

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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A note from the Headteacher

After a very busy last few weeks or so, the end of term has finally arrived! I absolutely love this time of year in schools, and the buzz and excitement around the children is incredible. I had the pleasure of watching the Year Two production of 'The Twinkly Nativity' last week, and the children really were 'star' performers (pictured below). Yesterday, I joined the many parents and family members who joined us for the EYFS Sing-along, which was wonderful to watch as our youngest children did the Christmas conga and sang Merry Christmas to us all. I think we underestimated just how many people would join us – so we're having a re-think for next year! On Sunday afternoon, I joined Miss. South and the Year Three and Four pupils who came to the Carols on the Green service on Berryfields Green, and our choir performed beautifully – despite the chilly weather! It was great to have both Green Ridge and AVA performing side-by-side, and for us to be such an integral part of our local community.

Our Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day last Friday was another huge success, and my thanks to Helena and our catering team for nearly 600 Christmas lunches delivered in just under two hours! Last night, we held our PTA Festive Fun event, raising more money for our children and school. Thank you to all that attended and came along to buy your child's decoration – don't forget, you can still buy it if you haven't already direct from our PTA. Your children should be coming home with a small gift on behalf of the school and paid for by the PTA today, so please do have a look in bags when your children come home.

All that remains to say, is have a wonderful break, however you may be celebrating, and thank you for your loyal support to Green Ridge over this busy autumn term. We look forward to seeing you all back on Thursday, 4th January 2024! Until then...Stay safe, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars	Times Table Rock Stars	
				Quickest	Hardest Working
Birch (YR)	Alexander	Tyler	-	-	-
Hazel (YR)	Ezra	Saanvy	-	-	-
Willow (YR)	Dylan	Filip	-	-	-
Beech (Y1)	Cillian	Isaac A	Vaibo	-	-
Elm (Y1)	Thea	Sidvik	Charlie	-	-
Lime (Y1)	Aaron	Anastasia	Finlay	-	-
Oak (Y2)	Whole Class	Phoebe	Jaxon	Eva	Jaxon
Plane (Y2)	Matteo	Ritusan	Esme	Alexandra	Ameliya
Alder(Y3)	Enoch	Danny	Ayaan	Riyon	Leila D
Cedar (Y3)	Sianna	Santiago	Selan	Jack	Zoe
Ash (Y4)	Ethan	Oskar	Grace	Harrison	Lena
Rowan (Y4)	Isabelle	Daniel	Freddie	Shaylan	Layla-Marie
Maple (Y5)	Megan	James	Ayaan	Charlie	Izzy
Sycamore (Y5)	Adi	Kawthar	Orla	Miggy	Yarina
Aspen (Y6)	Millie	Zian	Sam	Olly	Luke
Hawthorn (Y6)	Tyler	Alexandra	Jessie	Tyla	Kenzie

Attendance Award
Well done to Elm class for the highest attendance of 99.3% last week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	246	2701
Disraeli	207	2455
Pratchett	164	2316
Redgrave	410	3284



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News, Updates & Reminders

Free Moving Up to Secondary School Course for Year Six

The transition from primary school to secondary school can be a daunting time for parents and children. The Family Support service is providing free courses for year sixes about how to successfully move up to secondary school which run online or in various locations across Bucks. More information can be found [here](#).

Staffing Updates and Farewells

Today we say a sad farewell to Mrs. Erdos who leaves us after seven wonderful years at Green Ridge as she moves to join REAch2 central finance team. The whole school said goodbye to Mrs. Erdos in our last assembly yesterday and presented her with some cards and gifts to wish her the very best in her new role.



We also say goodbye to Miss. Yoxall, one of our Year Five teachers, who is unable to return in the spring term. On behalf of Year Five, we thank Miss. Yoxall for her teaching and commitment to us at Green Ridge over this term and wish her all the very best.

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wanford met with the Parent Forum Representatives last Tuesday morning for the Parent Forum meeting and a copy of the minutes can be found on our website [here](#).

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, 30th January 2024 at 2.15pm.

If you have any feedback of a generic nature for the school, please do talk to the class reps or complete the short questionnaire online available [here](#). Please remember that if you complete the questionnaire that it should not be for individual/child feedback or to raise concerns, you

should follow the normal procedures starting with your child's class teacher.

Little Pips Playgroup

It is with great sadness that our Little Pips Playgroup will not be returning in the Spring term due to staffing capacity. We will keep you updated on when Little Pips will return so, please do keep an eye on our weekly round-ups for when Little Pips returns.

