

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Summer Term

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A note from Mrs. Fraser

We've been thinking about the value of Gratitude this week, and at Green Ridge we have so many things to be thankful for.

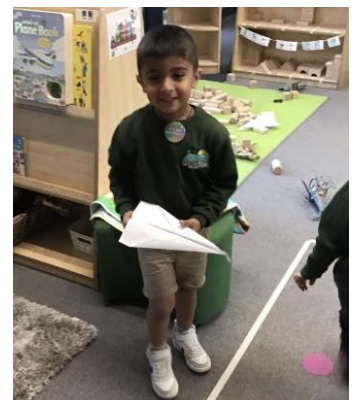
Our children in Year 2 represented the school beautifully during their visit to Claydon House. They showed enthusiasm and respect as they took part in activities and explored the grounds. Similarly, Year 1 showed great engagement and curiosity when taking part in a Victorian toys workshop. As always, we were hugely proud of them.

Due to the hard work of Mrs. Tong, Mrs. Cavanagh, Miss. Bewick, Miss. South and many other staff members, we are now an accredited Thrive Ambassador School with Excellence in Relationships, demonstrating our dedication to nurture.

We are also tickled pink to announce that our very own Miss. Crown has been nominated and shortlisted for a National TES Award for her commitment to the role of Teaching Assistant. This prestigious award is recognition that she truly deserves, and we could not be prouder and more excited!

It was great to see so many sunhats in school this week, allowing our children safe access to the sunny field. Wishing you all a wonderful and safe Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs. Jen Fraser
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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Fearne	Hazel	Filip	Anya
Elm (Y1)	Joey	Alayya	Sol	Ben
Lime (Y1)	Layla	Sam	Vrushank	Daisy
Oak (Y2)	Nicolas	Matilda	Sophia	Ethan H
Plane (Y2)	Nicholas	Charlie	Grace	Mark
Spruce (Y2)	Dharvi	Alicja	Sanay	Saisha
Alder (Y3)	Poppy	Miliya	Rian	Haniya
Cedar (Y3)	Livia	Harlee	Eliza	Evie
Ash (Y4)	Alfie	Archie	Willow	Riyon
Rowan (Y4)	Noah	Lily	Prahathi	Jayden
Maple (Y5)	Lily-Sue	Ethan	David	Harrison
Sycamore (Y5)	Freddie	Trinity	Heidi	Darcey M
Aspen (Y6)	Laura	Harry	Orla	Liam
Hawthorn (Y6)	Finley	Katherine	Grayson	Izzy

Attendance Award
Well done to Cedar class for the highest attendance of 100% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	247	409
Disraeli	241	401
Pratchett	196	364
Redgrave	277	419



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News, Updates & Reminders

We are a Thrive School of Excellence!



We are pleased to announce that we have now been recognised as a Thrive Ambassador School with Excellence in Relationships! Our next

step is to become a Thrive School of Excellence! We would like to thank Mrs. Tong, our Thrive practitioner for all the hard work she has put in.

Special Menu - Burger Day

We are excited to share a special 'Burger Day' menu with you on behalf of HCL (Herts Catering Ltd). This menu will replace the usual menu on **Thursday, 15th May** and we encourage as many pupils as possible to have a freshly prepared meal as part of our commitment to promoting healthy eating!

Please order via SchoolGrid by **8.55am** on Thursday, 15th May. If you are experiencing any difficulties logging in, please contact the admin team.

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**BURGER DAY
15TH OF MAY**

MAIN MENU
Chicken Fillet Burger
or
Beef Burger
or
Quorn Pattie Burger (v)
or
Jacket Potato with Various Toppings
or
Roll with Various Fillings

SERVED WITH
Baked Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw

DESSERT
Chocolate
Crispie Squares



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*Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability.

Chair of Governors Vacancy

We are looking for a Chair to Lead our Local Governing Body. Whilst we are not recruiting parents at this point, should you know of any family members, friends or colleagues who may be interested, please invite them to reach out. For more information please see the poster further along in the newsletter.

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

Now that the weather has finally warmed up and as the hotter weather continues, we highly recommend that parents/carers apply sun cream **before** your child comes into school. If you consider that your child may need additional cream applied during the day, this should be brought in and passed to your child's Class Teacher, clearly labelled with their name, in order that they can apply this as directed during the day (typically before break and/or lunch).

We also advise parents/carers to provide sunhats for the children (Green Ridge hats are available through Bucks Schoolwear Plus, but children can bring in their own baseball type hat of choice if they wish to do so). There have also been several children bringing in sunglasses this week; if your child wishes to wear these while they are outside, they remain the child's responsibility and not the schools. As always, please ensure these items are clearly labelled, so that if they are mislaid (which invariably happens!) they can easily be returned to their owner.

Sun Safe Schools

You can find the UV forecast for the next few days below. If the UV forecast is 3 or above, children should have sun cream applied and be provided with a hat and sunglasses to further protect themselves. It is not just about how sunny it is as there can be a high UV on a cloudy day. Please follow this [link](#) to check the forecast each day.



Friday



Saturday



Sunday



Monday



Tuesday

Enrichment Club Absences

If your child is going to be in school as normal but **will not** be attending their scheduled club, please inform the main office or the class teacher at the start of the day. This will help to ensure children are appropriately safeguarded at the end of the day and the start of their club. Thank you for your support.

Out of School Achievements!

Congratulations to Lilly in Year Six for excelling at her cheerleading outside of school! She regularly competes in competitions and her team are now division champions - what an incredible achievement! If you see Lilly at play or lunch, be sure to congratulate her and she may just show you a cool trick or two!



Parents and carers, if your child has recently earned an achievement outside of school for one of their hobbies (or if they have been doing really well at practising one of the Skills for Life) please send a photo to Mr Arnold via admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk so that we can celebrate it in an upcoming newsletter!

