

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term

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A note from the Headteacher

Whilst the weather hasn't been too kind to us over the last week or so with the amount of rain and cloud, we are today finally entering into spring and March is upon us. February seems to have flashed past, and we are looking forward to all the events and activities coming up between now and the end of term. We have our PTA Cinema events in the next few weeks, our Year Three spring assembly, some fundraising work from our Head pupils still to come, and of course, our annual PTA Easter events. Lots to pack into the next four weeks or so! Over the last week we have been busy recruiting for new posts at Green Ridge and are pleased that we have been able to secure some new positions including a new Assistant Headteacher for Early Years when Mrs. Mackie departs at Easter, a new PE & Sports Coach, and new staff for September. We will share more information in the coming weeks about who these staff are when you can expect to see and meet them.

There's been some great sporting achievements this week, with our gymnastics team achieving second place, and getting through to the next stage of their championship and being invited to the county competition in Milton Keynes. Our swimming team did a smashing job at The Guttman Centre this week, competing against other local schools and representing Green Ridge as proudly as ever. My thanks to all our pupils who helped us secure the results and positions we did, and for Mr. Meachen and the staff for their coaching and preparation for the teams to participate.

We were also very proud to receive our THRIVE Excellence in Leadership and Environment award formally this week and share with the pupils, for our work in supporting pupils' emotional skills across each year group. Our Thrive programme really does make such a difference to all our pupils.

Have a wonderful weekend, see you all next week.

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars	Times Table Rock Stars	
				Quickest	Hardest Working
Birch (YR)	Daisy	Saanvi	-	-	-
Hazel (YR)	Kian	Alayya	-	-	-
Willow (YR)	Lara	Ivy	-	-	-
Beech (Y1)	Kai	Roman	Lily	-	-
Elm (Y1)	Jack	Nicholas	Georgia	-	-
Lime (Y1)	Kasia	Aurora	Amber	-	-
Oak (Y2)	Lillie	Emily	Hettie	Eva	Louis
Plane (Y2)	Liah	Matteo	Adam	Freddy M	Ameliya
Alder(Y3)	Willow	Archie	Alayna	Riyon	Danny
Cedar (Y3)	Niamh	Selena	Trae	Francis	Cassia
Ash (Y4)	Krithik	Jayden	Oscar	Bilan	Imogen
Rowan (Y4)	Heidi, Trinity, Macie-Rose and Darcey	Harry W	Ella	Shaylan	Ria
Maple (Y5)	James	Sowmith	Sreejan	Taksh	Katherine
Sycamore (Y5)	Oliver	Yarina	Lincoln	Miggy	Yarina
Aspen (Y6)	Niamh	Millie	Jessica	Shannon	Alfie
Hawthorn (Y6)	Arthur	Junior	Sienna	Tyler L	Elijah

Attendance Award
Well done to Ash class for the highest attendance of 99.6% last week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	375	4999
Disraeli	418	4497
Pratchett	396	4499
Redgrave	401	5524



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News, Updates & Reminders

Red Nose Day – Friday, 15th March 2024



We are excited to confirm that we will be taking part in Red Nose Day this year for Comic Relief. As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Red Nose Day brings the entire nation together to spread a

smile and raise some money for a worthy cause.

What is Red Nose Day?

- Red Nose Day is a fundraising event run by Comic Relief.
- Comic Relief is a UK charity which aims to create a just world free from poverty.
- The money raised is used to transform lives in the UK and around the world.

While not everyone will be able to donate, we are all in this together, so we would love you all to join in. However much or little we raise; we will be helping to change lives in the UK and across the world. As well as taking the opportunity to be part of something positive, we will be using Red Nose Day as a learning opportunity. We will explore the issues facing young people across the world, and how the money we raise can help.

Therefore, on **Friday, 15th March**, we ask for a £1 donation for children to come to school dressed wearing red clothing for the day. They can wear as much or as little red as they like! Children may also wear a red nose if they have purchased one prior to the event. Please note that we will not be selling red noses this year.

We really appreciate your support and hope to have lots of fun helping to raise money for charity.

Enrichment Clubs

A letter was sent to parents/carers yesterday containing information regarding the enrichment clubs available in the Summer Term. These clubs will commence from **Monday, 22nd April** and will end on the week commencing **Monday, 8th July**. Please note, there will be **no** clubs on **Wednesday 22nd May** and **Wednesday 12th June** due to staff training. Clubs on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday on those weeks will still be running as normal. The cost for each Summer term club will

be £22 as there will be 11 sessions at a cost of £2 each. Wednesday clubs will be £18 as there are 9 sessions due to the two weeks that there will be no clubs running. The booking system will open **6.00pm this Sunday, 3rd March** and will remain open until **6.00pm on Sunday, 17th March** and may be reopened should any spaces remain thereafter. We will of course communicate accordingly if this is the case.

Gymnastics Competition

On Tuesday, 12 of our Year Four, Five and Sixes took part in our annual gymnastics competition to represent Green Ridge and compete against other schools in the local area. The girls worked extremely hard outside of school to learn their routines whilst having practise sessions once a week in school. Their hard work certainly paid off as we came 2nd place in both competitions which qualifies us for the finals in Milton Keynes in a couple of week's time. Well done to team Green Ridge! Bring on the finals!



Swimming Competition



On Wednesday, Green Ridge took part in our second swimming gala after competing last year for the first time. We had 8 of our pupils represent the school, competing in 3 individual races and 2 relay races. We finished just a few points outside of 3rd place and one of our swimmers Olly was chosen to receive a medal for his hard work and resilience. All 8 of our athletes should be very proud of themselves! Well done team Green Ridge!

