

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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A note from the Head of school

We have had another fantastic week in school this week. I was so pleased to see our first group of students go out on a school trip. Year Six visited FSC Amersham and had a fantastic day exploring wildlife and pond-dipping! They were grateful that the rain held off for long enough to enjoy a day in the fresh air!

In school, we have been introducing our Black History Month focus this year where each class will be studying an inspirational black female from history who was the first to do something incredible. We will be sharing our displays that we are making in school so that families at home can see the interesting people we are celebrating this month!

I would like to acknowledge the lack of X (twitter) posts over the last few weeks and reassure you that this is a technical difficulty we are having with our WiFi blocking the website. We are working on getting this resolved so that families can continue to see a post a day about what each year group are doing in school.

Finally, I would like to thank the parent forum representatives who came to meet me this week to discuss feedback from the beginning of term. As a school, we rely on this feedback to ensure that we are always delivering the best education and experience for the students. Thank you for your contributions.

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Hazel	Sophie	Sophia	Harshil
Elm (Y1)	Freddie	Elliott	Saanvy	Yuven
Lime (Y1)	Vihaan	Alexander	Teijesh	Vrushank
Oak (Y2)	Ella	Charlotte	Lily-Rose	Kai
Plane (Y2)	Sophia	Alexander	Ryan	Idris
Spruce (Y2)	Aurora	Amber	Dharvi	Jacob
Alder (Y3)	Darcy	Ranen	Abigail	Jack
Cedar (Y3)	Myra	Dennis	Amber	Willow
Ash (Y4)	Alayna	Zac	Katie	Yashvi
Rowan (Y4)	Ingrid	Daniel	Niamh	Aleksander
Maple (Y5)	Manya	Andre	Ezra	Ella
Sycamore (Y5)	Macie-Rose	Jacob	Isabelle	Layla
Aspen (Y6)	Alice	Aisha	Harry	Kawthar
Hawthorn (Y6)	Charlie	Lily	Sreejan	Katherine

Attendance Award

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

House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	171	965
Disraeli	189	927
Pratchett	136	922
Redgrave	171	960



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News, Updates & Reminders

Meet Tanaya – One of Our Head Pupils



Hi, my name is Tanaya. I have recently been appointed to the position of head pupil and I am very excited to meet everyone. I joined school in year three. When I joined Green Ridge I knew no one, although everyone was really welcoming and as I grew up I made more friends throughout the year.

During my three years at Green Ridge, I have been part of the academy parliament, a class prefect and now head pupil.

My favourite subject is Maths because I love problem solving and working out equations, but this doesn't mean I don't like the others. Our teachers make everything really enjoyable.

At home in my free time I like to read, colour and play football. My favourite book is Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.

Whilst in this position, I will try my best to make sure we all work hard and have a great time whilst being safe and nice to one another, like one united team!

I can't wait to begin this journey.

Individual School Photos

Pupil photographs will be taking place on **Thursday, 17th October** by Tempest Photography. This will include individual photographs of school-aged children from Reception through to Year Six. Although we cannot offer individual photos to our nursery children, we would very much like them to be included in the sibling photos taking place on **Thursday, 14th November**. If your child normally only attends nursery in the afternoon session and you would like them to have a photo with their older sibling/s, please contact Mrs. Lewis via email to nursery@greenridgeacademy.co.uk to arrange a suitable time to bring your child in.

Please note that reception children are required to come into school on Thursday, 17th October in full school uniform ready for their photos to be taken.

Can we please remind you to ensure that your child is in the correct school uniform and that they are

well presented ahead of having their photo taken. Thank you!

Enrichment Clubs

A polite reminder that there are no enrichment clubs including young voices rehearsals this coming **Wednesday, 16th October** due to staff training. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the week commencing **Monday, 21st October** there will be no clubs due to Pupil Learning Reviews. Please collect your child/ren at the normal time of 3.15pm or 3.20pm.

Get Cash for Our School

Parentkind are working with Asda, helping make money available to primary schools in the UK. Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all – every time a customer chooses Green Ridge Primary Academy, Asda will donate £1 to the school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when the first customer shops.



Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Ducker and Miss. Thomassen met with the Parent Forum Representatives on Tuesday for our first Parent Forum meeting of the year and a copy of the minutes can be found on our website [here](#).

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on Thursday, 28th November at 9.00am.

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 that if you complete the questionnaire that 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.

