

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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## A note from the Headteacher

It's been a busy week at Green Ridge this week, with so much going on! Year Three have really caught the entire school's attention this week, when on Wednesday there was a troll that broke in, caused a great deal of destruction in the Year Three classrooms, and left some pretty massive footprints all across the corridors and classroom carpets. Every child that went past Year Three could not help but notice and take interest, and the question of 'What happened to the troll?' has been asked continually. If you happen to know what happened to the troll or where it ended up, let our children know!

On Wednesday, some of our children in Key Stage Two went and performed at the O2 Arena in London for the Young Voices concert, along with hundreds of other children with an audience of thousands. The children attending were extremely excited to go and perform, and they had a very long day as they left school in the morning and did not return until very late that night. The children were an absolute credit to our school, and my thanks to Miss. Chalmers and Miss. South for leading this, along with the staff and parent helpers who gave up their time to join us.

Our displays have been refreshed in school this week with a focus on the children's whole-school writing over the last few weeks, based on the book 'Mother Earth is weeping'. The displays look fantastic and showcase our talented writers and artists, whilst also giving us a clear message about the sustainability of our planet. My thanks to Mr. Ladyman for choosing this very timely piece of writing for the whole school to take part in.

It has been great to welcome Mr. Morris, our Site Manager, back this week on a part-time basis over the next few weeks following his operation before Christmas.

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.

Mr. Aaron Wanford

Headteacher



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## Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars	Times Table Rock Stars	
				Quickest	Hardest Working
Birch (YR)	Ellie - May	Callie	-	-	-
Hazel (YR)	Alayya	Yuvan	-	-	-
Willow (YR)	Alice	Fearne	-	-	-
Beech (Y1)	Helena	Sophia	Nikola	-	-
Elm (Y1)	Sophia	Vincent	Ethan	-	-
Lime (Y1)	Alfie	Cerys	Pranav	-	-
Oak (Y2)	Darcy	Anhad	Sidney	Jack	Malavika
Plane (Y2)	Ameliya	Freddie F	Willow	Alexandra Ravi	Ameliya Freddie M
Alder(Y3)	Sophia	Alayna	Indy	Ishaan	Adam
Cedar (Y3)	Daniel	Aleksander	Daisy B	Archie	Aleksander
Ash (Y4)	Jayden	Manya	Ezra	Aaliyah	Mya
Rowan (Y4)	Harry	Ria	Macie-Rose	Max	Jonathon
Maple (Y5)	Noku	Grayson	Harrison	Taksh	Harrison
Sycamore (Y5)	Henley	Roman	Izzy	Izzy	Yarina
Aspen (Y6)	Kyla	Zian	Malachi	Vincent	Amelia
Hawthorn (Y6)	Dexter	Elexy	Alexandra	Eva	Junior

### Attendance Award

Well done to Maple class for the highest attendance of 99% last week!

### House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	345	3382
Disraeli	319	3069
Pratchett	795	3111
Redgrave	257	3912



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## News, Updates & Reminders

### Parking in the Disabled Bays

We kindly ask parents/carers to be courteous and only park in the disabled bays if you are a blue badge holder. Thank you for your understanding.

### Pupil Learning Reviews

Our Pupil Learning Reviews will be taking place in a few weeks, just before we break for half term. The schedule for the appointments can be found below and you can book via your Arbor parent portal. Please note that bookings are open until **6:00pm** next **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January** and will be available on a first come, first served basis so book early if you have limited availability.

Nursery - Little Acorns		
Date available	Time slots available between	Year-groups/classes
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30-6.00pm	Miss. Jones
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30-6.00pm	Mrs. Lingeswaran
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30-6.00pm	Mrs. l'Anson

School		
Date available	Time slots available between	Year-groups/classes
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February	4:00-7.30pm	Reception – Year Six
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00-6.30pm	Reception – Year Six

### PTA

#### Key Dates Coming Up for the Spring Term

PTA Event	Date
Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Quiz Night	Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
YR & KS1 Cinema Event	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March
KS2 Cinema Event	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Eggtavaganza & Bonnet Competition	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March

### Quiz Night – SAVE THE DATE!

Green Ridge PTA are pleased to announce our annual Quiz night returns on **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**.

