

Spring Term Issue 26 Friday, 4th April 2025

A note from Mrs. Fraser

We've made it to the end of a very busy, fun-filled term and I think the children and staff are looking forward to a well-deserved break!

I'd like to start by saying thank you to our amazing Parent Teacher Association, led by Mrs. Green and her wonderful team of volunteers. The amount of effort that has gone into raising funds for the school this term alone has been mind-blowing! The children have enjoyed cinema events, our families showed their competitive streaks at the Quiz Night, and today the children have loved showing their decorated Spring bonnets and eggs. We cannot express how important these events are to us, as the money raised allows us to enhance our provision for every child at Green Ridge. To everybody who has given time, effort and donations, thank you!

I'd like to thank all our Year Three Spring Chickens who delivered a delightful Spring Assembly this week. You showed confidence, courage and humour and had everybody swaying along to the upbeat songs. Thank you to all who could attend.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate the wonderful Miss. Riley, who was the winner of March's staff Appreciation Award. Thank you for all you do.

On behalf of all the Green Ridge Team, I'd like to wish you all a safe and sunny Spring holiday

Mrs. Jen Fraser *Headteacher*



Promotion of Academic Success | Rich Language, Literacy & Communication Inclusion | Diversity | Enrichment

Website: www.greenridgeacademy.co.uk X: @GreenRidgeR2 Tel: 01296 326320





















Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars	Book Token Winner	TTRS – Hardest Working	TTRS – Most Improved
Beech (Y1)	Cameron	Luna	Alice	Sophie	Sophia	-	-
Elm (Y1)	Elliott	Bradley	Ati	Zayyan	Edie	-	-
Lime (Y1)	Ellie-May	Skye	Layla	Callie	Ammina	-	-
Oak (Y2)	Vanessa	Pippa	Roman	Tommy	Isaac W	Kai U	Charlotte
Plane (Y2)	Thea	Mark	Olivia	Teddy	Georgia	Alexander	Elise
Spruce (Y2)	Roman	Mia-Ann	Arthur	Anastasia	Shay	Dhivonn	Saisha
Alder (Y3)	Ayyoub	Malavika	Lekshana	Phoebe	Amelia	Rian	Malavika
Cedar (Y3)	Amber	Elin	Ritusan	Abi	Ravi	Ameliya	Adam
Ash (Y4)	Alayna	Liam	Zavi	Yashvi	Pranamya	Nikhil	Ayaan
Rowan (Y4)	Ana	Santiago	Ingrid	Cassia	Alfie	Santiago	Jayden
Maple (Y5)	Andre	Gwennie	Skylar	Lewis	Sophie	Ezra	Elise
Sycamore (Y5)	Ella	Heidi	Harry B	Olivia	Oliver	Jamie	Sophie
Aspen (Y6)	Gaetan	Adi	Laura	Henley	Ellie	Yarina	Toby-Lee
Hawthorn (Y6)	Lily	Sowmith	Archie	Preesha	lzzy	Charlie	lvan

F	١.	ť	t	e	r	١d	la	n	C	e	Δ	١.	٨	a	r	ď
•	•	٠.	•	·		ıv		ш	\sim	·	•		AΥ	u		u

Well done to Maple class for the highest attendance of 97.4% this week!

House Points						
House	Points this week	Total				
Austin	210	2303				
Disraeli	172	2341				
Pratchett	154	2241				
Redgrave	67	2308				



News, Updates & Reminders

Let's Celebrate!



Congratulations to Callie, who today, with all her friends family and cheering her on, was able to ring bell celebrate the end of her cancer treatment. It was a true privilege to be part of such a significant moment. Thank to the Ragaven family for

allowing us to be there. And WELL DONE, CALLIE!!

Autism Awareness Day – Wear Something Bright

Apologies that wear something bright for Autism Awareness Day was cancelled and not shared in the newsletter prior. The children had an assembly and in-class discussion linked to the day. Apologies for any confusion caused.

