

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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A note from the Headteacher

This week has literally flown past with only four days, but still trying to fit in almost all we do in five days! Our children in Reception today have been on a wonderful local visit to Waddesdon Manor, and earlier on today our Year Four pupils took part in a multi-skills festival at the John Collett school with other local schools as part of our sports partnership within Aylesbury. It is great that our children get the opportunity to take part in a range of trips, visits, and experiences as part of their wider personal development and I would like to thank you as parents and carers for enabling this to happen and contributing towards the cost of such events. The children really do enjoy and value these.

It's been great to see so many of our parents and carers attending our stay and learn sessions across the week too; your feedback has been delightful about how useful you found the opportunity to come in and see what we do daily, and how your child is getting on in class.

Mr. Harris has led the whole school this week on the theme of national Road Safety Week. Pupils in Reception have been out and about locally practicing how to stay safe and looking at the green-cross code, and other pupils further up the school have been considering how they can raise awareness of such an important life skill. With the traffic and number of cars within Berryfields, this is so important for our community.

I can't quite believe next week we step into December, but in the meantime, I hope you enjoy the extended weekend and see you all next week. We are back on Monday morning as normal.

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Birch (YR)	Tyler	Joshua	-
Hazel (YR)	Logan	Alice	-
Willow (YR)	Sophie	Elijah	-
Beech (Y1)	Lily-Rose	Ethan R	Tommy
Elm (Y1)	Ryan	Vincent	Aathav
Lime (Y1)	Donald	Jacob	Aurora
Oak (Y2)	Anhad	Malavika	Daniel
Plane (Y2)	Freddy M	Alfie E	Gabrielle
Alder (Y3)	Maisey P	Indy	Pranamyra
Cedar (Y3)	Ingrid	Prahithi	Jack
Ash (Y4)	Robin	Pami	Jayden
Rowan (Y4)	Heidi	Shaylan	Isabelle
Maple (Y5)	Rishikha	Finley	Archie
Sycamore (Y5)	Logan	Amelia M	Darcie
Aspen (Y6)	Ayah	Olly	Lily-Rose
Hawthorn (Y6)	Sienna	Arthur	Tyla B

Attendance Award
Well done to Birch class for the highest attendance of 98.3% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	196	2015
Disraeli	155	1876
Pratchett	225	1700
Redgrave	267	2385



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News, Updates & Reminders

Road Safety Week



This week, all children have been experiencing Road Safety week. The focus and theme for this week has been "speed". The children researched how speed can have an effect on not just the roads but also how it can affect the pedestrians on the journey. We have attached along with this a manifesto that has been put forward by the Charity "Brake" asking for safer journey's for our children to and from school. If you feel obliged to, you are more than welcome to complete and deliver to Bucks council.

Stay and Learn Sessions

A huge thank you to those who were able to make it along to this week's Stay and Learn sessions. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, contributing to a vibrant and engaging learning environment. We highly value your insights and feedback on how we can further enhance these sessions for you and your child. If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete the [evaluation form](#) to share your thoughts.

Children in Need Fundraising Update

Last Friday we celebrated Children in Need and Green Ridge was a sea of spots/polka dots and yellow!

It was lovely to see the enthusiasm and effort the children and staff made to wear something with spots/polka dots or yellow and there were certainly lots of Pudsey ears in sight too!

An amazing **£427.50** was made from your kind donations. Thank you to everyone who donated we really appreciate it.

We have been blown away by the amount raised from the sponsorships. Thank you to all the children who did their own Bearpee Challenge, bake sale and even working as a waiter for a day! You have raised a phenomenal **£429.60**. Thank you for helping us raise so much for this wonderful charity!



Girls Football

On Tuesday the Green Ridge girls football team played their second game of the season which was their first league game. The girls put in an amazing performance with another 2-0 win with goals from Taya and our captain Sienna. The girls again represented the school with pride and played their

socks off. A big shout out to Jessie for her player of the match performance. COME ON YOU GREENS!

Year Five Christmas Craft Plea

This year, the pupils in Year Five are going to be making gonks for their Christmas craft activity. Please can we kindly ask that the children bring a fluffy sock (the brighter and fluffier the better) by Monday, 4th December. All additional resources will be provided, and the pupils will then have the opportunity to buy their gonks at the PTA Festive Fun event.



PTA Non-Uniform Day – Friday, 1st December

On Friday, 1st December we would like to invite all children to wear their own clothes to school.

For Early years and KS1 we are asking parents and carers for donations of chocolate, any full, unopened, in date bars or packets will be gratefully received. For KS2 we are asking parents and carers for donations of a bottle, any full, unopened, in date bottle of any type will be gratefully received. All the donations will be used at our Festive Fun on Monday, 18th December.

PTA Christmas Cards & Gifts

Thank you for all your orders, we will update you on any information regarding delivery of your items. We will send home the cards as soon as they arrive at the school. Please contact the PTA if you have any queries.

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 its 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, when shopping for Christmas or the upcoming Black Friday, please don't forget when shopping to use Easyfundraising!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Copyright and Ownership – EYFS/KS1

Ask your child how they know who work belongs to. Can they identify work that belongs to them? Talk to your child about what it means when work 'belongs' to you and how we need to ask permission to use work from other people.

Copyright and Ownership – KS2

Speak to your child about how they know who work, that they research online, belongs to and how they know if they can use it in their own learning. Ask your child if they can explain what the 'Creative Commons License' is.

Right of the Week Articles 43-54

Articles 43-54 – How the Convention Works

These articles are grouped together and explain how non-governmental bodies (such as UNICEF) provide advice and assistance on children's right.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Christmas Wrapping

Did you know that in the UK, 227,000 miles of wrapping paper is used each year? This holiday season, opt for eco-friendly choices like brown paper, recycled or recyclable options, or even creatively adorned scrap paper. Save and reuse gift boxes, avoid excessive sticky tape and glitter for a greener Christmas season.



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Cooking at Home

By 5 years old, your child is at an age where they can follow simple instructions in the kitchen to help to make sandwiches or salads! As they get older, they can start to tackle cracking eggs, kneading and rolling out dough, peeling vegetables with a child-safe peelers and grating cheese.

You don't need to be the only one deciding what to cook, your child can be involved in picking what meals to eat that week meaning that the whole family can be involved in planning, shopping for the food and making the meals. Remember to always supervise children when cooking!



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Important Dates & Events

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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	2.00-3.00pm 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	2.15pm EY Christmas Singalong PTA Festive Fun Event
Tuesday 19 th December	Children Finish for end of Term

The main poster features a man dressed as Santa Claus with a white beard and glasses, wearing a red suit, sitting behind a large, red, snow-covered sign. The sign has the word "SANTA" in large white letters, flanked by two golden reindeer. Below the sign, the text "IS COMING TO THE LION" is written in white. The background is a rustic wooden wall with two small decorated Christmas trees on either side of Santa. A red circular badge in the top right corner contains the text "2-6PM" in white. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code with a small black silhouette of a person in the center. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text "SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER" in black.

2-6PM

SANTA

IS COMING TO THE LION

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

**EXTRA SLOTS NOW AVAILABLE – BOOK NOW USING
THE QR CODE – ENTRY IS £5 PER CHILD – PLEASE
BRING ALONG A CAN FOR OUR 10,000 CAN APPEAL**