

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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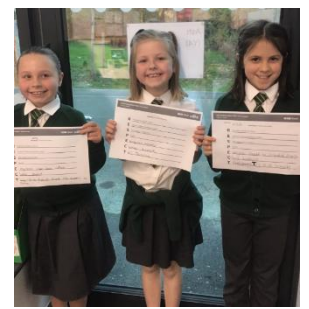
A note from the Head of school

Another busy week at Green Ridge is complete! The week started with an incredible show of respect from every child in school where we held a 2-minute silence in the hall for Remembrance Day. The thoughtfulness of children on this topic was incredibly impressive and we would like to thank the Head Pupils for their additional responsibility of laying our wreath at the front of the school.

This week we also had a real focus on Anti-Bullying week which was marked by "Odd Socks day" on Tuesday. This week children have explored the importance of celebrating differences and ensuring that discrimination is never accepted in our community. We speak regularly with children about how we can show friendship and respect with our behaviours towards each other.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend our Year One – Year Six "Stay and Learn" sessions this week. We are so grateful for the feedback that we receive and having you join us in your child's learning is so important to our wider community working together to support children's progress. If you were not able to join us this time, we will be having more in later terms! Have a wonderful weekend and see you all on Monday for Road Safety Week.

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Lara	Elijah	Zach	Reggie
Elm (Y1)	Ben	Molly	Bradley	Oscar
Lime (Y1)	Phoebe	Daisy	Ivy	Ana
Oak (Y2)	Ethan R	Sophia	Isaac W	Matilda
Plane (Y2)	Charlie	Georgia	Nicholas	Gus
Spruce (Y2)	Anastasia	Donald	Alicja	Shay
Alder (Y3)	Rian	Freddie	Orella	Mikhaela
Cedar (Y3)	Harlee	Ritusan	Ravi	Liah
Ash (Y4)	Ishaan	Adam	Pranamyia	Syed
Rowan (Y4)	Pablo	Jayden	Selena	R'elle
Maple (Y5)	Ella	David	Imogen	Lexi
Sycamore (Y5)	Megan	Jenna	Aisha	Max
Aspen (Y6)	Ruby	Alice	Liam	Logan
Hawthorn (Y6)	Tanaya	Casey	Rishikha	Ayaan

Attendance Award
Well done to Elm, Lime and Maple class for the highest attendance of 100% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	104	1657
Disraeli	111	1619
Pratchett	91	1575
Redgrave	99	1620



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News, Updates & Reminders

Children in Need Fundraising Update



Today we celebrated Children in Need and Green Ridge was sea of yellow with spots!

It was lovely to see the enthusiasm and effort the children and staff made to wear something yellow or spotty and there were certainly lots of Pudsey ears in sight too!

An amazing **£353.47** was made from your kind donations. Thank you to everyone who donated we really appreciate it.

Stay and Learn

We would like to extend our thanks to all the parents and carers from KS1 and KS2 who joined us for our Stay and Learn sessions this week.

It was truly wonderful to welcome so many of our families and provide an opportunity for you to see the learning taking place. We've received such positive feedback, and we're so grateful for your support. For those who attended but didn't have the chance to complete the evaluation, please click this [link](#) if you'd still like to share your thoughts. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us plan future sessions.

Thank you once again for making these sessions such a success!

Christmas Tree Plea

We usually have two Christmas Trees gifted to us each year but are happy to have one. We are kindly asking if any parents or carers will be able to donate a Christmas Tree to us this year. We will be ever so grateful and really appreciate this kind gesture. If you are able to donate a Christmas Tree, please contact the admin team. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday, 18th December



Further to the letter sent on Tuesday, we would like to remind you that if your child is having a Christmas lunch, please complete this [form](#) and order via your SchoolGrid account by **12.00pm on Wednesday, 20th November**.

The menu this year is as follows.

Sliced Turkey Breast with Christmas Trimmings
Quorn Fillet with Christmas Trimmings (V)

Please note there will be no cold option on this day, and you will not be able to order on the day.



Dogs on Site

As the school continues to grow, we have noticed that more and more families are bringing their four-legged friends on the school run. For health and safety reasons, we are kindly asking that dogs are not to be brought on site, except for guide dogs.

Bikes and Scooters

Please can we encourage parents/carers and children to dismount from their bike or scooter when they reach the school premises and continue the journey on foot through the gates. This is to ensure the safety of everybody within the school grounds.

Year Four Christmas Craft Plea

We are kindly asking for children in year four to bring a fluffy sock (the brighter and fluffier the better) for their Christmas craft. Please bring these in by **Friday, 22nd November**. Thank you in advance.

PTA

Christmas Disco!

It's that time of year to put those sparkly clothes on and throw some shapes! It's Disco time! Go to www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta to buy a ticket and the additional snack pack! As with all our events we do need volunteers so please sign up and help out.

Easyfundraising

We wanted to remind parents and carers that Green Ridge is signed up to easyfundraising and how you can raise funds while sitting on your sofa!

It couldn't be easier. Whenever you shop online, switch energy providers or book a holiday, if you do so through easyfundraising.org.uk. The retailer gives a small percentage of what's been spent back to us to say thank you for shopping with them, at no cost to you.

With over 4,400 online retailers involved including John Lewis, Amazon, Moonpig, Justeat, Shein, eBay, Justeat, Booking.com, Now TV, Domino's Pizza, Audible and Uswitch.

All you need to do is register and list Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA as your "Good Cause". It's quick and easy to set up, and most importantly free to join!

Now with the Donation Reminder on your iPhone and iPad its even easier!

Simply download their app and enable the Donation Reminder feature on your Safari browser. They'll then pop up every time a donation is available.

This means Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA won't miss out on any donations as you're shopping online using your mobile!

So, when shopping for Christmas or the coming Black Friday please don't forget when shopping to use Easyfundraising!



Online Safety Tip of the Week

KS1 – Health, Well-being, and Lifestyle

Ask your child what it means to be healthy. Carry this over to being healthy online. What does this look like? Discuss screen time, brain breaks and using apps to support our learning.

KS2 – Health, Well-being, and Lifestyle

Ask your child to explain what it means to be healthy online. Have them list the positives of being online and compare this with possible health risks (e.g. eyesight or difficulties sleeping).

Right of the Week Article 38

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.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Conserve Wildlife

Visit local nature reserves or wildlife habitats with your child. Discuss the importance of preserving natural ecosystems and protecting endangered species. Visit

<https://www.bbowt.org.uk/nature-reserves> for more details.



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Behaviour Focus of the Week

Anti Bullying Week

The theme for this year is Choose RESPECT. Speak to your children about what this means and how they will show respect.





Starting school for the first time

Was your child born between
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If yes, Buckinghamshire parents can apply online for a school place from 5 November 2024. Visit [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions) to apply.

You must apply even if your child is at the nursery attached to the school you would like them to go to.

Information about starting school for the first time will be available on our website from the end of October [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions).

The application deadline is 15 January 2025, please do not miss it

Please contact the school nursing service using the link below to find out what health checks and vaccinations are available for your child.

buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/cyp/school-years-development/school-nursing



Application
deadline is
midnight on
15 January
2025