

Spring Term Issue 20 Friday, 14th February 2025

A note from Mrs. Fraser

What a fantastic end to our half term it has been!

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate our children who attended Young Voices this week. Miss. South and the team were so incredibly proud of your respectful and sensible behaviour, your enthusiasm, and of course your beautiful singing. Well done!

We'd like to thank all our families who attended the pupil learning reviews this week. It was a pleasure to have time with you to celebrate your child's progress and successes.

There have been some exciting things happening inside and outside the classrooms linked to our curriculum. In Early Years, the children have caught a dragon on CCTV! The fantastic beast was flying around the outdoor space, leaving magical footprints behind. Year Three travelled back to the Iron Age this week and were tasked with grinding wheat, making clay pots and churning butter. It was a chilly but very exciting trip and again, the children represented Green Ridge perfectly. Thank you Mr. Harris and Miss. Healy for organising the day.

From all of us here, have a well-deserved break. We'll see you soon.

Mrs. Jen Fraser Headteacher



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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars	Book Token Winner	TTRS – Hardest Working	TTRS – Most Improved
Beech (Y1)	Sithara	lvy	Ethan	Fearne	Jessica	-	-
Elm (Y1)	Sahara	Florence	Saanvika	Florence	Sol	-	-
Lime (Y1)	lvy	Freya	Callie	Teijash	Rithvik	-	-
Oak (Y2)	Matilda	Ella	Minsa	Sherwin	Amelie	Charlotte	Kai
Plane (Y2)	Grace	Aathav	Thea	Alex S	Brianna	Kasim	Aarthav
Spruce (Y2)	Donald	Ruben	Matthew	Alicja	Aaron	Shay	Arthur
Alder (Y3)	Sofia	Laila	Malavika	Poppy	Jaxon	Kendrick	Jaxon
Cedar (Y3)	Dennis	Matteo	Livia	Evie	Olivia	Abigail	Ravi
Ash (Y4)	Archie	Lucas	Liam	Tallulah	Sophia	Adam	Willow
Rowan (Y4)	Aleksander	Ana	Archie	Danny	Daisy B	Alice	Niamh
Maple (Y5)	Oscar	Bilan	Robin	Ezra	Kira	Harrison	Jayden
Sycamore (Y5)	Layla	Oliver	Jenna	Isabelle	Trinity	Max	Layla
Aspen (Y6)	Harry	Alice	Lincoln	Wynnie	Logan	Yarina	Lilly
Hawthorn (Y6)	James	Preesha	Megan	Archie	Sreejan	Katherine	Kyle

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Well done to Alder class for the highest attendance of 100% this week!

House Points					
House	Points this week	Total			
Austin	150	1076			
Disraeli	125	1051			
Pratchett	105	1107			
Redgrave	144	1072			



News, Updates & Reminders

Year Five Community Project

A group of Year Five pupils have been working with AVA primary and secondary school as part of a community project. They have worked together to produce a poster, write a short article and deliver an



assembly about the project 'Being a Responsible Citizen'.

Poster below created by Archie, Megan, Jess and Freddie (Y5 Sycamore)

Being a responsible citizen at Green Ridge If you see litter on the floor, When faced with conflict, pick it up and put it in the take responsibility and be correct bin, even if it isn't honest about what has yours. happened. Be respectful towards our learning environments and around the school. Take ownership of your actions and learning behaviours. Help others when you see they are in need of support. GREEN RIDGE

What does the project involve?

The project is about how we can be responsible citizens in Green Ridge Primary Academy, Berryfields and the UK. It also involves us going to the AVA to speak to the Year 11 prefects to work collaboratively in generating ideas for our school assemblies and articles. Written by Pami, Ethan and Kira (Y5 Maple)

Green Ridge Has Got Talent!

Perhaps your child is an avid dancer? Or do they want to be a magician? Whatever their talent, we hope many of the children will choose to audition for our very own Green Ridge has got talent contest. The contest is open to children from Reception up to Year Six and each act will need to audition in their year group.

