

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Summer Term

Issue 24

Friday, 26th April 2024

A note from the Headteacher

This week has been filled with a mix of emotions for myself, as the news of my departure at the end of this term was communicated with staff, parents/carers, and pupils. The decision to leave Green Ridge has not been one I have made lightly, and having been here for over seven years and been part of the inception of the school before it was opened, I have a deep connection and loyalty to our school. My decision to have my own son attending Green Ridge is testament to the belief that I think we have something incredibly special here and offer the best educational provision. This is down to the hardworking team that I have around me day-in-day-out, and for that I am extremely grateful and proud. Along with yourselves and the pupils, you have helped me shape the place that Green Ridge has become, and I am so very proud of all that we have achieved over the last seven years, most notably our commitment to the delivery of an inclusive curriculum where I continually hope that everyone of our pupils is valued and included, and that we live out our mission of *limitless learning and infinite possibilities*. I hope that I am leaving Green Ridge in the strongest place for its next chapter, and that as a parent, I can continue to watch the school flourish in the years to come. Thank you to all those parents and carers who have extended their gratitude and good wishes out on the playground this week – I really do appreciate the time you've taken to do so, and what it has meant to me.

In the meantime, with a term to go before I leave, I'm really looking forward to spending as much time enjoying all the things we have yet to come – sports days, the production, assemblies, the Year Six leaving BBQ and much more besides! The 11B411 Riding a Large Animal experience this week has been a great memory to make for Year One who thoroughly enjoyed themselves across the week. Thank you to our PTA for supporting the funding for this wonderful trip for all our pupils. Have a great weekend,

Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher

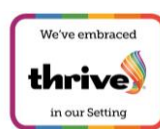


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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars	Times Table Rockstars	
					Quickest	Hardest Working
Birch (YR)	James	Tejash	Sam	-	-	-
Hazel (YR)	Saanvika	Nina	Ben	-	-	-
Willow (YR)	Reggie	Samuel	James	-	-	-
Beech (Y1)	Whole class	Cillian	Bonnie	Ethan R	-	-
Elm (Y1)	Shehram	Ryan	Thea	Sajini	-	-
Lime (Y1)	Darcey	Eli	Mia-Ann	Harley	-	-
Oak (Y2)	Mikhaela	Haniya	Ranen	Kiyansh	Phoebe	Kendrick
Plane (Y2)	Gabrielle	Liah	Matteo	Alexandra	Ameliya	Olivia
Alder (Y3)	Layla A	Connor	Zavi	Pranamyia	Riyon	Yashvi
Cedar (Y3)	Sianna	Ingrid	Prahahti	Aaliyah	Daisy B	Amber
Ash (Y4)	Imogen	Gwennie	Ethan	Lexi	Joshua	Lewis
Rowan (Y4)	Archie & Megan	Layla-Marie	Shaylan	Oliver	Aisha	Trinity
Maple (Y5)	Lissy	Preesha	Izzy	Alisa	Kyle	Cairo
Sycamore (Y5)	Ruby	Lilly	Bella	Kowsik	Izzy	Yarina
Aspen (Y6)	Malachi	Lily-Rose	Kyi-Michael	Jacob	Shannon	Rio
Hawthorn (Y6)	Luciana	Deeshna	Sianna	Arthur	Jessie	Tyler L

Attendance Award

Well done to Willow and Aspen class for the highest attendance of 99.3% this week!

House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	129	6748
Disraeli	136	5899
Pratchett	102	5859
Redgrave	228	6945



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News, Updates & Reminders

Special Thanks

This week Year One got to experience one of our 11B411 trips – Riding a Large Animal. They thoroughly enjoyed this experience and proudly showed off their rosettes. This was certainly the highlight of their week! We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for their contribution towards the costs of this trip.

Sports Day

We would like to confirm that our Sports Day and Picnic Lunch for Lower (Y1-Y3) and Upper (Y4-Y6) School will be held on **Friday, 14th June**. Please accept our sincere apologies for the change in date previously communicated.

Year Three Plea

The week commencing **Monday, 6th May**, Year Three will be making papier-mache sculptures, so we are asking if anyone has any spare newspapers/magazines at home that you no longer need and is happy to donate to bring them to the main office by Friday, 3rd May. We would really appreciate as many donations as possible! Thank you in advance.

Maths Mastery Parent Workshop

On Thursday, 2nd May at 2.30-3.15pm we will be holding a Maths Mastery which will give you an opportunity to understand the mastery approach and how it is taught. We will give ideas for supporting Maths at home – making it fun!

If you would like to come along please sign up via this [link](#) and we will look forward to seeing you for some wonderful, shared learning!

Site Update

This week the foundations have now been marked with the layout of our new classrooms for the East wing of the building.



PTA

Key Dates Coming Up...

PTA Event	Date
PTA Bingo Event	Friday, 17 th May
PTA Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 24 th May
PTA Summer Fete	Saturday, 8 th June

Family Bingo

Please join us for our first ever Bingo night on **Friday, 17th May**. Doors open at 5.15pm to start promptly at 5.45pm! For tickets and to buy books in advance please go to www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Online Relationships – KS1

Explain to your child why it is important to show kindness online. Link it back to the Zones of Regulation and how people can hide behind their words online.

Online Relationships – KS2

Explain that people can be in different 'online communities'. For examples, online gaming parties, group chats, forums or social media groups. Have them list five key rules for these communications and relationships. You do the same. Can you match all five?

Right of the Week Article 21

Article 21 – Children who are Adopted

The week, the children were exposed to multiple rights, including: Keeping Families Together (9); Children Without Families (20); and Review of a Child's Placement (25).



When children are adopted, the most important thing is to do what is best for them. If a child cannot be properly looked after in their own country – for example by living with another family – then they might be adopted in another country.

Sustainability Tip of the Week

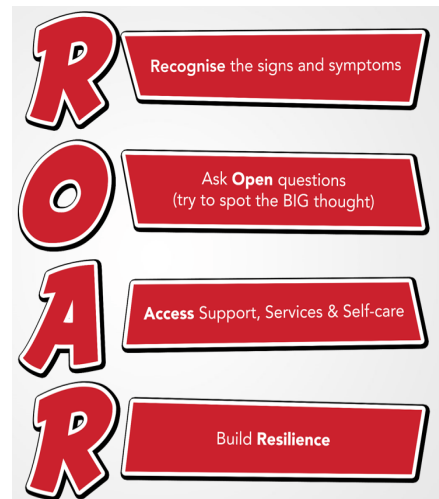
This week, as part of Earth Week, we were fortunate to have Emily from the Bucks Recycling team join us for an engaging assembly all about recycling and the waste hierarchy. It was truly fantastic!

This weekend, please take some time to chat about this at home and explore ways you can reduce, reuse, or repair items within your household. Every small change makes a big difference!



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Responding to Mental Health





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Important Dates & Events

Summer Term 1

Thursday 2 nd May	2.30pm – Maths Mastery Parent Workshop
Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
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
Friday 17 th May	PTA Bingo Event - TBC
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

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
Saturday 8 th June	PTA Summer Fete
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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