

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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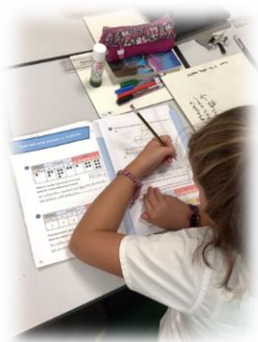
## A note from the Head of school

We have had another fantastic week to start our term. The children are settling wonderfully into their class routines, and it is clear they are getting more comfortable with their learning environment each day. This week, our behaviour curriculum focus has been about our "awesome appearance" – understanding how showing up ready to learn and presentable makes a big difference in attitude and confidence. I have been really pleased to see children wearing the correct uniform, tucking in their shirts, wearing appropriate school shoes to ensure that we can be proud of our appearance.

Across the school we have been doing decoding and reading fluency assessments to ensure that children are reading books where they can develop their fluency and explore elements of comprehension. Your child should be bringing home two books throughout the term: one decodable book, one reading for pleasure book. Please encourage children to read regularly at home, both with adults and independently. Reading is the best tool to engaging with the entire curriculum and therefore we appreciate everyone's support with this school priority.

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend and comes back on Monday with their "awesome appearance" and amazing learning attitude.

Miss. Libby Thomassen  
Head of school



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## Celebrations & Achievements

|               | Certificate of Achievement | Certificate of Progress | PAP Stars |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Beech (Y1)    | Reggie                     | James                   | Jessica   |
| Elm (Y1)      | Ati                        | Hazel                   | Joey      |
| Lime (Y1)     | Aliza                      | Thea                    | Jonah     |
| Oak (Y2)      | Lily-Rose                  | Isaac A                 | Pippa     |
| Plane (Y2)    | Alex G                     | Lincoln                 | Karta     |
| Spruce (Y2)   | Eloise                     | Pranav                  | Roman     |
| Alder (Y3)    | Malavika                   | Lillie                  | Daniel    |
| Cedar (Y3)    | Olivia                     | Esme                    | Alexandra |
| Ash (Y4)      | Nikhil                     | Syed                    | Willow    |
| Rowan (Y4)    | Alice                      | Reggie                  | R'elle    |
| Maple (Y5)    | Pami                       | Lexi                    | Sophie    |
| Sycamore (Y5) | Heidi                      | Layla                   | Harry B   |
| Aspen (Y6)    | Aisha                      | Henley                  | Lincoln   |
| Hawthorn (Y6) | Poppy                      | Rishikha                | Taksh     |

### Attendance Award

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

### House Points

| House     | Points this week | Total |
|-----------|------------------|-------|
| Austin    | 235              | 276   |
| Disraeli  | 181              | 220   |
| Pratchett | 228              | 268   |
| Redgrave  | 227              | 263   |



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## News, Updates & Reminders

### Key Dates for the Academic Year 2024-25

Please accept our apologies that the Hazel class Library session was not included in the key dates document that was sent with last weeks newsletter. This will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm.

### Absence Reporting and Collection

Following on from the email sent out on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September regarding the changes to attendance guidelines please could we remind parents/carers of the following processes:

If your child is absent from school please could parents/carers ensure they phone the school, on 01296 326320, and press option 1. This will give you an option to leave a voicemail. If you are unable to call the school then please email [absence@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:absence@greenridgeacademy.co.uk).

Please could Parents/Carers ensure that when your child is late or you are dropping them off or collecting them for either medical appointments or due to sickness, they sign them in or out on our InVentry system located in the main front office.

If your child has a medical or dental appointment, we do require a copy of the confirmation of appointment. If you could please send this in to [admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk) as early as possible so we can log the appointment and inform the class teacher that would be greatly appreciated.

### Head Pupils

I am really pleased to announce the election of four new Head Pupils in Year Six. The children went through a rigorous election process and we were incredible proud of all the applications and shortlisted candidates. After considering all children's strengths and experience we have proudly elected

- Izzy Bendell
- Oliver Meichsner
- Tanaya Chotai
- Wynnie Small

The children will be writing in the newsletter very soon to introduce themselves to the school community and I know they will do us proud this year.

### Stairs at the end of the playground

We would like to remind all families that the stairs at the end of the playground is not for playing on as

there is a risk of falling. This area is being supervised during the day by staff, however before and after school we ask that parents speak to their children about not using this area.

### Young Voices Tickets and T-Shirt Invoices

As per the letter sent to parents/carers on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, as invoices have now been raised on Arbor, please kindly top-up your child's account as per the balance amount. Please do so by the close of play on Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>) to enable us to proceed with purchasing tickets and t-shirts. If you fail to make payment by this deadline, we sadly will not be able to purchase tickets and/or a t-shirt for you as we have to place our order next week. Thank you for your cooperation.

## PTA

### Key Dates Coming Up for the Autumn Term

| PTA Event           | Date                               |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| PTA Non-Uniform Day | Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October   |
| PTA Fireworks Event | Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November |
| PTA Non-Uniform Day | Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December   |
| PTA Festive Fun     | Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December   |

### 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 or an extra jumper, please look at our shop, [www.pta-funds.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-funds.co.uk/greenridgepta) for all our current stock and to place an order. We have everything from jumpers to trousers to PE kits. We also have a variety of uniform for Little Ridges.

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### KS1 – Online Relationships

Can your child provide different examples of who we might communicate with online? Which devices may they use? E.g. an iPad to Facetime grandparents.

### KS2 Online Relationships

Can your child speak to you about respect and apply this to an online context? How can they be respectful online? What would they do if someone acts disrespectfully to them online?

## Right of the Week Articles 4 and 41

### Making Rights Real



Governments must do all they can to make sure that every child in their countries can enjoy all the rights in this Convention

### Best Law for Children Applies

If the laws of a country protect children's rights better than this Convention, then those laws should be used.



## 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 the Week

### Awesome Appearance

This week we have been making sure we have awesome appearances. We have been making sure we have a tie, the correct footwear and our shirts tucked in.





Green Ridge Primary PTA Presents

# FIREWORKS NIGHT 2024

Saturday 9th November 2024

*Save the Date!*

Ticket information coming soon!