

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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A note from the Head of school

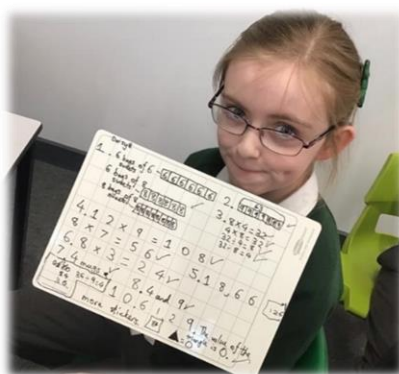
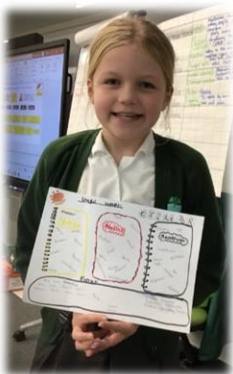
Another busy week here at Green Ridge! We have been spending the last week using a range of assessment strategies across the school to celebrate each child's progress in this first term. The children have blown us away with all the new knowledge and skills they have picked up in their autumn topics. The staff are now busily using this assessment information to inform their future planning to ensure that we can support each child in their personal learning journey to the best of our ability.

Thank you to all the families who have signed up to attend the PTA Festive Fun event this evening. There will also be Christmas Crafts on sale and refreshments. All the money that is raised by the PTA is used to support the school in ordering new resources, subsidising trips and putting on incredible community events.

I am pleased to announce that Miss. Gordon (current Year One Curriculum Team Leader) will be stepping into an Acting KS1 Phase Leader position in January. This role will be about supporting the staff and children in KS1 to continue to have the best provision possible, while Mr. Ladyman takes on his Deputy Headteacher responsibilities. We are certain that Miss. Gordon will lead that team brilliantly.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Miss. Libby Thomassen
Head of school

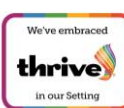


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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Ethan	Fearne	Jessica	Wade
Elm (Y1)	Yuvan	Joey	Ezra	Yasmin
Lime (Y1)	Sam	Joshua	Jonah	Thea
Oak (Y2)	Thomas W	Minsa	Ethan R	Lily-Rose
Plane (Y2)	Karta	Alex G	Zakariya	Tres
Spruce (Y2)	Ruben	Dylan	Kasia	Eloise
Alder (Y3)	Amelia	Alfie	Kiyansh	Rian
Cedar (Y3)	Freddie F	Vivienne	Elin	Olivia
Ash (Y4)	Zac	Adam	Sophia	Liam
Rowan (Y4)	Amber	Alyaana	Daisy W	Alice
Maple (Y5)	Grace	Robin	Lewis	Andre
Sycamore (Y5)	Aisha	Daniel	Archie	Esmay
Aspen (Y6)	Miggy	Aisha	Izzy	Inaya
Hawthorn (Y6)	Ivan	Noku	Katherine	Poppy

Attendance Award
Well done to Alder class for the highest attendance of 100% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	284	2318
Disraeli	340	2409
Pratchett	369	2293
Redgrave	294	2327



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News, Updates & Reminders

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree...

Our very own Mrs. Claus aka Mrs. Cavanagh has worked her magic decorating the Christmas trees and turning Green Ridge festive and bright. Thank you to Phil and Josh at See It Clean for gifting us two lovely trees.



A Special Thank You!

Staff at Green Ridge were very lucky to receive some goodies in the form of mince pies, biscuits and chocolate from the Stait Family. Thank you so much for your generosity, we really appreciate your kind words, these will certainly keep us going up to the end of term!



Poppie Appeal Update



Thank you very much to those who donated and purchased a poppy or small merchandise in aid of the Royal British Legion. The charity is such a worthwhile cause, and we raised a total of **£243.53!** Without your help, they would not be able to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

Staffing Update

We are sad to announce that two members of staff are leaving our Green Ridge team for new and exciting roles. Mr. Meachen (Year Six TA) will be leaving this term to start a new job as an SEN specialist TA in a local special school. Mr. Meachen has been with the school for a number of years and has worked with so many children and we will all miss him greatly!

Miss. Gaiger (Little Berries Room Lead) will be leaving the school on Friday, 10th January 2025 to explore a new career as a Family Support Worker in a residential unit. Miss. Gaiger works with the youngest of our children in Green Ridge and gives them the best start to education – we will miss you!

Scooters

It is great to see so many children scooting to and from school each day, which we strongly encourage. Please can we kindly ask that parents and carers are vigilant and ask that children are safely scooting around the development, especially before and after school when the pavements are particularly busy.

We also ask that your child dismounts from the scooter at the gates to continue their journey on foot. Please can parents and carers not carry the scooters past the school gates but roll them safely on the ground. Thank you.

Enrichment Clubs

We would like to remind you that enrichment clubs for the Autumn Term have now ended. Please collect your child/ren at the usual time, at 3.15pm or 3.20pm. Thank you.

Tissues Plea

We would be very grateful if you have any boxes of tissues you could donate to the school. Particularly at this time of year, there are lots of running noses and we get through a lot of tissues! It would really help us if you could donate a box, so we have a bank ready to use – we inevitably always need more, particularly as we teach the children about the importance of good personal hygiene. If you can bring in a spare box, please do just pass on to your child's Class Teacher, thank you!

Election of Parent/Carer Governor

A letter was sent to parents and carers on Thursday, 5th December explaining the process for the election of a new parent/carers governor. We encourage all parents and carers to read this and vote **once** before the deadline which is on **Thursday, 12th December 2024.**

PTA

Christmas Cards & Gifts

We are just waiting on the last of the items to arrive then everything can be sent home, we are hoping this will be next week.

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

Youtube Settings

This week, we wanted to share specific settings that can be applied to Youtube to try and avoid them accessing unsuitable content. As well as using 'Youtube Kids' as an alternative, this guide shared some useful tips and links to specific control settings, such as: setting breaks, linking your devices, and blocking specific content.

https://www.youtube.com/myfamily/?_gl=1*vftbtt*_ga*ODQ2ODY1MDgwLjE3MzMzOT_A3ODc.*_ga_M0180HEFCY*MTczMzM5MDC4Ny4xLjEuMTczMzM5MDC5NS4wLjAuMA..

Right of the Week Article 14

Freedom of Thought and Religion

Children can choose their own thoughts, opinions and religion, but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

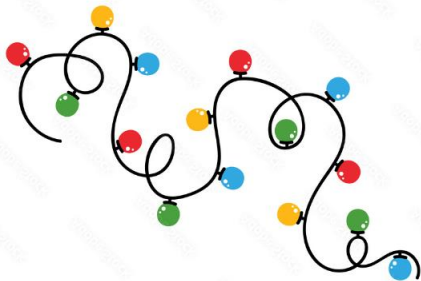
Parents can guide children so that as they grow up, they learn to properly use this right.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Switch to LED and Save Energy

Amplify the holiday joy with LED Christmas lights—they're not only delightful but also contribute to greener living by using 80% less energy, fostering a sustainable and joyful atmosphere for your family!



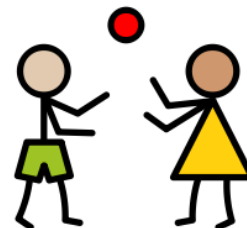
Behaviour Focus of the Week

How to recognize if a game is becoming too physical

Understand that sometimes games can make us feel in the yellow/red zone

Recognise what unsafe physical games look like

Walk away or find a trusted adult when you feel a game is becoming too physical



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