CGP Discount

We are delighted to share that Parents/Carers can get 20% off all primary books for KS1, KS2 and SATS on the CGP website. You can save 20% by 30th April and they will deliver their books the very next day! Just



enter the code EASTER20 at checkout.

Nut Natural Bars

We have been made aware that some children have nut natural bars in their packed lunches. We would like to remind parents and carers that we are a **nut-free school** due to allergies. Therefore, children must **not** bring in food containing nuts, regardless of their nutritional value. Please check cereal bars and other similar products as they often have traces of nuts, which are also not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Ladyman met with the Parent Forum Representatives on Wednesday for the Parent Forum meeting and a copy of the minutes can be found attached to the newsletter.

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, 6th May at 2.15pm.

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.

House Winners

The children in Austin House up and down the school all enjoyed their treat for winning the Autumn term House Cup! Thank you to Mr. Davis for running multiple dodgeball tournaments over the course of the week - the children loved their reward!



With that, as Spring Term ends, we have a **new** winning house! The final point tally can be found in the below...a huge congratulations to Disraeli...you are the winning house and will enjoy a summer surprise next half-term!

Final House Points - Spring Term:

THIGH	TOUSC I OILIG	Spring renn.
1 st	– Disraeli	- 2,341 🎉 🌋 🎉
2^{nd}	 Redgrave 	- 2,308
3 rd	– Austin	- 2,303
4 th	Pratchett	- 2,241

Attendance League

This term we introduced our Attendance League. Each week, classes have been battling against each other to win attendance points. They could win up to three points if their class has the highest attendance and even have the opportunity for bonus points, if they get 100% or highest in their phase. I am proud to announce that for Spring term the winners are Year Three Cedar! They have won a movie afternoon with popcorn to celebrate. The attendance league will begin again after the Easter break to see who will be victorious in Summer term.

Attendance Raffle

Following pupil voice, we have made the decision to no longer award attendance certificates.

Instead, any child who has 98% and above for Spring term was entered



into a raffle to win a prize. (Medical appointments and authorised absences are taken into account) The winners of the raffle are:

Reception – Kiyaan KS1 – Charlie LKS2 – Sianna UKS2 – Rishikha

We will complete another raffle for Summer term alongside an attendance raffle for the full school year, with even bigger better prizes!

Aylesbury Town Council Event – St George's Day



The event, which takes place on Sunday 27 April in Aylesbury town centre, will be a day filled with walkabout characters, performances, arts and crafts – all with a Myths and Legends theme - followed by a grand parade!

Event details:

Myths & Legends Historical Fayre: 11am – 3pm Friars Square

Games, activities and performances for all the family, including crafts with Queens Park Arts Centre, walkabout characters from Robin Hood and King Arthur, and a fun trail around the space.

King's Head More to see and do here with puppet shows, free talks from the Buckinghamshire Historical Association and UK Astronomy, music and rounding off with our annual historic pub quiz!

Market Square

See St George and friends as well as a dragon on stilts, witches and wizards and more across Market Square during the daytime.

Grand Uniformed Parade: 3-4pm

Led by St George on horseback, fire dancers from SDSD and featuring representatives from local uniformed youth groups. Launching from Temple Street and marching around Market Square, followed by a brief Service of Thanks and renewal of pledges.

All to be enjoyed for the whole family for free! More details, including accessibility information, can be found at https://buff.ly/bMkcRqP.

PTA

Bend the Rules for April Fools

On Friday, 25th April we are running our very popular Bend the Rules Day. For one day only the children can bend certain rules:

- 1. CRAZY HAIR
- 2. NAIL VARNISH
- 3. TEMPORARY TATTOOS
- 4. NON-UNIFORM
- 5. HEROIC CAPES
- 6. UNHEALTHY SNACK FOR BREAK TIME

We ask they pay £1.00 for the first rule and 50p extra for each additional rule broken. We can't wait to see how many they bend! (Please note all other normal school rules applies!)



