

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

Issue 8

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A note from the Headteacher

I hope everyone enjoyed the half-term break. We've come back to school, and it very much feels like winter is on the way with the clocks going back and the dark nights very much here. There's been some very excitable (and tired) children this week with lots of the children talking about their trick or treating on Tuesday. I have to say, as I walked out of the school on Tuesday night, Berryfields was very much in full-swing of Halloween, and it looked like everybody was having a great time – and some great costumes too!

The children have settled straight back into their learning this week, and it's been wonderful to see our Reception children enjoying their new topic of, 'Lights, Camera, Action!' where there has been lots of dressing up and role play going on. Across the school as all the year-groups have started their new English units, there has also been lots of drama and role-play as children start learning and imitating their new, model texts for their units. Our English curriculum is based on Talk4Writing, which at the heart lies the core belief that if a child cannot say something, they are going to be unable to write it. Learning the texts in the way we do in each class supports our children to develop their rich language, oracy and vocabulary which inevitably supports their progress in writing.

As we head into the weekend, we have our PTA Fireworks extravaganza taking place tomorrow night. This is always such a popular and enjoyed event, and I look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Have a great weekend, and please stay safe with any fireworks or bonfires!

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars	Times Table Rock Stars	
				Quickest	Hardest Working
Birch (YR)	Ralph	Vivian	-	-	-
Hazel (YR)	Joey	Yasmine	-	-	-
Willow (YR)	Ivy	Alice	-	-	-
Beech (Y1)	Charlotte	Andreas	Ethan HH	-	-
Elm (Y1)	Karta	Shehram	Thea	-	-
Lime (Y1)	Dhivonn	Phoebe	Sanay	-	-
Oak (Y2)	Rian	Freddie	Poppy	Sofia	Jack
Plane (Y2)	Amber	Olivier	Nathaniel	Alexandra	Ameliya
Alder (Y3)	Ayaan	Roseanna	Sophia	Mya	Lucas
Cedar (Y3)	Alfie	Noah	Lily	Aleksander	Archie
Ash (Y4)	Malachi	Imogen	Ella	Lillie	Harrison
Rowan (Y4)	Elias	Jonathon	Ria	Jamie	Freddie
Maple (Y5)	Poppy	Vidhi	Katherine	Taksh	Harrison
Sycamore (Y5)	Orla	Inaya	Kawthar	Miggy	Liam
Hawthorn (Y6)	Pola	Dexter	Tegan	Riley	Oliver
Aspen (Y6)	Tommy	Niamh	Aryan	Vincent	Jacob

Attendance Award
Well done to Plane class for the highest attendance of 99.3% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	211	1553
Disraeli	231	1310
Pratchett	154	1214
Redgrave	222	1662



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News, Updates & Reminders

Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, on Monday, 13th November we are joining



many other schools across the country to hold an Odd Socks Day. Aimed at early years and primary school children, the day encourages young children to wear odd socks for the day, celebrating their uniqueness. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun and it's an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

Designing a Hero to defeat Bullying



We're calling on you to create a poster featuring your very own anti-bullying hero. We want you to think about the qualities and characteristics that a hero would possess to put an end to bullying. Will their hero have colossal feet

to stomp out bullying or superhuman hearing powers to listen for unkind words?

Taking part in this challenge is easy! Simply follow these steps:

- Create your anti-bullying hero poster.
- Once the poster is ready, hand them in to main office for the attention of Miss South.
- Make sure your name and age is on the poster.

Please be sure to send in your entries by the Monday, 20th November. We'll be eagerly awaiting your submissions.

Together, we can make a difference, starting within our classrooms. Join us in this journey towards a more inclusive, empathetic, and bully-free world and we can build a brighter future—one poster at a time!

Year Four Stay & Learn

The Stay & Learn session for Year Four has been moved to **Wednesday, 22nd November** due to Year Four taking part in the Multiskills Festival on Thursday, 23rd November.

Girls Football

On Tuesday our girls football team played in their first competitive game away against Bierton. The girls came away with their first ever goal, clean sheet win. We are very proud of the girls for this amazing achievement. We are hoping for a double green ridge win this week with our boys playing today. COME ON YOU GREENS!



Thinking of training to teach? Check out our REAch2 SCITT programme!

Ever thought about shaping young minds in primary education? Whether it's you or someone you know, we're on the lookout for the next generation of fantastic teachers!

Share this far and wide to spread the word—we need passionate individuals dedicated to making a difference. Teaching isn't just a job; it's a calling, and we need more heroes in the classroom.



Help us spread the word about our exceptional teacher training at REAch Teach Primary Partnership!

As an approved training provider, we take pride in being among the select few in the country. In our Trust and our school, we specialise in nurturing primary trainees who not only excel in classroom skills but also embody a deep passion for creating positive change in the life chances of children.

Check out the details at the end of our newsletter for our first open event on 29th November!

You can register your place [here](#).

PTA Rainbow Raffle

Thank you for all your amazing donations today, such a rainbow of items! These will now be sorted into colourful hampers and will be raffled off at our Festive Fun event in December.

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!

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, Shein, 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!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Cyberbullying– EYFS/KS1

Our school value this half-term is 'kindness'. Discuss what kindness looks like online. How can we show kindness online? What can we do if someone is being unkind to us online? Who should we tell?

Cyberbullying – KS2

Discuss the use of WhatsApp as a social media platform – the advised age is 16+ so if it is being used at a younger age, restrictions should be put in place to ensure the children are using it responsibly. What can they do if someone sends them something that makes them feel sad?

Right of the Week Article 40

Article 28 – Access to Education

This week's article discusses the right of a child who breaks the law. They should have the right legal help to support them and ensure they receive fair treatment.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Recycle Your Pumpkin

Did you know that recycling your pumpkin can produce enough energy to boil the kettle five times? * You can dispose of your pumpkin in your food waste collection bin or home compost - just remember to remove any decorations before disposing of it!

*2kg pumpkin generating 0.6kwh



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Sleep

We all know how important getting enough sleep is for our health. Children particularly need enough sleep to ensure they are able to function well the next day. Please see the recommendations below for sleep per age:

3 – 5 years old = 10 – 13 hours including naps

6 – 12 years old = 9 – 12 hours

It is also important that children have sufficient time to "wind down" before sleep. This includes not using a device and not eating or drinking sugary drinks.



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Important Dates & Events

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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 including Year Four 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 excluding Year Four 9.15am Year Four Multiskills Festival
Thursday 30 th November	Reception – Year Six Flu Immunisations 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

Thinking about a career in teaching?



REAch Teach
Get into Teaching Event



Greenridge Primary Academy



Wednesday, November 29



9am



12 noon



Have you ever thought about a career in teaching, but didn't know enough about it? ✨

Come to our Open Day to find out more! 🙌

Our open day will explore what a career in teaching could offer you. Come along and discover more about becoming a teacher.

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