

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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## A note from the Head of school

The time has come for me to write my final newsletter at Green Ridge. I am filled with lots of mixed emotions today! I have had the most wonderful experience at Green Ridge and cannot thank you all enough for making it such a beautiful send off. This school has such an amazing community feel and the level of dedication from the staff is to be commended. The team spirit, joy and collaboration will truly be missed.

This week has been filled with festive fun and the highlight of the week has to be our Christmas lunch on Wednesday. The children, all dressed in Christmas jumpers, joined staff in the hall and had an incredibly fun meal together. Mrs. Curtis-Claus led the way with her festive clipboard and kept us all to time. Miss. Dilks was dancing up and down the aisles, Mr. Ladyman serving dessert and I was having a great time adding vegetables to each plate as they left the kitchen. Fun was had by all!

This autumn term has been packed full of so many events, so much progress, new adventures, fun trips and of course limitless learning! Green Ridge staff wanted to share our festive cheer and created a little something special for all of you to watch this Christmas!! <https://youtu.be/2XNYeywRlO4>

Merry Christmas and farewell,  
Miss. Libby Thomassen  
Head of school



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## Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars	TTRS – Hardest Working	TTRS – Most Improved
<b>Beech (Y1)</b>	Aarav	Jack	Sammy	-	-
<b>Elm (Y1)</b>	Florence	Edie	Nola	-	-
<b>Lime (Y1)</b>	Layla	Vivian	Phoebe	-	-
<b>Oak (Y2)</b>	Oak class	Amelie	Yashwith	Nikola	Isaac A
<b>Plane (Y2)</b>	Idris	Nariah	Zunairah	Mark	Karta
<b>Spruce (Y2)</b>	Amber	Phoebe	Matthew	Ruben	Julia
<b>Alder (Y3)</b>	Laasya	Sofia	Malavika	Mikhaela	Kendrick
<b>Cedar (Y3)</b>	Freya	Amber	Matteo	Nathaniel	Freddie M
<b>Ash (Y4)</b>	Riyon	Archie	Zavi	Nikhil	Liam
<b>Rowan (Y4)</b>	Alfie	Trae	Santiago	Alice	Izzy
<b>Maple (Y5)</b>	Joshua	Mya	Lillie	Lexi	Aaliyah
<b>Sycamore (Y5)</b>	Ria	Quinn	Jake	Quinn	Olivia
<b>Aspen (Y6)</b>	Roman	Kiera	Bella	Jacob	Henley
<b>Hawthorn (Y6)</b>	Megan	Gracelyn	James	Ayaan	Poppy

### Attendance Award

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

### House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	325	2934
Disraeli	323	2897
Pratchett	381	2845
Redgrave	377	2903



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## News, Updates & Reminders

### Christmas Jumper Day



The children all looked super on Wednesday in their variety of festive jumpers and tops. Thank you for all the donations which are in aid of the Save the Children charity. We raised a total of £271.30.



### Spring Term Enrichment Clubs

Good news! We still have spaces available on some clubs for the Spring Term. You are now able to book your child/ren onto more than two enrichment clubs so please do head to Arbor to book.

### Autumn Term House Event

Our first house event took place last week, each year group was assigned two team building activities to complete during their PE lesson. The children really got involved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The results of the house event are as follows.

Rank	House	Points Awarded
1	Pratchett	216
2	Redgrave	212
3	Austin	194
4	Disraeli	132

Overall house winners for the Autumn Term.

Rank	House	Total Points
1	Austin	2934
2	Redgrave	2903
3	Disraeli	2897
4	Pratchett	2845

As the overall winners, Austin house will have phase dodgeball tournaments in the Spring term as a reward. Austin team captains Adeena and Kiera are super proud and thrilled to hold the house cup. Well done to team Austin!



### Special Thank You

A special thank you to our little elves (also known as some of our PTA representatives!) who have kindly been busy wrapping the Christmas gifts for the children!

Also on behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you all for your heartfelt cards, generous gifts and good wishes which you have given over the last few days. These are not expected or asked for, but are greatly appreciated by everyone – particularly the amount of chocolate which will keep everyone going until the new year!

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

### PTA

#### Christmas Gifts

The PTA have kindly gifted all the children a Christmas gift. If your child was absent from school today, they will receive their gift in the new year.

#### Merry Christmas!

The PTA Committee would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for all your support this term and throughout 2024 and we look forward to seeing you all at our events next year!

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### Online Safety Game

Over Christmas, there will be a challenge for children to come up with designing a creative idea for a new online safety game.

The best idea will be chosen and then designed on Scratch by the Online Safety Ambassadors!

#### A few things to consider:

- Theme/backdrops
- Characters/sprites
- How to win/gain points
- How you would fail a level/lose points
- Key questions to cover
- Age range (KS1/KS2)

## Right of the Week Article 23

### Children with Disabilities

Every child with a disability should enjoy the best possible life in society. Governments should remove all obstacles for children with disabilities to become independent and to participate actively in the community.



## Sustainability Tip of the Week

### Cut Food (and packaging) Waste

A scary amount of food waste is created at Christmas, equivalent to 4.2 million plates of Christmas dinner going straight into the bin!

Take steps to reduce your food waste by planning your food carefully, freezing leftovers and only buying what will be eaten.



## Behaviour Focus of the Week

### Stress Bucket

We all have an imaginary bucket at times our buckets get too full and may spill over. We have to find ways to stop our bucket overflowing – by looking after our mental and physical health. We all need to learn how to release a little bit of water from our stress bucket. We can use the 'self-care tap'. The things we can do to let water (stress) out and reduce pressure.



This Sunday 22nd December 4-5:30pm

at AVA Primary School Hall

# Carols Round The Crib



## Carols Round the Crib

Enjoy an interactive Christmas gathering for all ages, to experience the wonder of the Christmas story



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