Year Five and Six Football Fixture

Yesterday, Green Ridge Year Five and Six boys football team went to Turnfurlong Junior School for our first match of the season. We went 1-0 down in the first minute but the boys gave an excellent performance to win 1-4 with Jacob scoring a hat-trick and Jamie scoring 1. As a result, we are now in the next round of the cup. Our first league fixture is on Thursday 17th October at home, please come down and support!

Eco-Schools Green Flag Award

Our Eco Council for the academic year 2023-24 have won a Distinction and the Eco-Schools Green Flag award for achieving amazing things, embedding positive behaviours and championing sustainability. They are an inspiration to our school and local community and we are honoured to be called an Eco-School!



Dance Fitness with Nathan

Mr. Ladyman is running his dance fitness class at Green Ridge from 7.30-8.30pm for parents/carers and the local community to attend every Monday. This is a fantastic opportunity to get active, have fun, and stay fit...!



During the session you will be guided through an hour of exciting dance routines set to the latest chart-topping hits as well as some golden oldies. Music and routines will vary week-on-week and include various styles. Whether you are a dance enthusiast or a new beginner looking to have fun while staying fit, this class is the perfect class for you! No experience necessary.

To ensure you have the best possible experience, please arrive from 7pm onwards to make payment (£7 a session, cash only!) and get yourself registered for the session. Please enter via the external hall doors. Further details can be found via this [link](#). We hope to see you there!

E-Scooters

We have been asked to share the following information regarding e-scooters by Thames Valley Police.

It is important to note that the use of privately owned e-scooters is illegal on public roads, pavements and cycle lanes, they are only legally allowed to be used on private land with the landowners' permission.

If young people are found riding a privately owned w-scooter in public, they are committing road traffic offences. Therefore they could receive a warning, fine, penalty points on their licence (which would be created in the absence of one) their e-scooter may be seized and this could result in the e-scooter being destroyed.

The only e-scooters which can be lawfully used on public, are those which are part of an approved local authority scheme. These schemes require users to register through an App and ensure the user has the appropriate licence and insurance.

You may be aware that e-scooters have become a popular mode of transport amongst young people. However, their use poses significant safety risks, particularly in school environments. E-scooters can reach high speeds and there have been a number of recent reports of accidents which have led to serious injuries in the Thames Valley. The lack of protective gear further exacerbates the risk of injury.

Did you know it's illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter (e-scooter) in public?



That's because e-scooters are classed as motor vehicles in law. So, in theory, this means that you need an MOT, road tax and insurance to use one, however it isn't currently possible to register e-scooters in this way.

Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private land, with the permission of the landowner.

You cannot use a privately owned e-scooter on the road, pavement or in a public space. If you do then you risk receiving a large fine, points on your driving licence and your e-scooter could be seized.

Some parts of the UK are running government trials of rental e-scooters. If you're over 16 and have a full or provisional driving licence, then you can use these on public roads and cycle paths.

Just check that your driving licence covers categories AM, A or B.



PTA

Key Dates Coming Up for the Autumn Term

PTA Event	Date
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.

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 – Cyberbullying

Discuss with your child what bullying is. Use the acronym that we use in school: STOP (several times of purpose). Can they tell you what this might look like online?

KS2 – Cyberbullying

Discuss with your child what bullying is. Use the acronym that we use in school: STOP (several times of purpose). Can they list similarities and differences between bullying in person and bullying online and say how to overcome them?

Right of the Week Article 30

Minority Culture, Language and Religion

Children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion – even if these are not shared by most people in the country where they live.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

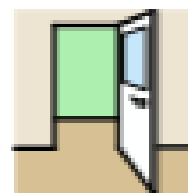
Minimal Packaging, Maximum Impact

When packing snacks for school, we kindly request that you consider purchasing larger packs and decanting them into reusable tupperware containers or wax wraps. This small change helps reduce the use of individually wrapped, single-use plastic snacks, making a significant impact on waste reduction.

Behaviour Focus of the Week

How to hold doors open for people

- If you see an adult or child, hold the door open and stand to one side
- Smile and make eye contact
- Say good morning/afternoon



Green Ridge Primary PTA Presents

FIREWORKS NIGHT 2024

Saturday 9th November 2024

BBQ - REFRESHMENTS - AND MORE!

Win the chance to start the Fireworks

Tickets on sale at:

www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta