

Autumn Term Issue 3 Friday, 27th September 2024

A note from the Head of school

We have come to the end of what has been the wettest week that I can remember in a long time! I would like to thank all the families for continuing to get to school on time and safely as I know the roads and traffic have been badly affected by flooding this week.

Despite the weather, we have seen brilliant engagement in all our topics this week, especially for our Year Two children who experienced a Great Fire of London workshop yesterday. The children were immersed in all elements of this historical event and could tell me all about what they had learnt and what they wanted to find out next. Yesterday was also European Day of Language and we celebrated our diverse range of language in our school during our morning register. Children were invited to answer the register in any language and we collected a list of all the languages we speak as a school. We are very proud of our diversity and so grateful that children were happy to share their vast knowledge of languages from all over the world!

Finally, I am very proud of our newly elected pupil leadership teams. This week children from across the school were awarded their badges for being Head Pupils, Eco Council, Behaviour Ambassadors, Pupil Parliament, Prefects and Online Safety Ambassadors. These teams will get to work straight away to be part of our school improvement and acting as fantastic role models! Well done everyone!

Miss. Libby Thomassen Head of school









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WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Celebrations & Achievements

| | Certificate of Achievement | Certificate of Progress | Superhero Shake | PAP Stars |
|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Beech (Y1) | Zach | Aarav | lvy | Jack |
| Elm (Y1) | Avi and Aanvi | Yasmin | Ben | Molly |
| Lime (Y1) | James | lvy | Sam | Skye |
| Oak (Y2) | Minsa | Sherwin | Thomas | Andreas |
| Plane (Y2) | Jack | Thea | Nicholas | Brianna |
| Spruce (Y2) | Dhivonn | Darcey | Shay | Mia-Ann |
| Alder (Y3) | Kendrick | Poppy | Eva | Laila |
| Cedar (Y3) | Elin | Liah | Livia | Ameliya |
| Ash (Y4) | Leila D | Connor | Ishaan | Sophia |
| Rowan (Y4) | Zoe | Danny | Lily | Prahathi |
| Maple (Y5) | Lewis | Robin | Bilan | Kira |
| Sycamore (Y5) | Olivia | Jess | Esmay | Oliver |
| Aspen (Y6) | Amelia M | Liam | Amelia Y | Kiera |
| Hawthorn (Y6) | Adeena | lmogen | Noku | Finley |

| Attendance Award | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Well done to Maple class for the highest attendance of 100% this week! | | | | |

| House Points | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| House | Points this week | Total | | | |
| Austin | 220 | 496 | | | |
| Disraeli | 158 | 378 | | | |
| Pratchett | 203 | 471 | | | |
| Redgrave | 216 | 479 | | | |



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News, Updates & Reminders

Meet Oliver – One of Our Head Pupils



Hello Parents/Carers, My name is Oliver, and I am one of the new Head Pupils for 2024-25 to represent Green Ridge and its wonderful school community.

I am half German and visit Germany, Greece and the Isle of Wight. I spend most weekends at

National Trust venues because I love history. My most favourite place I have travelled to is Bruges last summer because I got to explore, and sight see!

I have a brother in Reception. My favourite subjects are computing, history, maths and science. I have been taking part in Kendo martial arts classes for three years and hold a red belt, regularly taking part in assessments three times a year.

I have wanted to be a head pupil ever since the role was first introduced, and I will represent Green Ridge as a great role model. I will ensure that all duties are carried out well and I will take my role seriously. I look forward to a fantastic year in my new role and bringing along new and fresh ideas.

If you see me, please feel free to say hello.

Enrichment Clubs Reminders

We would like to remind parents and carers that children will need to be collected from the pick-up location via the main school gates. The KS2 gates will not be opened for collection. Please note that you can find the locations on the original enrichment club letter sent out in July.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that if there is severe wet weather, we will endeavor to continue to run clubs, however this may mean that an alternative provision is provided indoors.

