

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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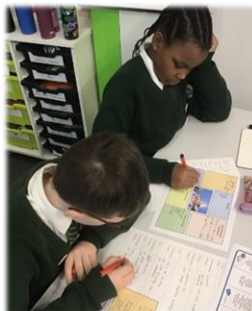
## A note from the Head of school

The busy festive season is certainly arriving thick and fast at Green Ridge! There has been a week of workshops, nativity rehearsals, Christmas songs galore and the cheeky Elf of the Shelf has been causing havoc across the school! The children and staff who are preparing for next weeks' performances and are so excited to welcome so many parents/carers to join us in celebrating this time of year. Even our youngest children in the school have been busy learning lines and Makaton actions to go along with this! Bring on next week!

In other news, I have really enjoyed seeing a number of children across the school working on their handwriting and presentation skills in their books. I have had lots of visits this week from children who are showing pride in their learning and their presentation – keep up the hard work!

As I go into my final week at Green Ridge, I am really enjoying spending lots of time with the children to continue to celebrate all their achievements this term. Mrs. Fraser (our new headteacher) will be visiting the children once more on Monday and doing a welcome assembly so that all the children have an opportunity to meet her before the two-week break. Until then, have a wonderful weekend everyone!

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## Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Filip	Blanka	Harshil	Lucas
Elm (Y1)	Sol	Avi	Elliott	Alice
Lime (Y1)	Teijash	Druvi	Freya	Aliza
Oak (Y2)	Andreas	Roman	Helena	Bonnie
Plane (Y2)	Lincoln	Tres	Sajini	Ryan
Spruce (Y2)	Saisha	Aaron	Alfie	Darcey
Alder (Y3)	Dwiti	Mikhaela	Laila	Eva
Cedar (Y3)	Adam	Evie	Myra	Zachary
Ash (Y4)	Roseanna	Layla A	Alayna	Haadiya
Rowan (Y4)	Prahathi	Cassia	Ingrid	Aaliyah
Maple (Y5)	Oskar	Harrison	Manya	Gwennie
Sycamore (Y5)	Darcey C-C	Elias	Shaylan	Heidi
Aspen (Y6)	Kowsik	Henley	Ruby	Lilly
Hawthorn (Y6)	Sreejan	Kyle	Harrison	Imogen

Attendance Award
Well done to Beech class for the highest attendance of 99.6% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	291	2609
Disraeli	165	2574
Pratchett	172	2464
Redgrave	199	2526



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## News, Updates & Reminders

### Christmas Jumper Day



We are encouraging the children to dress festively and wear their Christmas jumpers or other appropriate festive or 'wintery' tops on **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December** for Christmas Jumper Day (Santa/elf hats and antlers are also welcome!). Green Ridge will be taking part in aid of the Save the Children charity. Children will still need to come in wearing the rest of their school uniform but can supplement their school jumper or cardigan as appropriate. For this day, children do **not** have to wear their shirt, blouse or tie. We kindly ask for a donation of **£1.00** on this day to go to the Save the Children charity.

### Staffing Update

We have been busy recruiting a teaching assistant to replace Mr. Meachen and we are in the exciting position to announce that we have successfully appointed Mrs. Jaye Sutherland who will start on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Mrs. Sutherland will be working mainly in Year Five Sycamore and Mrs. Layton will be moving across to Year Six Aspen. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Sutherland officially in January, although she has been volunteering in our school since September so is already a familiar face!

### Spring Term Enrichment Clubs

As per the letter sent to parents/carers on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, you are now able to book your child/ren onto more than two enrichment clubs for the Spring Term. Some clubs now have increased capacity and there are also additional clubs on offer. Please refer to the letter sent for further information.

### Christmas Trees for Free!

Our large Christmas trees which you will have seen in the entrance and hall over the last week are looking for a home this Christmas; if you haven't yet managed to get your tree and would like one of ours (or know someone that would), then please get in contact. It will be first come, first served and as long as you can collect after school closes on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, it's yours!

### Lost Property

Ahead of the end of term, every day next week the lost property trolley will be accessible outside of the school office each day in the mornings from 8.35-9.00am and in the afternoons from 3.15-4.00pm. There are a significant number of jumpers/cardigans, coats, water bottles, lunchboxes, hats and gloves without names on. Anything left after Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December will be donated to charity.

### NHS 111 Consultations

Just a polite reminder that if your child requires a consultation through a 111 phone call then parents/carers are asked to come to school to be with their child for this. Unfortunately, we do not have staff available or the relevant people to facilitate this call on your behalf. If you do require your child to be involved in a conversation with yourself then please let the school office know and we will arrange for your child to be brought to you for this.

### PTA

#### Christmas Disco & Crafts

Thank you to all those who came to the Christmas Disco last week, it was a great success, and many great dance moves were thrown, by children, staff and parents!

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out, you all make it possible to have these events and help not only raise funds for the school, but the children get to enjoy a fun event too!

If you were not able to purchase your child's Christmas craft on the day, you can buy them online at [www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta) and they will be sent home at the end of the week. Thank you for your support.

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### Online Safety Ambassadors

Ask your child if they know who the 'online safety ambassadors' are. New ones have recently been elected and they are there for any peer support or questions.

The online safety team will soon be creating 'online safety worry boxes' that will live on each year groups' laptop trolleys so the children can discuss anything they are concerned about.

Please remind them to speak to a trusted adult or peer if they experience anything online that upsets or worries them 😊

## Right of the Week Articles 4 & 41



### Making Rights Real

Governments must do all they can do to make sure that every child in their countries can enjoy all the rights in this Convention

### Best Law for Children Applies

If the laws of a country protect children's rights better than this Convention, then those laws should be used.



## Sustainability Tip of the Week

### Christmas Cards

This year, challenge yourself to only send a card if it's got a personal message inside. If you want to still send a card but without the waste, opt for e-cards. If you want the real card, choose ones made with recycled card, ones with the FSC or PEFC logo to ensure it comes from well managed forests that support local people, or at least cards free of glitter so they can be recycled.



## Behaviour Focus of the Week

### Awesome Appearance

Green Ridge's uniform is:

- White shirt with school tie (or option to wear white blouse)
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Green V-neck jumper with logo
- Grey, white or black socks
- Green academy fleece (optional – not to replace jumper)
- Black shoes (Not trainers)



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