Auditions will be taking place within the first two weeks of the children returning from half-term, then the pupils chosen (two from each year group) will perform in front of the whole school. Unfortunately, parents/carers are not invited to attend the show itself but will be notified if their child has been selected to perform at the end of March.

We look forward to seeing all the different talents of the children

Gymnastics Competition

The Green Ridge gymnastics team consisting of Abigail, Liah, Eva, Sophia, Phoebe, Laila, Grace, Sophie, Macie-Rose, Heidi, Megan and Poppy took part in a Gymnastics competition at Stoke Mandeville Stadium on Tuesday. They represented Green Ridge amazingly and I was so pleased to see how excited they were to be taking part. Overall, the Year Three and Four team finished 7th out of 11 and the Year Five and Six team finished 5th out of 11. Well done to all of the children that took part.

Boys & Girls Football

The Year Five and Six boys football team played Bierton on Tuesday. We took the lead in the first half and came very close to scoring a few more times throughout the game. Unfortunately, we conceded in the last minute from a corner and the game finished 1-1. Another positive performance with lots of good attacking play from us. Go team Green Ridge!

The girls Year Five and Six football team played against William Harding yesterday. Unfortunately, we lost the game but the girls showed even more improvement from our last game. I was so proud to see how much they have learnt after only 3 matches and the girls are very excited for our next match after half term. Go team Green Ridge!

PTA

Non-Uniform Donations

Thank you all for your very generous donations collected today. All the items will go towards raising funds at our Summer Fete on Saturday, 8th June.

Second Hand Uniform

The online store to purchase second hand uniform is back and we have a wide range of items. Please go to www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta to place an order.

A Slice of Knowledge – Friday, 28th February

Is your prowess for a general knowledge round lacking but unbelievable skill in the music round going to make you a winner? Might you play your joker on the music round, but wish you'd saved it for the sports round?!

Our fun community evening will be filled with games, team activities and a quiz throughout, with teams of six held at the school. Pizza is included in the ticket price to arrive part way through the evening.

It's an adult only event, so get the babysitter booked now! Book your tickets from Sunday, 26th January at 5pm at www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta.



Easyfundraising

We wanted to remind parents and carers that Green Ridge PTA is signed up to easyfundraising and how you can raise funds while sitting on your sofa!

It couldn't be easier. Whenever you shop online, switch energy providers or book a holiday, if you do so through <u>easyfundraising.org.uk</u> the retailer gives a small percentage of what's been spent back to us to say thank you for shopping with them, at no cost to you.

With over 4,400 online retailers involved including John Lewis, Amazon, Moonpig, Justeat, Shein, eBay, Booking.com, Now TV, Domino's Pizza, Audible and Uswitch.

All you need to do is register and list Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA as your "Good Cause'. It's quick and easy to set up, and most importantly free to join!

Now with the Donation Reminder on your iPhone and iPad it's even easier! Simply download their app and enable the Donation Reminder feature on your Safari browser. They'll then pop up every time a donation is available.

This means Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA won't miss out on any donations as you're shopping online using your mobile!

So, when booking your holiday or when shopping



Online Safety Tip of the Week

YouTube Controls



Over the half-term, your child(ren) may or may not be watching a tad more Youtube than normal!

This <u>link</u> provides guides to:

- Block specific content
- Review your child's 'watch history'
- Change content-level settings
- Manage screen time

Right of the Week Article 24

Health, Water, Food, Environment

Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink,

healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in. All adults and children should have information about how to stay safe and healthy.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Sustainability Challenge

This half term, embark on a fun and meaningful sustainability challenge with your family. Encourage your children to take a closer look at their wardrobes and consider donating clothing items they no longer need or wear. This wardrobe challenge not only promotes sustainability but also teaches your family valuable life lessons about empathy, responsible consumption, and the importance of giving back. It's a small step that can lead to a brighter, more sustainable future for everyone.