Special 'Children's Favourites' Menu

We are delighted to share that on Thursday, 3rd October we will be having a special menu to promote our freshly made meals. Our special menu is the Children's Favourites and the options are as follows:

Beef Burger in a Bun (Meat Option) Pizza Wraps (Vegetarian Option)

Cheese Baguette (Cold Option)

And for our creatures of habit Jacket Potato with a choice of Cheese, Beans and Tuna.

If you have already ordered your child's meal for Thursday, 3rd October on SchoolGrid, you can reorder up till **8.55am** on the day.

If you are experiencing any issues with your account, please contact the admin team.

Parent Forum 2024/25

Ahead of the first meeting of the year next week (Tuesday, 8th October at 2.15pm), we wanted to let you know who the class representatives are for this academic year.

| Class | Representative |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Nursery Little Berries | Lalinthika Alvares |
| Nursery Little Pines | Vacant |
| Nursery Little Acorns | Vacant |
| Reception Birch | Kunal Prasad and Rachel |
| Reception bilen | Hopkins |
| Reception Hazel | Siobhan Connolly |
| Reception Willow | Sharon Patterson and |
| Reception willow | Uma Macarov |
| Voor One Beech | Sannah Khan |
| Year One Beech | |
| Year One Elm | Vacant |
| Year One Lime | Vacant |
| Year Two Oak | Vacant |
| Year Two Plane | Laurilee Green |
| Year Two Spruce | Vacant |
| Year Three Alder | Vacant |
| Year Three Cedar | Vacant |
| Year Four Ash | Sharon Patterson |
| Year Four Rowan | Kamila Dawson and |
| | Laura Nunn |
| Year Five Maple | Vacant |
| Year Five Sycamore | Laurilee Green |
| Year Six Aspen | Vacant |
| Year Six Hawthorn | Jayne Bendell |

As you can see, we still have numerous vacant spaces and are keen to get these filled as soon as possible. Please contact us via email to admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk if you would like to put your name forward.

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, if you complete the questionnaire, 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 in this instance.

PTA

Key Dates Coming Up for the Autumn Term

| PTA Event | Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Reception and KS1 Cinema Club | Friday, 11 th October |
| PTA Non-Uniform Day | Friday, 25 th October |
| PTA Fireworks Event | Saturday, 9 th November |
| PTA Non-Uniform Day | Friday, 6 th December |
| PTA Festive Fun | Friday, 6 th December |

Cinema Club

For those in Reception and KS1 you would have received a letter today about our first Cinema Club of the year. Please got to www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta to book tickets.

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 unform 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 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.

We are also appealing for any unwanted Bags for Life, please donate to the PTA as we are in need for storage. Thank you in advance for any donatations.



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Online Safety Tip of the Week

Updated Website!

London Grid for Learning have recently updated their website. It is aimed at parents/carers and has an array of useful information, including:

- Applying settings and controls (including family linking on devices)
- Tips for when your child has a concern
- Reporting
- Managing screen time
- Current issues and how to address them
- Cyberbullying
- Appropriate games and apps

Do check out the link and it is very useful! https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/home

Right of the Week Articles 38 & 39



Protection In War

Children have the right to be protected during war. No child under 15 can join the army or take part in war.

Recovery and Reintegration

Children have the right to get help if they have been hurt, neglected, treated badly or affected by war, so they can get back their health and dignity



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Turning Off Electronics at Home

As we embrace a sustainable mindset, let's focus on reducing energy consumption at home this week. Remind your children to turn off lights, electronics, and appliances when not in use. Small actions like these contribute to a greener environment and instil valuable habits.

Thank you for your commitment to sustainability and for nurturing a sense of responsibility in our school community



Behaviour Focus of the Week

How to enter a Classroom

- Stand in line-up order outside
- Arms by your side
- Say good morning/afternoon to the teacher
- Use the most direct route to your destination
- Voices off
- Walk calmly and carefully
- Face the direction of travel





Buckinghamshire Family Learning

A Workshop to Welcome You to Family Learning

Come and learn how you can support your child's development with a workshop led by Family Learning. You will have the opportunity to learn activities that help support their learning in school and then have time to put that learning into practice with your child.



Online



Do you know how to help your child with their emotions and confidence













