

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Summer Term

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Friday, 5th July 2024

A note from the Headteacher

I am sad that we have had to cancel out Sports Day plans yet again today due to the weather, and I do hope you understand the somewhat impossible situation we are in with trying to ensure the weather is on our side and predict it early enough! I know it will be frustrating for those of you who were planning to attend and take time off work. Let's keep everything crossed for next Friday once again!

On Tuesday we held our transition day across the school where the children got to spend time with their new teachers. The day was really successful, and as I walked around the school and saw the children in their new classes, I was really impressed by how well the children adjusted and settled quickly and were already making a positive start to the new academic year. The children were very excited as they left our assembly in the morning, and I am sure you have heard lots of positive things when they came home too. Our Year Six cohort returned from their residential on the Isle of Wight on Monday, and from speaking with children and staff since, I know that the children had a wonderful time over the long weekend, going in the sea, going to theme parks and generally celebrating and recognising the big milestone of leaving primary school and creating more memories that I know will stay with them for a lifetime to come. My thanks to Miss. South and Mr. Arnold and the rest of the team who led the trip and gave up their time for the children to attend, and who made the weekend such a great experience for everybody.

We look forward to seeing many of the children later this afternoon at the PTA discos. Myself and a team of staff from Green Ridge are taking part in the Cancer Research Big Hike this weekend in the Cotswold's, so spare a thought on Saturday as we prepare for 13 miles of hiking! Have a great weekend,

Mr. Aaron Wanford
Headteacher

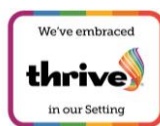


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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Birch (YR)	Sayan	Tyler	Callie	-
Hazel (YR)	Logan	Florence	Ati	-
Willow (YR)	Sophie	Alice	Fearne	-
Beech (Y1)	Vanessa	Nicolas	Sophia	Lily-Rose
Elm (Y1)	Tres	Alex G	Grace	Olivia
Lime (Y1)	Roman	Aurora	Matthew	Shay
Oak (Y2)	Sofia	Freddie	Jaxon	Darcy
Plane (Y2)	Eliza	Freya	Esme	Amber
Alder (Y3)	Archie	Sienna	Haadiya	Leila D
Cedar (Y3)	Ingrid	Santiago	Cassia	Archie
Ash (Y4)	All the children who attended District Sports	Lewis	Aaliyah	Bilan
Rowan (Y4)	Jamie	Jake	Jenna	Diya
Maple (Y5)	Sreejan	Alicja	Imogen	Sowmith
Sycamore (Y5)	Lincoln	Adi	Kiera	Bella
Aspen (Y6)	Year Group - Residential	Lily-Rose	Alfie	Ayah
Hawthorn (Y6)		Megan	Deeshna	Eva

Attendance Award

Well done to Oak class for the highest attendance of 99.3% this week!

House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	427	9877
Disraeli	522	8941
Pratchett	448	8876
Redgrave	376	9909



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News, Updates & Reminders

Teacher of the Year - Mr. Collard

The parents and carers of Reception Birch class nominated Mr. Collard as the Collection Pot's 'Teacher of the Year'. You can read more about the nomination that parents made [here](#). Mr. Collard was fortunate to be in the final five amongst over 500 other nominations, and we are also delighted to announce on his behalf that he has gone on to win overall! Mr. Collard has been overwhelmed by the support he has received from the parents in Birch class through this nomination and was extremely humbled to find out just this morning that he has won. As part of winning, Mr. Collard will receive £1,000 for us to use at Green Ridge for PTA funds and resources which will benefit all pupils. A huge well done to Mr. Collard for all you do at Green Ridge and the difference you make to Birch class!



Ridge schooling!). Some parents and carers have emailed in pictures of their children but there are many that haven't and we are asking for as many as possible to be sent it as we would love to have at least one photo sent in from home for every single child. Please can you send these into admin by **Wednesday, 10th July**. Thank you for your support!

Questionnaire on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council as Part of a Dissertation

We have been asked to share this questionnaire with parents/carers as part of a dissertation titled Assessing Place Distinctiveness within New Build Developments: A Comparative Case Study of Berryfields and



Kingsbrook, Aylesbury. Please kindly complete a questionnaire which focuses on whether the design of new housing estates in Aylesbury contributes to place distinctiveness. The questionnaire is anonymous, should take 5-10 minutes to complete and there are 17 questions in total which are a mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions. Please note that responses received will be used for academic purposes only and will not be used in any form by Buckinghamshire Council. The link can be found [here](#). Thank you.

District Sports

On Monday, selected children from years three, four, five and six took part in District Sports at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. They competed in long jump, shotput and a selection of races. They all showed fantastic sportsmanship and tried their hardest when competing. We are proud to say that Green Ridge finished 4th overall. Well done!



Photos for Year Six Leavers Assembly Plea

The Year Six team are currently in the process of compiling as many photos of the children as possible to share with you during their leavers assembly on the last day of term (well, their Green

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.



