective and foster mutual respect.

Spend 1 on 1 time together

Quality, individual time with your child can strengthen your bond, builds their self-esteem and lets them know they are valued. If you have more than one child try to spend 1 on 1 time with each one.



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Important Dates & Events

Autumn Term 2

Monday 30 th October	Children return to School 6.00-7.30pm Prospective YR 2024 Open Evening
Thursday 2 nd November	1.45pm Year Three Alder Class Visiting Bartletts Residential Care Home
Friday 3 rd November	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Wednesday 8 th November	Year Six Trip to FSC Amersham
Thursday 9 th November	Year Three Cedar Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Monday 13 th November	Odd Sock Day for Anti- Bullying Week 2.30pm EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 2 Time to Talk
Tuesday 14 th November	1.45-3.00pm Prospective YR 2024 Open Afternoon
Wednesday 15 th November	2.00pm SEN Coffee Afternoon
Thursday 16 th November	Year One Trip to St Albans Cathedral 1.30pm Year Four Ash Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Fundraising Day
Tuesday 21 st November	9.00-9.45am EY Stay and Learn
Wednesday 22 nd November	9.00-9.45am KS1 Stay and Learn 9.15-10.30pm Prospective YR 2024 Open Morning
Thursday 23 rd November	Reception Trip to Waddesdon Manor 9.00-9.45am KS2 Stay and Learn 9.15am Year Four Multiskills Festival
Thursday 30 th November	1.30pm Year Four Rowan Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Friday 1 st December	PTA Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday 5 th December	9.00am Parent Forum Meeting
Thursday 7 th December	8.35am Parent/Carer Book Look 1.30pm Year Two Oak Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Tuesday 12 th December	2.15-3.00pm KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 th December	9.15-10.00am KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 14 th December	1.30pm Year Two Plane Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Monday 18 th December	PTA Festive Fun Event
Tuesday 19 th December	Children Finish for end of Term



LIGHT UP THE STREETS

Tuesday 31st October

Outside AVA Primary School 4:30-6:30pm

If you're out and about trick or treating, stop by the AVA Primary School to:

- ◇ warm up with a hot chocolate
- ◇ collect a goody bag
- ◇ and make a lantern

as we LIGHT UP THE STREETS of Berryfields.

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