

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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A note from the Head of school

It feels a little peculiar sending this message on a Thursday, however it is lovely to be able to wish everyone a lovely longer weekend. We are closed tomorrow for an INSET day and hope that everyone is able to use this day to spend some time together as a family, go away, have some relaxation time and hopefully some time outside if the weather allows. We are back in school as usual on Monday and up until the 20th of December.

This week has been another cold week in school however, it has been wonderful to see the children really making progress in their three curriculum areas (academic, personal development and sense of belonging). We spoke about our PRIDE curriculum in assembly on Monday and the children were able to come up with ideas about what they feel proud about. We heard about talents/skills developing, presentation improving, personal attributes and also our key value of friendship this term. I challenged the children to verbalise to a friend/family member this week about something they are proud of in someone else. This helps us to celebrate as a community.

We look forward to seeing parents for Year One – Year Six at our book look on Tuesday morning. Hopefully you will see lots of learning and progress that makes you feel equally as proud 😊

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Sophie	Alice	Sithara	Oliver
Elm (Y1)	Saanvika	Ati	Sreeyan	Hazel
Lime (Y1)	Cameron	Tyler	Rithvik	Vihaan
Oak (Y2)	Sherwin	Vaibhav	Vanessa	Isaac A
Plane (Y2)	Zunairah	Ethan	Alex G	Sophia
Spruce (Y2)	Arthur	Sanay	Cerys	Mara
Alder (Y3)	Anhad	Orella	Ranen	Lillie
Cedar (Y3)	Ameliya	Livia	Esme	Amirah
Ash (Y4)	Indy	Ayaan	Maisey P	Connor
Rowan (Y4)	Daisy B	Sianna	Ana	Jack
Maple (Y5)	Lena	Lily-Sue	Joshua	Elise
Sycamore (Y5)	Trinity	Megan	Jess	Freddie
Aspen (Y6)	Alice	Jacob	Gaetan	Aditya
Hawthorn (Y6)	Katherine	Lissy	James	Kobe

Attendance Award
Well done to Plane class for the highest attendance of 99% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	251	2034
Disraeli	176	2069
Pratchett	349	1924
Redgrave	164	2033



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News, Updates & Reminders

Parent/Carer Book Look

We are inviting KS1 and KS2 parents and carers into the classroom on **Tuesday, 3rd December** from **8.35am to 9.00am**. This is a great opportunity to view the wonderful learning in your child's books. Please enter via the classroom at drop off and leave via the gates, the gates will remain open until 9.05am. If you have multiple children in KS1 and KS2, you can visit another class, but we kindly ask that you use the external doors via the playground. We look forward to seeing you!

Please note that the book look does not include Early Years.

Tempest Photography Orders

Have you ordered your **Individual or Sibling** school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday, 2nd December**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk.

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3). Many thanks.

SEN/D Coffee Morning – Friday, 6th December 9.00-10.00am

We know that being a parent or carer of a child with a special educational need or disability can be challenging at times, but you are not alone! Support is available through our network of families and professionals within the school.



On **Friday, 6th December** we will be hosting our first SEN/D Café of the year, where you are invited to meet other parents and join us for a drink, a biscuit and a chat. Previously, parents have found it useful to discuss strategies that they use at home, learn about the structure of SEN/D procedures at Green Ridge and look at a range of resources to support learning at home. They also enjoyed the opportunity to network with other parents.

If you do fancy joining us, then please head to the main school office at **9am** to sign in. We would love to see you there!

Reporting Absences due to Illness

Polite reminder that if your child is going to be absent, please call the school on 01296 326320 and press option 1 to report an absence by 8.35am every day that your child is absent. This will give you the opportunity to leave a voicemail. If you are unable to call the school, then please email the school using the email address absence@greenridgeacademy.co.uk.

- Parents/carers should provide an explanation for the absence, using the term 'unwell' is not a sufficient explanation for an absence.
- As we have a duty of care to know where the children are during school hours, if the school has not been notified, then contact will be made in order to obtain an explanation. All absences will be marked as unauthorised until an explanation has been provided.
- Children who have had sickness or diarrhoea must **not** return to school until **48** hours have passed since the last episode.
- Children who have had a raised temperature of above 38 must **not** come into school until at least **24** hours have passed without medication or further symptoms.

If you are unsure how long your child should be absent with an illness, please speak with your child's doctor or a pharmacist for further advice.

Enrichment Clubs

There will be no Enrichment clubs on **Wednesday, 4th December** due to staff training. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Thursday, 5th December is the last day of the clubs for the Autumn term.

Please note that Young Voices rehearsals have now ended and will resume in the Spring term.

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Miss. Thomassen and Mr. Ladyman met with the Parent Forum Representatives on today for the Parent Forum meeting and a copy of the minutes can be found on our website [here](#).

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, 28th January at 2.15pm.

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.

PTA

Christmas Crafts

Thank you to the mighty army of parent volunteers who came in this past week to help support the children across all the year groups in making their Christmas crafts, it made a big difference, and we appreciate the time given to volunteer.

Christmas Cards & Gifts

Thank you for all your orders and helping to raise funds for our school. The Christmas cards have already been sent home with your child. Any other items you have ordered will be sent home once we have had all the deliveries back to the school in the next couple of weeks.

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.

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.

Don't forget while the Disco is running, we will be selling the children's Christmas crafts and will have refreshments for sale. We hope to see you there!

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 – Copyright

Explain to your child that the work they produce is something that they own. It is theirs to keep and nobody should use it or take it without permission. This is the same as whatever we find on the internet.

KS2 – Copyright

Have a discussion with your child about copyright. What is it? Are we allowed to take others' work? When would it be acceptable to use work that other people have created and when would it be unacceptable?

Right of the Week Articles 43-54

How the Convention Works

These articles explain how Governments, the United Nations – including the Committee on the Rights of Child and UNICEF – and other organisations work to make sure all children enjoy all their rights.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Christmas Trees

[Forestry England](#) have some great tips on making sure your Christmas tree is as sustainable as can be. They include, if you choose a real tree, making sure it is Grown-in-Britain certified, opting for a potted tree (which can last a lifetime, not just Christmas!), and recycling your tree after you've used it. If you're opting for a fake tree, it's estimated to take 10 years to make it environmentally worthwhile, so make sure you love it.



Behaviour Focus of the Week

Greeting/Speaking to an Adult

- Face the person you are talking to
- Make eye contact
- Smile if appropriate
- Say "Good Morning/Afternoon"
- Ask them a question such as "Are you having a nice day?" "Is there anything I can help you with?"

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