Christmas Performance and EYFS Sing-along Donations

Thank you to all the parents/carers that attended the Year Two Christmas performances last week and EYFS sing-along who left a donation at the end of the shows. We are so very pleased to share that a total of **£141.06** was donated. The donations will go towards PE resources for the children. We thank you for your continuous support and generosity!

Year Two Nativity – Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you for the splendid assortment of costumes provided for our recent production, The Twinkly Nativity. As the curtain falls, we extend an eco-friendly invitation to anyone who wishes to donate their costume for future use. Your wonderful donation assures a more sustainable future for our annual celebrations, eliminating the need to buy new costumes each year. If you are willing to donate them, please bring them to the year two team. Thank you!

Reading Books

All reading books have now been collected in for the end of term and the children will be reissued with a new book in January. They will still have their library books to enjoy reading over the Christmas period.

A Special Thank you!

A special thank you to our little elves (also known as some of our PTA representatives!) who have kindly been busy wrapping the Christmas gifts for the children!

Also on behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you all for your heartfelt cards, generous gifts and good wishes which you have given over the last few days. These are not expected or asked for, but are greatly appreciated by everyone – particularly the

amount of chocolate which will keep everyone going until the new year!

We wish you are very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Christmas Jumper Day



The children all looked super on Friday in their variety of festive jumpers and tops. Thank you for all the donations which are in aid of the Save the Children charity. We raised a total of £231.41!



PTA Festive Fun

Thank you to all that came along yesterday and supported our event. A big thank you to all those that helped out. We have yet to count the money and confirm what we raised so we will let you know next term! Congratulations to those who won one of our amazing Rainbow Raffle Hampers, we hope you enjoy all the treats!

From all the Committee and PTA Class Reps we thank you for all your support this term and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Online Safety Tip of the Week

KS2 – Mobile Phones

If your child has permission to walk to school (or home from school), they may take their mobile phones with them. Look through the contract with them – that they signed – and highlight the importance of not using their phones on the playground before school.

Right of the Week Article 4

Articles 4 – Making Rights Deal

This article highlights that governments must do everything in their power to ensure that every child, in their respective countries, can enjoy and uphold all of the rights in their convention.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Christmas Cards

This year, challenge yourself to only send a card if it's got a personal message inside. If you want to still send a card but without the waste, opt for e-cards. If you want the real card, choose ones made with recycled card, ones with the FSC or PEFC logo to ensure it comes from well managed forests that support local people, or at least cards free of glitter so they can be recycled.



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Holiday Safety

- Let kids decorate within their reach with non-breakable items. Hang breakable decorations and ornaments, lightbulbs, and tinsel out of kids' reach.
- Make sure that smoke alarms are working before decorating for the holidays.
- Turn off holiday lights before leaving the house or going to bed.
- Keep lit candles away from Christmas trees.
- Stay in the room when candles are lit. Supervise kids around them.
- Make sure all candles are put out before you go to bed.
- Party favourites like bowls of nuts or candies can be a choking hazard for little kids. Keep these items up and out of reach.



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Important Dates & Events

Spring Term 1

Thursday 4 th January	Children Return to School
Monday 8 th January	Spring Term Enrichment Clubs Commence
Thursday 11 th January	1.30pm - Year Five Maple Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home 2.30pm - Online Safety Parent Workshop
Tuesday 16 th January	2.30pm - Thrive & Understanding Behaviour Parent Workshop
Thursday 18 th January	1.30pm - Year Five Sycamore Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Monday 22 nd January	1.30pm - Young Voices Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Wednesday 24 th January	2.30pm - Year Four Multiplication Check Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Thursday 25 th January	8.00am - Reception Trip to Windsor Castle 8.15am - Year Two Trip to Radlett Synagogue
Monday 29 th January	2.30pm - EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 3 Recognising and Managing Emotions
Tuesday 30 th January	2.15pm – Parent Forum Meeting
Tuesday 6 th February	4.00-7.30pm - Pupil Learning Reviews
Thursday 8 th February	4.00-6.30pm – Pupil Learning Reviews
Friday 9 th February	Children Break for Half-Term



Mental Health
Support Team
Buckinghamshire

MALE CARERS DROP IN

Lets talk about: Common Childhood Behaviours

Session Overview:

- Arrival/general introductions
- Introduction to MHST - Who are we and what can we offer
- Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD and Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD)
- Behaviours and Strategies
- Increase confidence in managing child's behaviours
- Parenting Programmes
- Q & A/Feedback



Venue: Princes Risborough Family Centre
Wellington Avenue
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Time: 6.30pm - 8pm
Date: 14th December 2023

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