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Thursday, 1st February 2023

Express Yourself Day!
Friday, 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, we have chosen to move our annual Diversity Week celebrations to February to coincide with LGBT History Month. Over the first week back after half-term, children will be exploring other areas of diversity such as gender, race, and disabilities, as well as learning about what this means for the LGBT Community and its allies.

Mr. Wanford and I have been working with the Head Pupils as part of our learning and activities during our Diversity Week, and they have been very passionate that we should continue to ensure that all children can be (as Ofsted quoted referenced in their last visit to Green Ridge in 2022) *'encouraged to celebrate their own unique qualities. As one pupil commented, 'We can choose who we would like to be and that is important'.*

Vincent, one of our Head Pupils came up with the idea of having an 'Express Yourself Day' – where everybody gets the chance to express themselves as they want to do be. We have spoken to lots of the pupils about this idea, and as you can imagine, the children have voted that this would be a great idea! Therefore, this year we would like to invite the children to take part in a day that we are naming **'Express Yourself Day'**.

On Friday 23rd February, the children can come to school dressed as who or what they want to be either now or in the future. This might be a career aspiration, this might be a personality expression, their favourite colour or a unique outfit that expresses how they are feeling. It can be as simple or elaborate as you like! Whatever and however the children want to express their individuality is welcomed and will be celebrated! Express Yourself Day is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating the diversity we have within our school community.

All that we ask is that the children are dressed appropriately and comfortably so that they can still access and enjoy their learning for the day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the school office via email admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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