

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

Issue 4

Friday, 4th October 2024

A note from the Head of school

This week we were lucky to have an assembly from Miss. Healy about European Day of Languages. We celebrated this last week in school by hearing about all of the languages that are spoken in the school. We further learnt about some really interesting facts about how languages are linked, how they have evolved over time and we practiced saying hello in over 20 languages!! On Wednesday, we welcomed Gareth Lane in to talk about the importance of Harvest with the children. Harvest is a very important time of year where we reflect on what we can give to help another person. The children were very reflective about why this is so important.

Next week we will be welcoming our new parent reps in for the first parent forum of the year. Thank you to the reps who have signed up to represent their child's class. Please remember to pass your feedback onto these representatives so that it can be discussed on Tuesday. Please do ensure that individual concerns or queries relating to an individual child are passed to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and gets a chance to spend some time outside in the beautiful sunshine we have had today. We look forward to seeing you on Monday!

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Head of school



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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Evelina	Dylan	Alayna	Sithara
Elm (Y1)	Archie	Sol	Alice	Sreeyan
Lime (Y1)	Sayan	Ollie	Phoebe	Freya
Oak (Y2)	Isaac W	Yashwith	Matilda	Amelie
Plane (Y2)	Zakariya	Olivia	Charlie	Sajini
Spruce (Y2)	Arthur	Julia	Saisha	Edward
Alder (Y3)	Haniya	Anhad	Sofia	Kiyansh
Cedar (Y3)	Ravi	Zachary	Abigail	Freddie F
Ash (Y4)	Indy	Maisey P	Mya	Lola
Rowan (Y4)	Archie	Alfie	Jack	Ana
Maple (Y5)	Elise	Lillie	Oskar	Grace
Sycamore (Y5)	Shaylan	Darcey C-C	Jake	Archie
Aspen (Y6)	Logan	Toby-Lee	Darcie	Miggy
Hawthorn (Y6)	Izzy	Cairo	Taksh	Gracelyn

Attendance Award

Well done to Plane class for the highest attendance of 100% this week!

House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	293	794
Disraeli	360	738
Pratchett	286	286
Redgrave	310	789



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News, Updates & Reminders

Meet Wynnie – One of Our Head Pupils

Dear Green Ridge community,
I wanted to be head pupil because it would be an honour to serve this school, after all this school has done for me. I also want everyone at this school to have the same experience as I have had throughout the years that I have been at Green Ridge. This school is the place to be as it is full of HAPPINESS!



I like doing sports, this year I have competed in lots of sports and my main sport is triathlon. If you are wondering what triathlon is, it consists of three sports; swimming, cycling and running. Out of the three sports, the running is my least favourite but every time I don't think I can run any longer, I hear my friends and family cheering me on and I always finish because I know that I should persevere and never give up! My favourite one is swimming, and I really like swimming in Open Water (that means in a lake!) and I'm also a part of a swimming club, it is called Aylesbury Swimming Club (ASC).

I have a Mum and Dad and brother, and I also have a dog called Wilbur. My brother Arthur was at this school and last year was his last year.

I love to bake with family and have been on two cooking courses, one for cooking pasta and the other for all sorts of stuff.

Yours sincerely,
Wynnie

SEN/D Learning Plans

This year we have reviewed the timings of when we are creating and sharing Learning Plans for our children. After listening to feedback from parents and teachers, we have decided that we will be changing the times in the year that we review the targets and set new ones.

From this term, Learning Plans will now be updated towards the end of each full term (the end of Autumn 2, Spring 2 and Summer 2). The rationale around this is that historically, plans were shared with parents during Pupil Learning Reviews, and the feedback we received was that it sometimes felt quite rushed and didn't give the opportunity for a thorough discussion about the progress that the children have made. By moving the review dates to the end of the term, teachers will be able to arrange

a meeting with parents and dedicate time to share the paperwork in a meaningful way.

For those of you that have children who have a Learning Plan, you can expect your child's teacher to arrange a meeting with you in the last few weeks of the Autumn Term.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Miss. Gardiner (Director of Inclusion) or the school office.

Pupil Learning Reviews

Our Pupil Learning Reviews will be taking place in a few weeks, just before we break for half term. The schedule for the appointments can be found below and you can book via your Arbor parent portal. Please note that bookings are open until **6:00pm** next **Sunday, 16th October** and will be available on a first come, first served basis so book early if you have limited availability.

If you wish to book a SEN Pupil Learning Review please send an email to admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk with your preferred time slot and we will endeavour to book the closest time slot available. If we are unable to accommodate a convenient time near to your teacher review, then Miss. Gardiner will arrange a separate date to meet with you.

Nursery - Little Acorns		
Date available	Time slots available between	Year-groups/classes
Monday, 21 st October	3.30-6.00pm	Miss. Deere and Miss. Bannister
Tuesday, 22 nd October	3.30-5.00pm	Mrs. Goodin
Tuesday, 22 nd October	3.30-6.00pm	Miss. Jones
Wednesday, 23 rd October	3.30-5.00pm	Miss. Gaiger
Wednesday, 23 rd October	3.30-6.00pm	Miss. Davis
Thursday, 24 th October	3.30-5.00pm	Miss. Stanley
Thursday, 24 th October	3.30-6.00pm	Mrs. l'Anson

School		
Date available	Time slots available between	Year-groups/classes

Tuesday, 22 nd October	4:00-7.30pm	Reception – Year Six
Thursday, 24 th October	4.00-6.30pm	Reception – Year Six

SEN – Director of Inclusion		
Date available	Time slots available between	Year-groups/classes
Tuesday, 22 nd October	4:30-7.30pm	Reception – Year Six
Thursday, 24 th October	4.00-6.30pm	Reception – Year Six

PTA

Key Dates Coming Up for the Autumn Term

PTA Event	Date
Reception and KS1 Cinema Club	Friday, 11 th October
KS2 Cinema Club	Friday, 18 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 KS2 you would have received a letter today about the first Cinema Club on Friday, 18th October.

For those in Reception and KS1 you can still buy tickets until Wednesday, 9th October.

To purchase your tickets please go to www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta to book tickets.

Fireworks 2024

Tickets for our annual Fireworks Night go on sale this Sunday, 6th October from 5pm, this is only open to parents and carers of Green Ridge for the first few days before being opened to the wider community. Please go to www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta to book, tickets are limited so don't miss out!

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 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 donations.

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.

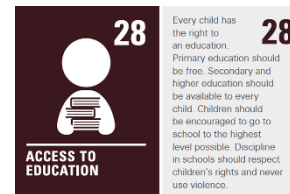
KS2 – Online Reputation

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 28

Access to Education

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education should be free. Secondary and higher education should be available to every child. Children should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level possible. Discipline in schools should respect children's rights and never use violence.



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!



Behaviour Focus of the Week

How to transition around the classroom

This week we have been working hard on how we all move around the classroom.

- Stand on 1, move on 2 and sit on 3
- Walk in silence
- Use the most direct route
- Wait patiently for others (e.g. at trays)
- Pick up anything which has fallen on the floor



U11 & U13 SQUAD



THAME THUNDER

NETBALL CLUB

WANT TO PLAY NETBALL?



We have space available in our U11 & U13 netball squads. You will be part of a great club and can enjoy fun and friendly sessions with qualified coaches.

Lord Williams Lower School, Towersey Road, Thame., Training U11s Tuesday with matches Sunday.



Email thamethunder@gmail.com to arrange a free taster session or to find out more!