

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

Issue 1

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## Welcome back, Green Ridge!

We're so pleased to be back and so impressed by how well our children have settled back into their routines.

Thanks to our dedicated and generous PTA and our amazing Play Lead Mrs. Tong, we have been able to introduce Opal, a programme designed to allow for quality play in primary schools. We have seen cooperation, responsibility, engagement and pure joy from our children and it's been a pleasure to watch and join in. But remember families, Opal is **all weather** (except for the thunderstorm this week!) so coats are essential for wet days, please. Read on to find out more.

We would like to thank our families who were able to attend our Open Afternoon today. We hope that you enjoyed seeing the classrooms and hearing about the busy week the children have had. Well done, everybody on a great first week!

Have a great weekend!

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## Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Whole Class	Annisa	Effy
Elm (Y1)	Whole Class	Anika	Evie
Lime (Y1)	Vejas	David	Penelope
Oak (Y2)	Sam	Ivy	Druvi
Plane (Y2)	Freddie	Edie	Alayya
Spruce (Y2)	Hazel	Samuel	Aarav
Alder (Y3)	Bonnie	Caleb	Pippa
Cedar (Y3)	Karta	Thea	Nicolas
Chestnut (Y3)	Roman	Donald	Anastasia
Ash (Y4)	Matteo	Orella	Dwiti
Rowan (Y4)	Charan	Alfie	Freya
Walnut (Y4)	Alexandra	Adam	Thirish
Maple (Y5)	Enoch	Lucas	Archie
Sycamore (Y5)	Izzy	Jayden	Cassia
Aspen (Y6)	Shaylan	Harry B	Freddie
Hawthorn (Y6)	Lillie	Joshua	Harrison

Attendance Award
Well done to Alder class for the highest attendance of 99.6% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	187	187
Disraeli	147	147
Pratchett	127	127
Redgrave	159	159



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## News, Updates & Reminders

### OPAL Launch (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Opal is here! On our playground this week, our Play Leaders were busy preparing their zones with water play, parachutes, team-games, board games, books, music, obstacle courses and much more! The children enjoyed free access to all activities and did a brilliant job of supporting each other and playing kindly and fairly, whilst having loads of active fun! This programme is here to stay and there will be more and more activities added throughout the year.



### X (formerly Twitter) Class Pages

We're aware that there has been a lack of tweets on class pages this week. This is because we are currently collating updated photo consent permissions for all pupils.

In addition, following feedback from parents and carers, we are exploring plans to move away from using X (formerly Twitter) as our platform for sharing class updates.

We're grateful for your patience and understanding during this transition, and we'll share more information in due course.

### After School Dance Club



DBX Studios will be running an afterschool dance club for KS1 children on Tuesdays. To confirm, this club will run in line with our other clubs from 3.15-4.15pm, and children will need to be collected from the main school entrance. To book a place or find out more, please email [info@dbxdance.co.uk](mailto:info@dbxdance.co.uk).

### Out of School Achievements!

Arthur won first place in the ZKS Martial Arts tournament in July, earning a Gold Medal for his performance in grappling bouts and earned a significant double-grade promotion from Red to Blue belt, bypassing the Green belt level. He was extremely proud of this achievement, which was a result of winning all his grappling matches, including the



final. Such an achievement shows excellent technique, attitude and dedication. Well Done, Arthur!



Livia also competed in the ZKS Martial Arts tournament and won bronze in sparring and gold in grappling. It is clear that all her hard work paid off, and she should be very proud of her accomplishment!

### Skills For Life Curriculum

Attached to the newsletter this week is our Skills for Life Curriculum. Each year group focuses on two skills throughout the year (and children earn certificates when they achieve them).

Linked to this, we share an 'out of school celebrations' display board in school. Simply email in a picture of your child to [admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk) and it will feature on the display and in our weekly round-up. Examples include: earning a Blue Peter badge, passing a music exam, helping with a local community project like litter-picking, going up a belt in karate or performing with your dance club on stage! Any pictures sent in will be printed out and put on the school display!

### PTA

The PTA welcome back all the parents and carers for the start of the new term and a warm hello to all the new families joining us this September.

We look forward to seeing you at our events this year and it was lovely to meet some of the new reception parents and carers at the coffee morning today.

More details about our PTA, events and fundraising opportunities will be sent out in the following weeks and we hope to see you at our AGM on **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm**. Please do contact the PTA ([pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk)) with any questions you may have.

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### KS1 – Online Reputation

Discuss with your child how everything you do online people can see. It can be looked at and tracked and it is important to be safe and responsible.

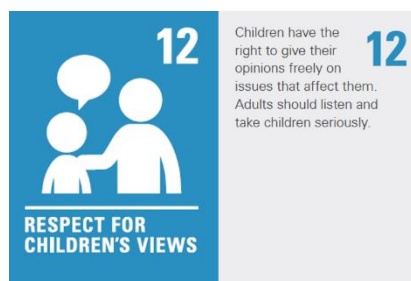
### KS2 – Online Reputation

Can your child name things they wouldn't want shared/posted about them online? Why is that? Allow this to lead into a conversation about having an online reputation, stressing the importance of being 'Ready. Respectful. Safe.' online too, and not just in school!

## 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

### 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.



## OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

### OPAL Launch

This week, we introduced OPAL to our lunchtime play. It was wonderful to see the children playing nicely with other children from across the school. Everyone had a great time, there were so many exciting activities for them to choose but the most popular this week were water play and parachute games. The children laughed and shared, making new friends and having fun. It was lovely to watch them explore and learn together, creating happy moments during their playtime. We can't wait to see what they choose next!





# Buckinghamshire Family Learning

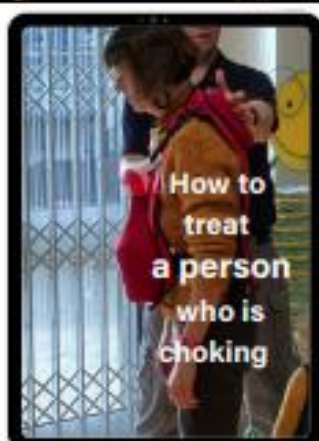


## Everyday First Aid

Led by a front line medic.

For parents and carers of children at school in  
Buckinghamshire

**Monday 29 September, 9:30–12:00,**  
**Elmhurst Family Centre, Aylesbury**



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