

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term

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A note from the Headteacher

On Monday we kicked-off with our amazing production of 'Oliver Twist', funded by our PTA, which all our children got to enjoy and experience. There were lots of laughs, claps and songs throughout, and for many of our pupils, this new historical text was brought to life for the first time, and certainly captured everybody's imaginations and interest. We've already booked 'The Railway Children' for next year!

This week has seen the changes to the site and premises, with the preliminary building works starting for our new extension and east wing, in preparation for September. As you will have seen from my communications earlier in the week, we had to amend and adapt plans sooner than we anticipated for everybody's safety, and I hope you can understand our rationale for doing so at such short notice. Over the last few days, it seems most parents, carers and pupils have got used to the new procedures, and the closure of the car park has had a hugely positive impact on the smooth start to the school day. Without the continual flow of traffic going into and out of the car park, this has eased pedestrian traffic, meaning more people can get into the site quicker, whilst the one-way pedestrian system is ensuring that everybody keeps moving. I want to thank everybody who has got on board with the new system and made it work so well in just a few days. Next week, the ground works start on the site, and hopefully it won't be too long before we start to see the building take shape.

I couldn't help but smile this week when I saw our Reception pupils out in their superhero outfits, delivering their goodies to local residents and spreading the happiness to Berryfields. I'm sure many of you can remember your own children doing this if they were here in Reception – and is something as part of our 11B411 programme to deliver 10 Good Deeds in 10 Days. Thank you, Reception!

Have a fantastic 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)	Druvi	Phoebe	-	-	-
Hazel (YR)	Ezra	Ati	-	-	-
Willow (YR)	Wade	Sithara	-	-	-
Beech (Y1)	Vanessa	Nicolas	Isaac A	-	-
Elm (Y1)	Alex G	Sajini	Elise	-	-
Lime (Y1)	Kairo	Darcey	Eli	-	-
Oak (Y2)	Alfie	Rian	Dwiti	Jaxon	Sofia
Plane (Y2)	Alfie E	Livia	Ritusan	Ravi	Ameliya
Alder(Y3)	Indy	Yashvi	Khalil	Pranamyra	Ishaan
Cedar (Y3)	Lily	Aleksander	Trae	Cassia	Daisy B
Ash (Y4)	Skylar	Ethan	Lillie	Lily-Sue	Lewis
Rowan (Y4)	Ria	Macie-Rose	Jake	Harry	Shaylan
Maple (Y5)	Harrison	Gracelyn	Grayson	Charlie	Harrison
Sycamore (Y5)	Ellie	Kawthar	Bella	Izzy	Alice
Aspen (Y6)	Zian	Rio, Kayden, Tommy	Raisha	Olly	Alfie
Hawthorn (Y6)	Elexy	Ethan, Max, Tyla	Megan	Kian	Naba

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

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	455	5933
Disraeli	225	5252
Pratchett	302	5313
Redgrave	333	6284



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News, Updates & Reminders

Red Nose Day Update

Green Ridge was a sea of red today, and the children were full of excitement. Thank you for all your generous donations we raised an amazing amount of £290.10 for a worthy cause. The money raised will be used to transform lives in the UK and around the world.

We really appreciate your support and hope that you all had lots of fun raising money for charity.

Ready Steady Read



Mrs. Mackie.

If your child has taken part in the sponsored read, we would like to remind you to send the money in by Monday, 18th March to the office for the attention of

Thank you to all the children who have taken part in Ready Steady Listen and for sending in your sponsorship money. We are aiming to raise £600 with Usborne books donating an additional 60% of books for free!

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy!