PTA

Second-Hand Uniform

If you are having a clear out of uniform that your child has grown out of at the end of term, please consider donating any unwanted uniform and PE kit (excluding shirts, tights and shoes) to the PTA to be sold to raise additional funds for the school.

If you need the next size up, please look at our shop, www.pta-funds.co.uk/greenridgepta and place an order. We have everything from jumpers to trousers to PE kits. We also have a variety of uniform for Little Ridges.

Please note the last order date to receive your order before the end of term is **Wednesday, 10th July**. All orders placed after this date will **not** be fulfilled until the school reopens in September.

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. 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, 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 its even easier!

Simply download their app and enable the Donation Reminder feature on your 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 don't forget when shopping to use Easyfundraising!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Copyright and Ownership – KS1

Talk to your child ways in which we can take ownership of our own learning – this could be as simple as putting their name on a piece of digital artwork.

Copyright and Ownership – KS2

Does your child know what a 'Creative Commons License' is? Do they know which images they are allowed to reuse online? Discuss different search settings to ensure they are not breaching copyright laws in their 'own' learning.

Right of the Week Articles 43-54

How the Convention Works

This week, we asked the children to name any rights that they have, questioned if any are more important than the others, and discussed how some children in the world do not always have their rights upheld.



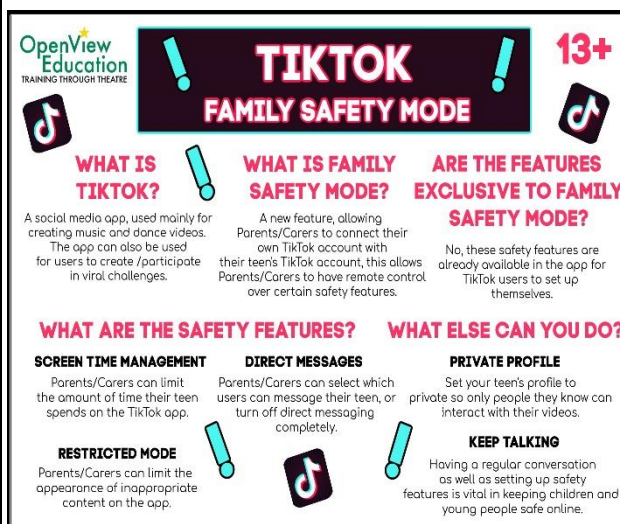
Sustainability Tip of the Week

Eco-Friendly Lunchbox Tips: Reduce Single-Use Plastic Waste!

Instead of buying multipacks of individually wrapped snacks or crisps, consider purchasing a larger bag and transferring them into reusable containers. Not only does this reduce the amount of waste and single use plastic, but it could also save you some pennies!



Safeguarding Tip of the Week



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TIKTOK
FAMILY SAFETY MODE

13+

WHAT IS TIKTOK?
A social media app, used mainly for creating music and dance videos. The app can also be used for users to create /participate in viral challenges.

WHAT IS FAMILY SAFETY MODE?
A new feature, allowing Parents/Carers to connect their own TikTok account with their teen's TikTok account, this allows Parents/Carers to have remote control over certain safety features.

ARE THE FEATURES EXCLUSIVE TO FAMILY SAFETY MODE?
No, these safety features are already available in the app for TikTok users to set up themselves.

WHAT ARE THE SAFETY FEATURES? WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

SCREEN TIME MANAGEMENT
Parents/Carers can limit the amount of time their teen spends on the TikTok app.

DIRECT MESSAGES
Parents/Carers can select which users can message their teen, or turn off direct messaging completely.

PRIVATE PROFILE
Set your teen's profile to private so only people they know can interact with their videos.

RESTRICTED MODE
Parents/Carers can limit the appearance of inappropriate content on the app.

KEEP TALKING
Having a regular conversation as well as setting up safety features is vital in keeping children and young people safe online.



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Important Dates & Events

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Friday 12 th July	9.15am - Lower School (Y1-Y3) Sports Morning 12.00pm – Sports Day Picnic Lunch 1.15pm - Upper School (Y4-Y6) Sports Afternoon 3.15-4.00pm – 11B411 Perfect a Pitch (Y6 pupils) selling products
Tuesday 16 th July	2.00pm – UKS2 Production to Parents/Carers
Wednesday 17 th July	2.00pm – UKS2 Production to Parents/Carers
Thursday 18 th July	4.30pm – Y6 Leavers BBQ
Friday 19 th July	2.00pm – Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents/Carers Only) Children finish for End of Term

SUMMER OF FUN!

AT DISCOVER BUCKS MUSEUM

20 JULY - 3 SEPT 2024



**May The Toys Be
With You exhibition**



**Hands-on fun in the
Roald Dahl
Children's Gallery**

Creative Family Crafts



Garden Play Zone



**Sensory Room,
Toy Room + Tudor
Room fun**

Discover Bucks Museum, Aylesbury HP20 2QP

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