

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term

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What a busy week it has been at Green Ridge!

The children started the week with a whole-school assembly led by our Eco Council and Miss. Riley, leader of Science and Sustainability, who introduced the Duracell Big Battery Hunt. They reminded everyone about how we can reduce waste and the importance of recycling, aiming to inspire power change across the school community. Thank you, Eco Council and Miss. Riley for reminding us that together our small actions can make a big difference!

Our Pupil Parliament also met this week to discuss some exciting plans for an upcoming project. They're keeping the details under wraps for now, but we can't wait to see what they unveil soon!

Elsewhere in school, the DT room has been a hive of creativity. Children have been practising their painting skills, with Year Six exploring tints, tones and techniques to create beautiful landscape artworks. Year Three braved the dark to explore light travel and shadows, and Reception had a visit from our community fire fighters as part of their Superheroes theme. Great learning, guys!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Ayra	Leo	Darcie
Elm (Y1)	Logan	Milo	Kiyaan
Lime (Y1)	Darcey	Josie	Henry
Oak (Y2)	Thomas	Ammina	Teijash
Plane (Y2)	Avi	Florence	Hazel
Spruce (Y2)	Elijah	Lucas	Cameron
Alder (Y3)	Matilda	Helena	Minsa
Cedar (Y3)	Lincoln	Alexander G	Mark
Chestnut (Y3)	Dhivonn	Kasia	Roman
Ash (Y4)	Aarushi	Dennis	Dwiti
Rowan (Y4)	Ameliya	Arafat	Chimzikora
Walnut (Y4)	Myra	Emily	Arhata
Maple (Y5)	Katie	Ayaan	Lola
Sycamore (Y5)	Daniel	Emily	Sianna
Aspen (Y6)	Jake	Jacob	Heidi
Hawthorn (Y6)	Ethan	Oskar	Skylar

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

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	502	1079
Disraeli	448	953
Pratchett	487	1017
Redgrave	462	969



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News, Updates & Reminders

National Storytelling Week – Bring a Favourite Book!

To help us celebrate National Storytelling Week, we would love every child to bring in their favourite storybook from home next week commencing Monday 2nd February 2025.

Sharing much-loved stories is a wonderful way to inspire a love of reading, build confidence, and spark magical conversations in the classroom. Please ensure the book is clearly named so it can be returned safely at the end of the week.

We can't wait to enjoy all the wonderful stories the children choose to share!

Parent WhatsApp Groups

It has been brought to our attention that people without children at Green Ridge may have tried to join parent WhatsApp groups with the aim of selling concert tickets. We believe this to be a scam and would urge you to remove and report immediately.

Enrichment Clubs

We would like to remind parents and carers that there are no enrichment clubs on **Wednesday, 4th February** due to staff training. This date was not included on Arbor and was shared in the letter sent on Thursday, 20th November. Please collect your child/ren at the normal time of 3.15pm or 3.20pm. Thank you.

LGBTQ+ Assembly Slides

Following the letter sent on Tuesday 27th January, the slides for the LGBTQ+ assembly are now available on our website along with the letter [here](#).

Year Five & Six Football

The Year Five and Six Boys football team progressed to the semi-final of the cup with an impressive 4-0 win over Cuddinton and Dinton on Thursday. Goals were scored by Jamie, Andre, Oskar and Enoch but the whole team gave a really strong performance to keep a clean sheet. On to the semi-final! Go team Green Ridge!!!

Out of Schools Achievements

On Sunday 11th January, Alice performed in her winter show with Spotlight Musical Theatre School, One Night Only, at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre. It

was her first time performing at the Waterside, where she sang and danced beautifully. She should be incredibly proud of her hard work and wonderful performance.



PTA

The Big Fat Quiz 2026

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 today at www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta numbers are limited so book now!

Class Reps

Would you like to join the larger committee and be involved more? Every year we recruit Class Reps to be part of the PTA to ensure each class is represented. They are a point of contact for parents in each class. We are a friendly bunch, and commitment can be as much or as little as you can spare time for. If you would like to find out more, drop us an [email](#). We are particularly looking for parents from Year Four as we do not currently have someone for each class.

Easyfundraising

We wanted to remind parents and carers that Green Ridge 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 [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). 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 8,000+ 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!

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.