Behaviour Focus of the Week

Building Positive Relationships

- Show your child you're interested in what they like. Think of enjoyable activities you can do together.
- Think of times when you have seen a positive change in your child's behaviour and anything you could learn from that experience.
- Ask your child for the views and be willing to listen. This can help you to see things from their perspective.
- Don't give up or be too hard on yourself. Focus on small streps and achievable goals.
- Be prepared to compromise and admit you've been wrong, and sometime make mistakes yourself.



Important Dates & Events

Spring Term 2

Monday 23 rd February	Children return to School					
Tuesday 25 th	9.00-9.30am Y3 Cedar Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
February	2.30-3.00pm Y2 Oak Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
Wednesday 26 th	9.30-10.00am YN Little Pines AM Parent/Carer Library Session					
February	1.30-2.00pm YN Little Pines PM Parent/Carer Library Session					
Thursday 27 th	9.00-9.30am Y4 Rowan Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
February	2.30-3.00pm Y1 Lime Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
	9.00-9.30am Y6 Hawthorn Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
Friday 28 th February	2.30-3.00pm YR Hazel Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
	7.30pm PTA Quiz Night (Adults Only)					
Monday 3 rd March	9.00-9.30am Y5 Maple Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
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Tuesday 4 th March	2.30-3.00pm Y2 Spruce Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
Wednesday 5 th	9.30-10.00 YN Little Acorns AM Parent/Carer Library Session					
March	1.30-2.00pm YN Little Acorns PM Parent/Carer Library Session					
	World Book Day					
Thursday 6 th March	9.00-9.30am Y4 Ash Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
	2.30-3.00pm Y1 Elm Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
Friday 7 th March	9.00-9.30am Y6 Aspen Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
Triday / March	2.30-3.00pm YR Willow Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
Monday 10 th March	9.00-9.30am Y5 Sycamore Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
Tuesday 44th Mary	9.00am SEND Coffee Morning					
Tuesday 11 th March	2.30-3.00pm Plane Class Parent/Carer Library Session					
Wednesday 12 th	9.30-10.00 YN Little Berries AM Parent/Carer Library Session					
March	1.30-2.00pm YN Little Berries PM Parent/Carer Library Session					

Thursday 13 th March	2.30-3.00pm Y1 Beech Class Parent/Carer Library Session
Friday 14 th March	2.30-3.00pm YR Birch Class Parent/Carer Library Session
Tuesday 18 th March	2.30-3.15pm EYFS Stay & Learn Maths
Wednesday 19 th March	8.45-9.30am KS2 Stay & Learn Maths
Thursday 20 th March	8.45-9.30am KS1 Stay & Learn Maths
Friday 21st March	PTA Cinema Event (further details to follow)
Wednesday 26 th March	8.35-9.05am Parent/Carer Book Look
Friday 28 th March	PTA Cinema Event (further details to follow)
Wednesday 2 nd April	9.00am Parent Forum Meeting
Thursday 3 rd April	9.15am Y3 Spring Assembly 6.00pm YN 2025 Prospective Open Evening
Friday 4 th April	PTA Easter Bonnets & Egg Decoration (further details to follow) Children finish for the end of term

Do you struggle at the end of the month with your outgoings being more than your incomings?

Come along on some free CAP Money workshops to empower you with the knowledge, budget skills and confidence to better manage your finances.

Church on Berryfields are running these across 4 Monday mornings starting 24th Feb in the Berryfields Family Centre



budget, save, spend

Monday mornings 10-12 from 24th February at Berryfields Family Centre

Signup at cap@churchonberryfields.org or text/whatsapp/call 07966 090853



Scan for more info

Course is hosted by Phurch on Berryfields living life to the full



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February Half Term

15 - 23 February 2025

This February half term at Discover Bucks Museum, enjoy Wild Science animal encounters, funky frame craft, interactive storytelling, and more! Perfect for family fun and hands-on learning adventures.



For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org