Is your prowess for a general knowledge round lacking but unbelievable skill in the music round going to make you this year's winner? Might you play your joker on the music round, but wish you'd saved it for the sports round?!

Our fun community evening will be filled with games, team activities and a quiz throughout, with teams of 6.

It's an adult only event so get the babysitter booked now... save the date, **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February** at Green Ridge Primary Academy from **7.30pm**, doors close at **7.45pm**.

Bring your own bottle of your favourite drink, alcohol, or a bottle of coke, whatever your choice would be!

Don't forget to bring some change on the night for some extra games! More details to follow!

### Easyfundraising

It couldn't be easier. Whenever you shop online, switch energy providers or book a holiday, if you do so through [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.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! And with the new donation reminder on your devices web browser, it has become even easier. Once set up it will tell you every time you are on a qualifying website and with a click or tap will enable you to shop through Easyfundraising.

If you're booking a holiday, please use #easyfundraising! You can raise a BIG donation for Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA at no extra cost to yourself! Plus, for a limited time, book with selected travel brands and you'll be entered into their giveaway for your chance to WIN £1,000 spending money! Click [here](#) to find out more.

If you are a business owner, you can support Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA with your everyday business purchases?

Whether you're buying pens or paper, ink and toner, computers or booking travel for you or your colleagues, you could raise vital funds for us, and at no extra cost for you.



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## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### KS1 – Online Relationships

Speak to your child(ren) about safe ways to communicate online. Ensure they know to only speak to people online who they know and explain that, at this age, these conversations should be alongside an adult. For example, Facetiming a family member.

### KS2 – Online Relationships

Ask your child if they have experienced anything online recently that has upset them and unpick solutions.

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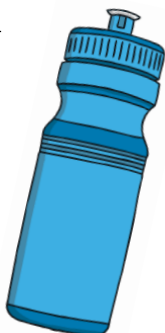
These articles both refer to children being allowed to have an identity. They focus particularly on having a name and nationality. Wherever possible, children should know who their parents are and be looked after by them.



## Sustainability Tip of the Week

### Water Bottles and Refill Stations

Encourage your child to bring a reusable water bottle to school. With water fountains around the school and taps in classrooms, this is an eco-friendly alternative to single-use plastic bottles. Not only will your child stay hydrated, but they will also actively contribute to reducing plastic waste.



## Safeguarding Tip of the Week



### PANTS

Encourage your children to speak with you about the PANTS rule that we teach in school. This is to support children in understanding that private parts are private and how to keep their bodies safe. The acronym stands for:

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help



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## Important Dates & Events

### Spring Term 1

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	1.30pm - Young Voices Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm - Year Four Multiplication Check Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00am - Reception Trip to Windsor Castle 8.15am - Year Two Trip to Radlett Synagogue
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm - EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 3 Recognising and Managing Emotions
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	2.15pm – Parent Forum Meeting
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30-6.00pm – Acorns Pupil Learning Reviews with Miss. Jones
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Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Non-Uniform Day Children Break for Half-Term

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# Wellbeing matters

**For 7 to 11 year olds**

A two-day workshop during the February half-term for primary-aged young people. Each session will run from 10am to 2pm

Topics will include your wellbeing, emotions, self-esteem, resilience, and relationships with others.

**Book your place by 29 January 2024**

Scan/press the QR code to secure your place or for more information.

If you need help completing the form email:  
[earlyhelpduty@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelpduty@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)



**Burnham  
Family Centre**  
12 and 13  
February 2024



**Berryfields  
Family Centre**  
13 and 14  
February 2024



**Mapledean  
Family Centre Plus**  
14 and 15  
February 2024



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