

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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A note from the Head of school

Brrrr!! What a cold week we have had this week! The weather has very much reminded us that winter is nearing! The children really enjoyed seeing snow and ice on Tuesday and for many, this may have been the first time in a long time! A special thank you needs to go to Mr. Morris who was diligently scraping snow off the paths from 7am on Tuesday and scattering salt so that we could all be safe walking to and from school!

This week I really enjoyed hearing from our Year 5 prefects who went to AVA on Thursday for the launch of a community project! Working with other children on joint projects is a fantastic way for us to develop our community element of our curriculum. The prefects represented the school fantastically and we look forward to hearing the outcomes of this project launch and to see the impact this team of students can have!

Finally, if you have already been to Waddesdon Manor to see their Christmas display, you will have seen Green Ridge's contribution! We had workshops earlier in the year to make Humpty Dumpty, which is now proudly part of the display! We hope all of you can go along over the next few weeks and see our creation – whilst enjoying the beautiful displays!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week, for a slightly warmer week!

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Ivy	Alayna	Evelina	Sophia
Elm (Y1)	Aanvi	Archie	Freddie	Kian
Lime (Y1)	Ammina	Vrushank	Skye	Alexander
Oak (Y2)	Khai C	Tommy	Pippa	Eva
Plane (Y2)	Idris	Brianna	Elise	Jack
Spruce (Y2)	Matthew	Jacob	Dhivonn	Dylan
Alder (Y3)	Laila	Darcy	Phoebe	Ayyoub
Cedar (Y3)	Abigail	Willow	Lakshan	Dennis
Ash (Y4)	Haadiya	Sienna	Zac	Enoch
Rowan (Y4)	Aleksander	Reggie	Prahathi	Lily
Maple (Y5)	Ezra	Jayden	Ethan	Krithik
Sycamore (Y5)	Jake	Ella	Oliver	Ria
Aspen (Y6)	Amelia M	Toby-Lee	Kawthar	Alice
Hawthorn (Y6)	Cairo	Finley	Izzy	Vidhi

Attendance Award
Well done to Maple and Sycamore class for the highest attendance of 98.7% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	126	1783
Disraeli	274	1893
Pratchett	204	1575
Redgrave	249	1869



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News, Updates & Reminders

A Special Thank You



After our plea in the newsletter last week, we have been gifted with not one but two Christmas trees from Phil & Josh at See it Clean, a local window cleaning company.

We are extremely grateful for their generosity and our very own Mrs. Claus (aka Mrs. Cavanagh) cannot wait to decorate them with the children. As soon as they have, we will share some photos with you.

FareShare

Thank you to everyone who has helped us rescue surplus food over the last few weeks.



We are delighted to announce that we will now be distributing milk on Fridays at 3.15 p.m. at the usual place by the school office. Perfect to make macaroni cheese or rice pudding for the weekend!

We also like to politely remind parents/carers that the KFC on Monday afternoons is strictly one bag per family, to allow the greatest number of families to benefit.

Please help us to maintain food safety and allergy control by ensuring that only adults take items from FareShare.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to join our team - we have a few spots available for food collection and/or table setup. We can work around your availability, so if you think you might be able to help, please contact laura.nunn@greenridgeacademy.co.uk.

Parent Forum Meeting

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.

INSET Day – Friday, 29th November

Don't forget that next Friday, 29th November is our fifth inset day of the academic year, and the school will be closed to pupils. Therefore, our Weekly Round-Up will be sent on Thursday, 28th November.

Boys and Girls Football Fixture Update

Last week Tuesday, the Year Five and Six girls played their first two matches in which they scored 3 goals. They showed a lot of potential for the upcoming fixtures. It was great to see them all playing with a smile on their faces.

On Wednesday last week, the Year Five and Six boys ended the year with a 4-1 win against AVA. Jacob scored a brilliant hat-trick and Oskar scored 1 with an excellent finish.

Fixtures will start again in February, and we are really looking forward to getting back on the pitch again. GO TEAM GREEN RIDGE!



PTA

Christmas Disco!

It's that time of year to put those sparkly clothes on and throw some shapes! It's Disco time! The deadline to book tickets and the snack pack is **Wednesday, 4th December**. Please also make sure you have purchased a snack pack if you want one as it is a separate item to the tickets. 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.

Christmas Cards & Gifts

Thank you to everyone who has placed an order for Christmas cards or any of the gifts you can have printed with your child's design.

If you missed the original deadline, you will have a final chance to order this weekend before **Monday, 25th November** at **12pm**. Please use the same link on your sample card to place an order. If you have any issues, please contact the PTA.

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 – Privacy and Security

Can you child name two different examples of personal information? Should we keep this to ourselves? Can we ever share this with people?

KS2 – Privacy and Security

Explain that most apps nowadays store your data when you agree to the terms and conditions. It is important to be wary of the programs you are using, ensuring they are age-appropriate, and don't have permission to reuse any of your media.

Right of the Week Article 2

No Discrimination

All children have all these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what language they speak, what religion is, what they think, what they look like, if they are a boy or girl, if they have a disability, if they are rich or poor, and no matter who their parents or families are or what their parents or families believe or do. No child should be treated unfairly for any reason.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Support Charities

Encouraging one another to only consume what we need, to fix what is broken, to reuse what we can, and be mindful of where our waste ends up.

[Recycle for Buckinghamshire](#) are already doing a lot of work to reduce waste in our area, including a brilliant [Zero Waste Map](#) showing where you can reduce, reuse and recycle.





Behaviour Focus of the Week

Presentation

Always aiming for perfect presentation in all our lessons. The children follow our perfect presentation guide to support with this.

Perfect Presentation Guide

Remember DURLUMS! D ate U nderline M iss a line L earning intention U nderline M iss a line S tart	Books With Lines • Write the LONG date • Write in pencil (KS1) or black pen (KS2) • Leave lines in your book for feedback • Edit/up-level in GREEN • Feedback editing in BLUE	Books With Squares • Write the SHORT date • Write in pencil • Edit/up-level in GREEN • Feedback editing in BLUE
Using a ruler Always use a ruler to underline ANYTHING. When editing, use your ruler to draw a single line through your mistake and have another go - never use rubbers.		
Remember to sit up straight with all four chair legs on the ground. If you need help with your presentation, ask your talk partner!		



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