

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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A note from the Headteacher

Our annual PTA fireworks were a great success last weekend and thank you to so many of our families for coming along and supporting us. The fireworks were spectacular (a few pictures captured below), and my thanks to the PTA committee, the team of volunteers who gave their time and especially Mr. Morris who made sure the whole event was able to run as smoothly as possible. The event always raises significant funds which all our children then benefit from over the year and is a great way to bring our community together.

A huge shout out and well-done to our boys' and girls' footballs teams at the end of last week, who both won their respective cup ties! We are very proud of both our teams, their teamwork and resilience. Our thanks to Mr. Meachen and Mr. Meachen for their coaching and training of the teams. We're looking forward to our next set of games already!

This week in school has seen much curriculum work around the theme of remembrance, in readiness for Armistice Day. The whole-school held a commemorative assembly earlier in the week and took part in a two-minutes silence as part of their reflection and respects to all those who have, and serve, in wars fighting for their countries. Our remembrance wreath was laid down by the academy parliament, which you will see out the front of the school.

Our pupils have also been learning about Diwali, in readiness for this celebration on Sunday. For those celebrating, we wish you a very happy Diwali. Have a wonderful weekend,

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Birch (YR)	Jonah	James	-
Hazel (YR)	Aria	Ati	-
Willow (YR)	Anya	Jack	-
Beech (Y1)	Vaibhav	Sherwin	Roman
Elm (Y1)	Nariah	Alexander G	Nicholas
Lime (Y1)	Ruben	Kasia	Dharvi
Oak (Y2)	Kendrick	Lillie	Darcy
Plane (Y2)	Evie	Vivienne	Eliza
Alder (Y3)	Tallulah	Haadiya	Yashvi
Cedar (Y3)	Cassia	Aaliyah	Daisy W
Ash (Y4)	Gwennie	Harrison	Kira
Rowan (Y4)	Jamie	Darcey	Oliver
Maple (Y5)	Charlie	Lily	Gracelyn
Sycamore (Y5)	Lincoln	Aisha	Jacob
Hawthorn (Y6)	Kian	Kenzie	Luciana
Aspen (Y6)	Tommy	Sophia	Lily-Rose

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

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	104	1657
Disraeli	167	1477
Pratchett	126	1340
Redgrave	169	1831



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News, Updates & Reminders

Odd Sock Day – Monday, 13th November



Don't forget to wear Odd Socks on Monday, 13th November as part of Anti-Bullying Week. 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!

Children in Need – Friday, 17th November

Children are invited to wear their own clothes on Friday, 17th November, however we do encourage spots/polka dots where possible and we are kindly asking for a £1.00 donation.



We are also giving the children an additional option of completing their own sponsorship challenge outside of school. This could be their own Bearpee Challenge, a sponsored dance, bake off or whatever you like. Please could we ask that you send the sponsorship form and any money raised in with your child by **Friday, 1st December**. We'd also love to see some photos in which can be sent via email to admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk.

Individual and Sibling School Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** to school is **Tuesday, 14th November**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk.

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751 555 (option 3).

Scholastic Travelling Book Fair

A big thank you to all parents and carers for your incredible support in making the Travelling Book Fair a success before half-term! Your purchases equated to over £1,100 which has allowed us to receive £550 worth of book vouchers back from Scholastic, meaning even more fantastic books for our school. Together, we're fostering a love for reading that will last a lifetime so thank you again!

Walking home from School and Enrichment Clubs

We would like to remind parents/carers of children in Year Five and Six that have permission to walk home from school, that if they are not going to attend their enrichment club to please contact the admin team so that we can inform the class teacher and club leads that your child will not be attending their club and walking home at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Tissues Plea

We would be grateful if you have any boxes of tissues you could donate to the school. Particularly at this time of year, there are lots of running noses and we get through a lot of tissues! It would really help us if you could donate a box, so we have a bank ready to use – we inevitably always need more, particularly as we teach the children about the importance of good personal hygiene. If you can bring in a spare box, please do just pass on to your child's Class Teacher, thank you!

Where's Mr. Morris?

Mr. Morris is going into hospital over the weekend for some planned surgery, and so unfortunately is going to be out of action for a little while, most likely up until Christmas. In the interim, we have Mr. Richards and Mr. Vance who are joining us as temporary site agents, who you might see in and around the building taking care of some of Mr. Morris' jobs over the coming weeks. We wish Mr. Morris a speedy recovery and hope to see him back very soon!

PTA Fireworks Night 2023

Last Saturday we held our annual Fireworks Night, and it was a great success! We hope you enjoyed it. A big thank you to all our volunteers that made it possible. We are still confirming the last of our figures, but we hopefully raised over £5,000 for the school! Well done to Daniel who won the raffle to start the fireworks!



PTA Christmas Cards

This week you would have received the sample of your child's design for Christmas cards and other gifts. Please follow the instructions to place your order, the shop closes on **Thursday, 16th November**. If you have any questions, please contact the PTA (pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk).

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Health, Well-being and Lifestyle – EYFS/KS1

Ask your child if they can think of three ways that they can be healthy online. This could include limiting screen time, using kind words and not using a device close to bedtime.

Health, Well-being and Lifestyle – KS2

Ask your child how online devices can potentially cause harm to our health if it isn't managed properly. This can be linked to both physical and mental health, and, for each problem, your child should be able to name a way of countering it with something positive.

Right of the Week Article 38

Article 38 – Protection in War

This week's article discusses the right of a child when a war has broken out in their country. No child under 15 can join a war and child should be protected – for example, children were evacuated to the countryside in WW2.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Switch Off Fortnight

This week, we kicked off 'Switch Off Fortnight,' focusing on energy conservation by simple acts like turning off lights and avoiding standby mode. Let's extend the effort home—have a chat about it this weekend and consciously cut down on unnecessary energy consumption.



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Fireworks

With plenty of fireworks displays happening this month with Halloween, Bonfire Night and Diwali, it is a great time to remember how to keep safe around fireworks.

Only adults should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used. Children should not be asked to help at any stage.

Children should watch displays from a safe distance – they should be well away from both the fireworks and any bonfires.

Families should keep a torch, buckets of water, eye protection, gloves, and a bucket of soft earth on hand. The bucket of sand can be used to place fireworks in ready to be lit.



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Important Dates & Events

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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 & Non-Uniform
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
Friday 24 th November	INSET Day #2 - SCHOOL CLOSED
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 Year Two Christmas Performance

Wednesday 13 th December	9.15-10.00am Year Two 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