Easter Bonnett & Egg Decorating Competition

Thank you to all that took part, there were so many amazing entries across the whole school, and it was very difficult for the judges to decide! The winners and runners up for each class are as follows:

Class	Winner	Runner Up			
Berries	Alia-Kapree	Palma			
Pines	Stanley	Louis			
Acorns	Julia	Willow			
Birch	Tilly	Summer			
Hazel	Penelope	Inaya			
Willow	Imogen	Moeez			
Beech	Sophia	Oliver			
Elm	Oscar	Sreeyan			
Lime	Vrushank	lvy			
Oak	Kai	Isaac W			
Plane	Charlie	Nicolas			
Spruce	Matthew	Darcey			
Alder	Amelia	Mikhaela			
Cedar	Freddie F	Olivia			
Ash	Riyon	Ishaan			
Rowan	lzzy	Selena			
Maple	Lillie	Муа			
Sycamore	Darcey M	Megan			
Aspen	Alice	Laura			
Hawthorn	Preesha	James			









Online Safety Tip of the Week

Online Safety During the Holidays

Over Easter, the children are likely to be on their devices more. This acts as a perfect opportunity to re-establish ground rules and set expectations. The guide found in the link below is targeted at the summer holidays but is still applicable. It offers some useful tips, conversation starters and guides, as well as fun games and quizzes:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-andresource/staying-safe-online-in-thesummer-holidays

Right of the Week Article 12

Respect For Children's Views

Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take children seriously.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Minimal Packaging, Maximum Impact

When packing snacks for school, we kindly request that you consider purchasing larger packs and decanting them into reusable tupperware containers or wax wraps. This small change helps reduce the use of individually wrapped, single-use plastic snacks, making a significant impact on waste reduction.

Behaviour Focus of this Half Term

How Do We Move

Ready	Respectful	Safe
Voices off and	Walk to one side!	Walking with hands
looking forward	0.00	by our sides
	X X X	0000
	N'N'N	(100)
G	LKILL	

We are having a focus on how we move around the school grounds this half term. The children have been thinking about how we move in the 'Green Ridge way' to make sure we are always Ready, Respectful and Safe!



Important Dates & Events

Summer Term 1

Tuesday 22 nd April	Children Return to School
Friday 25 th April	PTA Bend the Rules for Late April Fools
Monday 28 th April	Year Four Bikeability
Tuesday 29 th April	Year Two Oak Class Trip to Claydon House
Wednesday 30 th April	Year Two Plane & Spruce Class Trip to Claydon House
	Year One Transport & Toys Workshop
Thursday 1 st May	Year Four Bikeability
	6.00pm Year Six SATs Parent Meeting
Monday 5 th May	School Closed – May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 th May	2.15pm Parent Forum Meeting
Friday 9 th May	Year Four Trip to Hampton Court Palace
Friday 16 th May	PTA Non-Uniform Day (Further details to follow)
Tuesday 20 th May	Year Three 11B411 Hiking Heroes Trip
Wednesday 21 st May	No Enrichment Clubs
Thursday 22 nd May	Year Five Trip to Bletchley Park
Friday 23 rd May	Children Finish for Half Term



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



A FREE two-hour workshop for parents and carers of children in Buckinghamshire schools

Thinking About Volunteering Workshop (FMVW018)

Build your confidence and explore volunteering as an optional step to start or return to employment.



Help Your Autistic Child at Home Workshop (FMAC134)

We will help you to understand autism and its characteristics. Help you create a supportive and inclusive environment for your child at home.

Wednesday 7th May, 9:30am - 11:30 am

Healthy, Happy and Fun - Free Summer Holiday Ideas for you and your Child (FMWB051)

Explore a range free of online, practical and outdoor activities in Buckinghamshire that you can do during the holidays.

Wednesday 7th May, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

To book your FREE place, choose a date and contact our enrolment team on 01296 383582, scan the QR code or click on the link. For more information call/text Kathryn on 07770 641997.