Cancer Research Fundraising Campaign

On behalf of one of our families in Reception

Our daughter, Callie, is a student in Green Ridge Reception



Birch class. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia on March 4th, 2023, and has been undergoing treatment for the past eleven months. In July 2024, we, the parents, along with a close family friend, will be participating in Cancer Research UK's Big Hike to raise awareness and funds in support of Callie and other children who are fighting against cancer. Although the survival rates for childhood cancer patients have improved, treatment often leads to serious long-term health issues. All donations will go towards funding for creating awareness about early diagnosis, causes, and improving survival rates for all types of childhood cancers. The funds will also help children live better lives during and after treatment.

PTA

Key Dates Coming Up for the Spring Term

PTA Event	Date
YR & KS1 Cinema Event	Friday, 8 th March
KS2 Cinema Event	Friday, 15 th March

Cinema Club – Reception-Year Six

Today those with children in KS2 would have received a letter for our Year Three-Six for Cinema Club on **Friday, 15th March** and Reception and KS1 received a letter last week for **Friday, 8th March**. Please use the link [here](#) to book your child's tickets.

We do need parent helpers on the day, whether it's during the day prepping the snack bags or during the event to open drink bottles and sweet packets! If you can help out please either contact the [PTA](#) or sign up [here](#) for Reception and KS1 cinema club and [here](#) for KS2 cinema club. Thank you for your continued support!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Managing Online Information – KS1

Ask your child to show you the steps they would take if they saw something online that upsets, offends or scares them.

Seeing this process is the perfect opportunity to give feedback/praise.

Managing Online Information – KS2

Ask your child if they think every celebrity 'product' is their own. Unpick how they may be sponsored to advertise products on social media/apps like Youtube – they are given products for free and may try and convince you to buy them, even if they don't fully like them themselves!

Right of the Week Article 17

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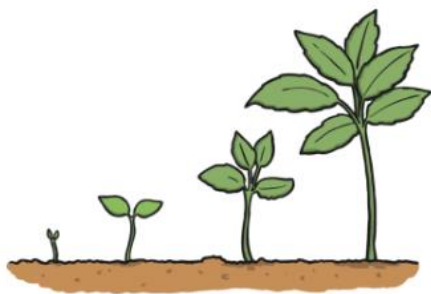
Access to Information. We spoke about different ways in which we can gather reliable information and spoke about how fortunate we are as a school to have so many iPads and laptops. Each phase also completed a 'Fake News' activity, linked to Online Safety.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Grow Your Own

Get your child involved in growing their own vegetables or herbs. It teaches them about where food comes from and reduces carbon emissions associated with transportation.



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Encouraging Compliments

Sometimes it can be difficult for children to give and/or receive compliments, however, this is something that parents can support with at home to raise awareness of how important this is.



When giving compliments we use a friendly tone of voice.

When giving compliments we look at the other person.

This makes the other person feel good.

This makes us feel good.



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Important Dates & Events

Spring Term 2

Monday 4 th March	<p>9.00-9.30am – Oak Class Parent Library Session</p> <p>2.30pm - EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 4 Helicopter Stories</p> <p>2.30-3.00pm - Alder Class Parent Library Session</p>
Tuesday 5 th March	<p>9.00-9.30am - Plane Class Parent Library Session</p> <p>2.30-3.00pm - Elm Class Parent Library Session</p>
Wednesday 6 th March	<p>9.00-9.30am - Cedar Class Parent Library Session</p> <p>2.30-3.00pm - Beech Class Parent Library Session</p>
Thursday 7 th March	<p>World Book Day (wear your coziest and comfiest pyjamas/loungewear)</p> <p>9.00-9.30am - Willow Class Parent Library Session</p> <p>2.30-3.00pm - Lime Class Parent Library Session</p>
Friday 8 th March	<p>9.00-9.30am - Birch Class Parent Library Session</p> <p>2.30-3.00pm - Hazel Class Parent Library Session</p> <p>3.15-4.45pm – YR & KS1 PTA Cinema Event</p>
Monday 11 th March	<p>2.30-3.00pm - Rowan Class Parent Library Session</p>
Tuesday 12 th March	<p>9.00-9.30am - Ash Class Parent Library Session</p> <p>9.15-10.00am - Prospective YN 2024/25 open event</p> <p>2.30-3.00pm - Maple Class Parent Library Session</p>
Wednesday 13 th March	<p>9.00-9.30am - Little Acorns Parent Library Session</p> <p>9.00-10.00am – Parent Forum Meeting</p> <p>2.30-3.00pm - Sycamore Class Parent Library Session</p>
Thursday 14 th March	<p>9.00-9.30am - Aspen Class Parent Library Session</p> <p>2.30-3.00pm - Little Acorns Parent Library Session</p>
Friday 15 th March	<p>Wear Red for Red Nose Day</p> <p>9.00-9.30am - Hawthorn Class Parent Library Session</p> <p>2.15-3.00pm - Prospective YN 2024/25 open event</p>

	3.20-5.20pm – KS2 PTA Cinema Event
Tuesday 19 th March	9.00-9.45am - EY Stay and Learn – Maths
Wednesday 20 th March	9.00-9.45am - KS1 Stay and Learn - Maths
Thursday 21 st March	9.00-9.45am - KS2 Stay and Learn – Maths
Friday 22 nd March	2.30-3.10pm – Y5 & Y6 RSE Parent/Carer Information Meeting 6.00pm – Y4 11B411 Sleeping Under the Stars Experience
Wednesday 27 th March	8.35am – Parent/Carer Book Look 9.15am - KS2 Spring Assembly (led by Y3)
Thursday 28 th March	PTA Easter Bonnet and Egg Decorating Competition Children finish for End of Term