Year Three Plea

Next week 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 **Tuesday, 6th May**. We would really appreciate as many donations as possible! Thank you in advance.

PTA

Buckinghamshire Lottery

We wanted to remind parents and carers that Green Ridge PTA is part of the Buckinghamshire Lottery, which supports community projects in the local area.

Each Buckinghamshire Lottery ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000. Over the last three years of Green Ridge taking part, we have been lucky to have had several winners of cash prizes.

A ticket for the Buckinghamshire Lottery costs £1 a week, with Green Ridge keeping 50p of every ticket sold from their page. Funds raised go directly back to the children, funding the many things the PTA

provide, experiences such as pantomimes, books and needed resources and reducing the cost of several of the school trips throughout their time at Green Ridge.

If you needed any more encouragement to sign up, in May there is an extra chance to win in the Superdraw and win £1,000 B&Q voucher!

To buy lottery tickets, go to www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk and sign up. Good luck!

Non-Uniform Day

Today you would have received a letter regarding the next non uniform day on **Friday, 16th May** with the details of donations we would kindly ask you to bring in. If you have any queries, please contact the PTA.

Summer Fete Raffle

As you are aware we are holding our Annual Summer Fete on **Saturday 14th June**, and as we do each year, we will be having a raffle on the day.

To help us raise as much as we can for our school, we are asking all local business and other popular locations if they would support our school by donating a raffle prize.

Any type of prize is gratefully received, even if you don't think your business or the business you work for has an item or service they can directly donate, we have had many generous donations of vouchers or hampers in previous years. Anything you can donate is gratefully received. We thank you for your support and please do contact us with any questions you may have.

We are also looking for stall holders for the day, if you are interested or know anyone who would be, please get in touch.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Online Relationships – KS1

Ask your child what it means to be kind. How can they show kindness and respect in your friendship? How would we show these acts online? Create a short list of non-negotiables for the language they are using online.

Online Relationships – KS2

Ask your child what it means to be kind. How can they show kindness and respect in your friendship? Emphasise how the language we use digitally can often be mis-interpreted so think carefully about any messages before sending them.

Right of the Week Article 24

Health, Water, Food, Environment

Children have the right to the best 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

Save Our Water!


Encourage your household to wet their toothbrush, turn off the tap, brush, and then only turn the tap on again for rinsing. It's a small habit that can make a big difference in water conservation.



Behaviour Focus of this half term

How Do We Sit

How Do We Sit (Learning)...

Ready	Respectful	Safe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment down Legs are crossed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face the speaker Voices off 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hands to ourself Chair legs on the floor
		

This half term we are focusing on how we sit when learning. The children have been thinking about how we sit in the classroom or on the carpet to make sure we always Ready, Respectful and Safe!



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Important Dates & Events

Summer Term 1

Monday 5 th May	School Closed – May Bank Holiday
Friday 9 th May	Year Four Trip to Hampton Court Palace
Friday 16 th May	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 20 th May	Year Three 11 Before 11 Hiking Heroes Trip
Wednesday 21 st May	National Numeracy Day No Enrichment Clubs
Thursday 22 nd May	Year Five Trip to Bletchley Park 2.15pm Parent Forum Meeting
Friday 23 rd May	Bling Your Bike Day! Children Finish for Half Term

Green Ridge Primary Academy

Chair of Governors Vacancy



Make a Difference in Your Community

Are you passionate about education and looking for an opportunity to help shape the future of a thriving primary school? Green Ridge Primary Academy, part of REAch2 Academy Trust—one of the top-performing academy trusts in the country—is seeking a Chair of Governors to lead our Local Governing Body. This is your chance to make a real impact on children's education and help them get the best possible start in life.

What is an Academy?

Academies are state schools funded directly by central Government rather than run by local authorities. They have greater freedoms, such as direct procurement of services, but remain subject to the admissions code and must provide a broad and balanced curriculum.

Who are REAch2?

We are an academy trust, a charitable company running 62 primary schools across England—many in some of the most deprived communities. Our focus is on delivering high-quality education that transforms lives. While you may not have heard of us, our work speaks for itself:

- 95% of our schools are rated "Good" or "Outstanding" by Ofsted
- 80% were previously "Inadequate" before joining the trust
- We believe in school autonomy—not a one-size-fits-all approach

What We Need from You

We are looking for a Chair of Governors to lead governance at Green Ridge Primary Academy. We need a civic-minded, skilled individual who can offer strategic thinking, challenge, and support to help drive continued improvement. Experience in education is a bonus but not essential—governance experience, leadership skills, and expertise in areas such as finance, strategy, law, HR, data analysis, risk management, health & safety, or marketing would be valuable.

What's Involved?

As Chair of Governors, you would play a key leadership role in overseeing governance at the school. This involves:

- Leading 2-3 meetings per term (three terms per year) at the school, with dates/times scheduled around availability
- A commitment to classroom visits or similar (ideally twice per year) during school hours
- Attending occasional events such as parent meetings or governor training sessions

What Will You Get Out of It?

Being a Chair of Governors at Green Ridge Primary Academy offers valuable professional and personal development, including:

- Leading and developing a team in a strategic governance role
- Building expertise in education and school leadership
- Networking with other professionals and community leaders
- The satisfaction of making a real difference to children's education



If you'd like further information about this role, please contact the current chair, [Sophy Davies](#).

You can also find out more about REAch2 at www.reach2.org.

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*Postage charges apply

We have our 'Back to School' stock in store from early June, so if you want to ensure that you have full availability of uniform items and sizes, and to avoid the busy period at the end of August, then it's best to come in as early as possible. We offer an extended exchange policy from June until September.

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