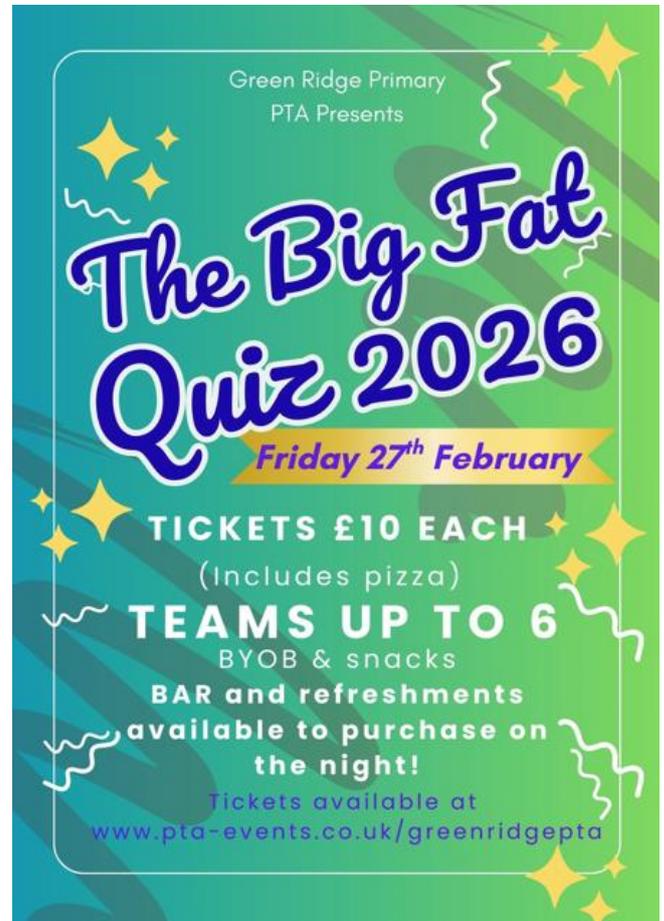
This means Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA won't miss out on any donations as you're shopping online using your mobile!

So when booking your holiday for this year please don't forget to use Easyfundraising!

Buckinghamshire Lottery

Did you know 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 few years of Green Ridge taking part, we have been lucky to have had several winners of cash prizes.



Online Safety Tip of the Week

KS1 - Cyberbullying

Ask your child how your words online can impact someone's feelings. Refer to our Zones of Regulation and focus on the positives – how kind, positive messages help to create a safe online environment.

KS2 - Cyberbullying

Ask your child how they would respond to someone sending them unkind messages. Would they block or report using the app? Would they tell an adult? Would they inform school if it keeps happening and seems targeted?

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

Recycling at Home

Turn recycling into a fun detective game! Teach your children to read packaging labels. Help them identify symbols that indicate whether an item is recyclable. This not only educates them but also sharpens their observation skills.



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Water Play

The weather has started to get better, and the children are really having fun in all parts of the playground.



One favourite area is the water play, which always brings lots of smiles. The kids love to splash and play with pots and pans, pretending to make their own soup and magical potions. They giggle and share ideas as they mix water and pretend ingredients. It's great to see them enjoying the sunshine and having fun together outside in the playground.



Free

Parenting Programmes

Our parenting programmes will help you develop new and existing parenting skills, offer advice and build your confidence as a parent.

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LITTLE TALKERS

18 months to 3 years old

- Focuses on children's speech, language and communication skills and how parents can promote them
- Designed by Buckinghamshire Speech and Language Therapy



THE NURTURING PROGRAMME

3 to 11 years old

- Help deal with the challenges that come with parenting
- Think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel



PARENT PUZZLE

0 to 5 years old

- Understand challenges and how to address them
- How to support your child's growth for calmer parenting



BALANCEABILITY

2.5 to 5 years old

- Accredited learn to cycle programme
- Develops confidence, spatial awareness, dynamic balance, and how to ride without stabilisers



TALKING TEENS

11 to 18 years old

- Focuses on relationships within the family, communication, negotiating, decision-making and strategies to reduce conflict
- Learn more about teenagers and their needs



KEEPING YOUR CHILD IN MIND

All ages

- Work together in ways that support growing children and a calmer family life
- Explore the conflict between parents/carers both in a current or previous relationship



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Youth and Children's Courses

Our free online and in-person courses help children and young people understand and manage their emotions better, so they can handle life's changes more easily.

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WELLBEING MATTERS (7-11 YEAR OLDS)

- Helps children develop emotional awareness through using the Five Ways to Wellbeing in a creative way.
- Introduces practical tools to help build emotional resilience.

HOW TO COPE WITH STRESS, ANXIETY AND LOW MOOD

11-19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND)

- Introduces creative strategies to feel better and to deal with setbacks.
- Helps young people plan for a brighter future.



HOW TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM

11-19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND)

- Explore ways to increase confidence and self-esteem.
- How to deal with peer pressure and setbacks.
- Explores how the online world affects self-esteem.

MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YEAR 6'S

- Explores what to expect at secondary school.
- Learn skills to make friends, deal with peer pressure and address any worries about the move.
- Practical tips about getting organised.



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