Staffing & Recruitment Update

You will recall from Mr. Wanford's letter to parents/carers back in December, that Mrs. Mackie was intending to leave by the end of this year, as she relocates to Wales. Mrs. Mackie's house-move and relocation is now set for the Easter holidays, and so very sadly Mrs. Mackie will be leaving at the end of this term at Easter, with her last day being Wednesday, 27th March. To add to our sad

We are pleased to announce that we have made some new appointments for after the Easter holidays, including Mrs. Mackie's replacement:

Miss. Laura Dilks joins us from Cassiobury Infant School in Watford and is currently the Early Years leader there. Laura has a wealth of knowledge and experience of Early Years and Key Stage One and is very excited to join the Green Ridge team. Miss. Dilks had the opportunity to meet some of the pupils on



Wednesday this week when she visited the school as part of her handover and transition with Mrs. Mackie.

Mr. Ryan Davis joins us as our new PE & Sports Coach and will replace Mr. Meachen. Mr. Davis currently works within a large sports company, delivering PE & Sports lessons to several schools within outer London. Mr. Davis is looking forward to the opportunity to share his skills and knowledge with the staff and pupils, and create even more opportunities for our clubs, lunchtime provision and our local competitions.



Miss. Mia Stanley joins us as one of our new Early Years Educators, who will be working within our nursery and joining us ahead of our nursery expanding in September. Miss. Stanley has experience of working within private nursery settings and is looking forwards to working as part of a large school setting.



We very much look forward to welcoming all our new staff in due course.

Congratulations – Miss. Dawson

We are delighted to share that Miss. Dawson, one of our Year One teachers, is expecting a baby over the summer holidays. Miss. Dawson will be with us at Green Ridge until the end of the school year, before she starts her maternity leave.

Parking

As you are aware our car park is closed permanently to parents and carers. We would like to remind you to park considerably and safely around the development. We encourage you to take extra care when dropping children in the morning and if you drop your child to school, can we please remind you to drop them in a safe place near a pavement so they can continue their journey into school safely. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Stay & Learn Maths Sessions

We look forwards to welcoming you into our classrooms for our Maths Stay and Learn this week! The sessions will be as follows.

Early Years (Nursery and Reception)

Tuesday, 19th March from 9.00-9.45am

KS1 (Year One and Two)

Wednesday, 20th March from 9.00-9.45am

KS2 (Year Three, Four, Five and Six)

Thursday, 21st March from 9.00-9.45am

You are welcome to come into class with your child at drop off and join in with our morning routines before the Maths session starts. We are looking forwards to welcoming you into our classrooms!

Parent Forum Reps 2023/2024

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of who our class representatives are that form the Parent Forum for this academic year.

Class	Representative
Nursery Little Acorns	Rachel Braidford
Reception Birch	<i>Vacant</i>
Reception Hazel	<i>Vacant</i>
Reception Willow	Sannah Khan
Year One Beech	Richard Rangel
Year One Elm	Laurilee Green
Year One Lime	<i>Vacant</i>
Year Two Oak	<i>Vacant</i>
Year Two Plane	Holly Fox
Year Three Alder	<i>Vacant</i>
Year Three Cedar	Kamila Dawson
Year Four Ash	Louise O'Driscoll
Year Four Rowan	Laurilee Green
Year Five Maple	Jayne Bendell
Year Five Sycamore	<i>Vacant</i>
Year Six Aspen	Laurilee Green
Year Six Hawthorn	Laura Nunn

As you can see, we still have numerous vacant spaces and are keen to fill them as soon as possible. Please contact us via email to admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk if you would like to put your name forward.

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.

Year Five Plea

Next week (on Wednesday 20th March), Year 5 will be making their pinball machines in DT. If you have any of the following items, please send them in with your child before Wednesday: cardboard boxes, plastic bottle tops, plastic bottles, buttons,

toilet/kitchen roll tubes, egg cartons. Thank you in advance!

Spring Term Enrichment Clubs Reminder

Enrichment clubs for the Spring term have now ended, there will be **no** clubs over the last two weeks of this term. Please collect your child/ren at the normal time of 3.15pm or 3.20pm. Thank you.

HCL New Menu for Summer/Autumn 2024

We are pleased to share with you the new HCL menu for Summer/Autumn 2024 is now available on SchoolGrid. You can order your child's lunches right up to the end of the summer term or every morning by 8.55am.

PTA

Key Dates Coming Up...

PTA Event	Date
Easter Bonnet and Egg Decorating Competition	Thursday, 28 th March
PTA Bend the Rules for April Fools' Day	Friday, 19 th April
PTA Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 24 th May

Easter Competitions

The PTA are delighted to invite your child to take part in Green Ridge's Annual Easter Bonnet Competition for Early Years & KS1 or Egg Decorating Competition for KS2 on **Thursday, 28th March**.

To take part, simply ask your child to decorate a bonnet or egg (we suggest hard boiling them first!) and bring it into school with them on Thursday 28th March.

An independent adjudicator will judge the competitions, and the winning child in each class will take home a prize. There will also be a runner-up awarded in each class too.

On the day we ask for a donation of **£2.00** for your child to enter, this will be collected in the morning when the children come into school. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing the children's creations!

PTA Survey

If you did not complete the survey about the PTA at the Pupil reviews in February, we kindly ask that you spare 5 minutes to complete it [here](#). Thank you for your help.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Privacy and Security – KS1

Ask your child what personal information is and if they know ways to keep it safe. What would they do? Who can they trust to share this information with? Why?

Privacy and Security – KS2

Ask your child three different ways to safely store passwords. Do they know any apps or sites they can use for password protectors? Do they know what two-factor authentication is and have they got this system in place on their devices?

Right of the Week Article 24

Article 24 – Health, Water, Food, Environment

Children have the right to the best healthcare possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a safe environment to live in. Next week is World Water Day and in our assembly we looked at global issues with clean water access and spoke about our gratitude for having our own access to water, food, shelter and healthcare.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Wash at 30°C

Wash at 30°C (except nappies and soiled clothes). Show your children how adjusting the washing machine temperature can save energy and reduce carbon emissions, while still keeping clothes clean.



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Household Objects

It is important to consider what children have access to in the house. Common household objects below should be locked away, out of reach from children and/or supervised closely when being used.

- Kitchen knives, peelers, graters
- Cleaning liquids (particularly bleach)
- Washing machine detergent
- Cords from curtains/blinds
- Trip hazards (particularly around or on stairs)
- Heavy objects on the edges of ledges/shelves



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Important Dates & Events

Spring Term 2

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	6.30pm – 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 Egg Decorating and Bonnet Competition Children finish for End of Term

Summer Term 1

Tuesday, 16 th April	Children Return to School 9.00am – YR Vision Screening 9.15am – Prospective YN 2024/25 Open Event
Thursday, 18 th April	2.30pm – Y2 SATs Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Friday, 19 th April	PTA Bend the Rules for April Fools
Tuesday, 23 rd April	9.00am – Y1 Lime Class 11B411 Horse Riding Trip
Wednesday, 24 th April	9.00am – Y1 Elm Class 11B411 Horse Riding Trip 2.30pm – Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop
Thursday, 25 th April	6.00pm – Y6 SATs Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Friday, 26 th April	9.00am – Y1 Beech Class 11B411 Horse Riding Trip
Thursday, 2 nd May	2.30pm – Maths Mastery Parent Workshop
Tuesday, 7 th May	2.15pm – Parent Forum Meeting
Monday, 13 th May	2.30pm – EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 5 'Marvellous Motor Skills'

Wednesday, 15 th May	9.00am – Y3 11B411 Hiking Heroes 3.30pm – Y6 Residential Isle of Wright Pre Meeting
Monday, 20 th May	2.30pm – THRIVE and Understanding Behaviour Parent Workshop
Thursday, 23 rd May	8.30am – Parent/Carer Book Look
Friday, 24 th May	Children Break for Half-Term PTA Non-Uniform Day