

Autumn Term Issue 8 Friday, 8th November 2024

A note from the Head of school

Welcome back to the second half of our autumn term. It was fantastic to see all the children in assembly on Monday morning to share our value of the term: "Friendship". We discussed not only what it is to have a friend but how important it is to behave like a friend to others. We spoke about the behaviours we show to our peers that show friendship, kindness and respect.

This week we also celebrated UK Parliament week! We spoke about the importance of speaking up about current affairs and the change we want to see in our community. We watched a national video that explained how important children's voices are to local MPs and that even though children cannot vote in elections, they are very much still part of decisions made.

We are very excited to open our doors next week to parents and carers in Year One -Year Six to join your child's learning for our "Stay and Learn" sessions. It would be amazing to see as many of you as possible as the children get so much from your coming in to see how they learn in school.

I hope all our families have a lovely weekend and get an opportunity for both rest and some fun activities! Don't forget to find some time for reading!

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)	Sammy	Wade	Hazel Rachel	Gabriel
Elm (Y1)	Jeron	Sahara	Bella	Edie
Lime (Y1)	Thomas	Layla	Ezra	Druvi
Oak (Y2)	Romas	Vanessa	Cillian	Nicolas
Plane (Y2)	Aathav	Vincent	Sidvik	Grace
Spruce (Y2)	Alicja	Kairo	Pranav	Aaron
Alder (Y3)	Jack	Abigail	Miliya	Lekshana
Cedar (Y3)	Evie	Alfie	Alexandra	Eliza
Ash (Y4)	Liam	Roseanna	Lucas	Муа
Rowan (Y4)	Jack	Jack Niamh Er		Zoe
Maple (Y5)	Sophie	Krithik	Kira	Муа
Sycamore (Y5)	Harry W	Layla	Isabelle	Quinn
Aspen (Y6)	Darcie	lnaya	Adi	Lilly
Hawthorn (Y6)	Archie	Grayson	Adeena	Alicja

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

House Points								
House	Points this week	Total						
Austin	138	1553						
Disraeli	118	1508						
Pratchett	127	1484						
Redgrave	96	1521						



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News, Updates & Reminders

Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week



Don't forget to wear Odd Socks on Tuesday, 12th November as part of Anti-Bullying Week. We are joining many other schools across the country to hold an Odd Socks Day. Aimed

at early years and primary school children, the day encourages young children to wear odd socks for the day, celebrating their uniqueness. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun and it's an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

Stay and Learn Phonics/Reading Skills Sessions

We are inviting parents and carers to come into the classroom from drop off and participate in a phonics/reading skills lesson. Please note that on this occasion the stay and learn sessions for Early Years has been cancelled. The Stay and Learn sessions are as follows.

- KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Wednesday, 13th November
- KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) -Thursday, 14th November

Sibling Photos

Tempest Photography will be retuning on Thursday, 14th November to take the sibling photos. 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.

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!

Children in Need

This year we are inviting the children to wear yellow, spots or polka dot clothes on Friday, 15th November, and we are kindly asking for a £1.00 donation to fundraise for Children in Need.



Applications for Reception 2025

If your child is turning five between 1st September 2020 - 31st August 2021, we would like to inform you that applications are now live on the Buckinghamshire Council website, please find the link <u>here</u>. The deadline to submit your child's application is Wednesday, 15th January 2025.

Year Five Fluffy Socks Plea

We are kindly asking parents and carers of Year Five children to please bring a fluffy sock in by Friday, 15th November for their Christmas Craft. Only one sock is needed and the brighter/more patterned the better!



Year Five Marble Run Plea

As part of a Year Five Dt unit, we are asking for empty pringle tubes, cereal and shoe boxes, bottle tops, plastic bottles, kitchen/toilet roll tubes, old pegs, straws and corks to create a marble run. Please can these be brought to the office by Friday, 22nd November. Thank you.

PTA

Fireworks Night

We are looking forward to our annual Fireworks Night tomorrow, it is sold out and we are not selling tickets on the door so please do not come if you do not have a ticket.

Gates open at **4.30pm** and will close at **5.50pm** so the Fireworks can start at **6pm**. See you there!

We are still in need of volunteers, please help us out by giving a little bit of time to support the event. You will get a free burger or hot dog, and you will be able to with the fireworks with your families and won't miss out!

Christmas Cards

Last week you would have received the sample of your child's design for Christmas cards and other gifts. Please follow the instructions to place your order, the shop closes at 12pm on Wednesday, 13th November. If you have any questions, please contact the PTA via email using the following address pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk.



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Online Safety Tip of the Week

KS1 – Managing Online Information

Ask your child to search for something online. Which search engine do they naturally use? Are there any filters that are in place to prevent inappropriate content surfacing?

KS2 – Managing Online Information

Ask your child to explain what a search engine in and – if they can – how they work. Can they describe the benefits of using Kiddle over Google, for example?

Right of the Week Article 40

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Sustainability Tip of the Week

Use Eco-friendly Products

Opt for eco-friendly cleaning products, toiletries, and household items. Look for certifications such as the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or Fairtrade when purchasing goods.



Behaviour Focus of the Week

Magnificent Manners

Understand that you can create a positive atmosphere by using manners

When asking for something, say please to show respect

Smile and make eye contact

Face the person you are greeting

Say thank you when the adult/child has responded















