

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term

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A note from the Headteacher

This week I have really enjoyed being able to support our Head Pupils in their fundraising efforts for the RSPA. The cake sales which have taken place after school throughout the week have been incredible – and I want to thank all the parents and carers for your generous donations (and time in making!) some truly delicious and wonderful creations for us to sell. It was difficult to predict if we would have enough cakes or people buying, but I think the funds raised and the continual flow of cakes every day of the week showed the Head Pupils just how supportive everybody was. In total, we raised an amazing £382 over the four days! My thanks as well to Shannon, Vincent, Ema, and Jessie for giving up their time throughout this week in aid of such a worthy cause.

It's also been great this week to welcome so many of our parents and carers into school for our Stay and Learn sessions. I hope you've found them useful in understanding what our typical lessons might look like in school, and that it continues to secure the important relationship between, parents and children. We are still collating the feedback given on the sessions, and again will factor in any feedback where possible when our next Stay and Learn sessions take place.

We've had a busy sporting week too, with our football and gymnastics teams competing in more competitions. Well done to all those who represented the school in such a proud manner, and more details later in the newsletter about this.

Have a wonderful week; see you next week for the final week of term!

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Birch (YR)	Joshua	Vrushank	-
Hazel (YR)	Molly	Aria	-
Willow (YR)	Bianka	Evelina	-
Beech (Y1)	Caleb	Eva	Yashwith
Elm (Y1)	Charlie	Tres	Sidvik
Lime (Y1)	Dharvi	Edward	Anastasia
Oak (Y2)	Emily	Amelia	Louis
Plane (Y2)	Myra	Freddy M	Alfie
Alder (Y3)	Lucas	Liam	Enoch
Cedar (Y3)	Franics	Jack	Prahathi
Ash (Y4)	Bilan	Dylan	Robin
Rowan (Y4)	Quinn	Jake	Trinity
Maple (Y5)	Lilly	Poppy	Vidhi
Sycamore (Y5)	Lillian	Liam	Amelia M
Aspen (Y6)	Ayah	Niamh	Luke
Hawthorn (Y6)	George	Oliver	Elijah

Attendance Award
Well done to Alder, Ash and Rowan class for the highest attendance of 98.7% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	502	6435
Disraeli	398	5650
Pratchett	253	5313
Redgrave	271	6555



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News, Updates & Reminders

Bye Barkley!



Barkley has brought joy and comfort to countless students and staff members alike over the years, brightening our days with his wagging tail and friendly demeanour. However, as all good things must come to an end, Barkley will be embarking on a well-deserved retirement in Wales, where he will undoubtedly enjoy his golden years in comfort and relaxation.

While we will miss Barkley dearly, we are grateful for the memories and happiness he has brought to our school. Let us all take this opportunity to wish Barkley a fond farewell and express our deepest appreciation for his years of service.

Goodbyes

Next Wednesday we say a very fond farewell to Mrs. Mackie on her last day at Green Ridge, as she heads to Wales. We will be holding a special assembly for Mrs. Mackie, and Mr. Meachen, who leaves Green Ridge next Thursday.

Site Update

On Monday the construction works began with the grass dug up and removed in preparation for the new extension to the east of the building. Mr. Morris put his sustainability hat on and reused the soil to top up our verges around the school. We will keep you updated as the construction works progress.



Lost Property

Next week the lost property trolley will be in the lobby of the main school entrance in the mornings between **8.35-9.00am** and afternoons between **3.00-3.30pm**. Any items left at the end of day on **Thursday, 28th March** will be donated to charity.

Ready, Steady Read Update

We raised a fantastic amount of £685.40 from our sponsored Ready Steady Read. This will give us an extra £360 in Free Usborne Books!



Thank you to all the children who took part and families for supporting such a great cause. The children who took part will be receiving a certificate and the money raised will go towards expanding our range of equality, inclusion, and diversity books across the school.

A massive well done to all our children for their efforts in our sponsored read. The children who read the greatest number of books and minutes from each year group are as follows:

Class	Child	Number of Books/Minutes
Acorns	Jamie	49 minutes
Reception	Harshil	156 minutes
Year One	Charlotte	325 minutes
Year Two	Alexandra	512 minutes
Year Three	Daniel	670 minutes
Year Four	Ella F	319 minutes
Year Five	Ruby	205 minutes

These children will be receiving a book prize later in the Summer term. Once again, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to having lots more books for all the children to read, share and enjoy!

Busy Living Vacancy



Busy Living Breakfast & After School club based at Green Ridge Academy has a vacancy for a Childcare Assistant in these busy and lively clubs! The hours for this role are from 7.20-9.00am and 3.00-6.00pm; there are additional hours on a flexible basis to work at the Holiday Club. Candidates will need to have knowledge of working within a childcare/Early Years setting, or having worked as a Teaching Assistant or similar within an educational setting. Please apply to: Linda Walshaw via email: office@busy-living.co.uk for an application form. Please call 01494 702 702 for further information.

Gymnastics Competition

After our recent success in our area Gymnastics competition, both of our teams competed in the county finals on Wednesday at Kingston Gymnastics Centre in Milton Keynes. All the girls competed in the floor and body management routines as well as the vault. After a very competitive and tiring day, both teams came 5th in the county which is a massive achievement! The girls have put a lot of hard work over the last 2 months to perfect their performances and they didn't disappoint. We are very proud with how well they performed and how the girls represented the school in such a good manner. Well done team green!



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.

UKS2 Earth Week Sustainable Fashion

Last year, the children in UKS2 focussed on sustainable fashion as their Earth Week activity. They used old pieces of clothing to recreate outfits and their creativity was truly inspiring. The upcycling process taught them how to be resourceful and they fully grasped how the activity linked with sustainability. We will be completing this activity again this year during the week of 22nd April 2024 and are therefore asking children - over the next few weeks - to bring in any old, unwanted clothes that can be used for the project. Any unused clothing items will be put into a local Clothes Bank at the end of the week.



PTA

Key Dates Coming Up...

PTA Event	Date
Easter Bonnet & 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 April

Easter Competitions

The PTA are delighted to invite your child to take part in Green Ridge's Annual Easter Bonnet

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Screen Time

As another half-term approaches, now is the perfect time to set expectations for your child's screen time. Take the time to play some games and watch some videos with them as a way of interacting but also a way of ensuring the content is age appropriate.

When discussing screen time, link it to their general health and well-being. Have a plan for when they are having a break.

In most games and apps, setting can be applied where it instantly shuts off after a set amount of time!

Right of the Week Article 18

Article 18 – Responsibility of Parents

In this week's RRSA assembly, we focussed on parents' responsibilities. The child understand that they will always have a legal guardian who should always consider what is best for them and the government should support with this.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Invest in Energy-Efficient Appliances

Discuss with your children the importance of energy efficiency and the importance of switching off appliances when they're not in use. Show them how using eco-friendly appliances can help reduce energy consumption and lower utility bills.



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Safeguarding Checklist for Clubs Outside of School

Even if the club is accredited, you should check that the organisation has:

- A named and contactable welfare officer responsible for the implementation of their safeguarding policy
- Procedures for dealing with complaints or concerns regarding poor practice, abuse or neglect
- A code of conduct/behaviour charter
- A parental consent/emergency details form that you must return to the club
 - Safe recruitment procedures for those working with young people (inc DBS)
- Access to appropriate safeguarding training for its staff/volunteers.



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Important Dates & Events

Spring Term 2

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 (usual school finish time)

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 Elm Class 11B411 Horse Riding Trip
Wednesday 24 th April	9.00am – Y1 Lime 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
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Summer Term 2

Monday 3 rd June	Children Return to School 5.30-6.30pm – New YR 24/25 Parent/Carer Induction Talk
Tuesday 4 th June	6.30-7.30pm - Y6 IoW Residential Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Wednesday 5 th June	2.15-3.15pm - Y5 Secondary Transfer and 11+ Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Thursday 6 th June	8.45am - Y5 Trip to Bletchley Park
Monday 10 th June	Y3 11B411 – Messing About on the Water 5.30pm – New Nursery Parent Induction Meeting
Tuesday 11 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 12 th June	8.45am - Y4 Trip to The Hare Krishna Temple
Friday 14 th June	9.15am – Lower School (Y1-Y3) Sports Morning 12.00pm – School Picnic Lunch 1.15pm – Upper School (Y4-Y6) Sports Afternoon
Monday 17 th June	2.30-3.15pm – EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 6 ‘Managing Change’
Tuesday 18 th June	9.15am – EY Sports Morning and Picnic Lunch
Wednesday 19 th June	2.30pm – Y5 Sycamore Class Assembly
Thursday 20 th June	2.30pm – Y5 Maple Class Assembly
Wednesday 26 th June	2.30pm – Y4 Rowan Class Assembly
Thursday 27 th June	2.30pm – Y4 Ash Class Assembly
Tuesday 16 th July	2.00pm – UKS2 Production to Parents/Carers
Wednesday 17 th July	2.00pm – UKS2 Production to Parents/Carers
Thursday 18 th July	4.30pm – Y6 Leavers BBQ
Friday 19 th July	2.00pm – Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents/Carers Only)



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