

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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## A note from Mrs. Fraser

Our Computing Ambassadors have been busy preparing for Safer Internet Day this week, which takes place on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February. Our Year 5 and 6 members delivered an assembly to the school this week, sharing ideas of how we can all protect ourselves and each other from the risks that come with technology use. Next week, our Year 1 - 4 members will lead an assembly and then the team will provide a self-made quiz to the pupils of Green Ridge to test their understanding. We are so proud of the independence, bravery and responsibility demonstrated by the Ambassadors.

We would like to publicly thank Sophy Davies our Chair of Governors. Sophy, along with her friends at Project Linus, has gifted us a range of beautiful blankets that have been used to make our reading corners extra cosy, and our regulation spaces even more comfortable. More information can be seen below.

Finally, I must remind all parents/families of our parking expectations. During drop off/collection times, there are to be no cars parked on zigzag lines. At no point in the day should cars park at the entrance, in front of barriers and gates. This is a hazard that endangers our children. When seen, you will be asked to move. Thank you for working with us to keep our children and families safe.

From all the staff here, have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Jen Fraser  
Headteacher



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## Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Harshil	Sophia	Reggie	Hazel
Elm (Y1)	Yasmin	Yuvan	Aanvi	Ati
Lime (Y1)	Druvi	Elli-May	Ammina	Vivian
Oak (Y2)	Pippa	Ethan R	Vaibo	Tommy
Plane (Y2)	Ryan	Sidvik	Ethan	Georgia
Spruce (Y2)	Darcey	Alfie	Julia	Dylan
Alder (Y3)	Hettie	Haniya	Mikhaela	Anhad
Cedar (Y3)	Alexandra	Abigail	Harlee	Adam
Ash (Y4)	Yashvi	Riyon	Ayaan	Zavi
Rowan (Y4)	Cassia	Daisy W	Izzy	Francis
Maple (Y5)	Gwennie	Lewis	Sophie	David
Sycamore (Y5)	Esmay	Ria	Freddie	Sophie
Aspen (Y6)	Toby-Lee	Oliver	Logan	Ellie
Hawthorn (Y6)	Izzy, Harrison, Ayaan	Tanaya	Alicja	Noku

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

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	223	926
Disraeli	212	926
Pratchett	216	1002
Redgrave	201	928



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## News, Updates & Reminders

### Enrichment Clubs

We would like to remind you that there are **no** enrichment clubs the week commencing **Monday, 10th February** due to Pupil Learning Reviews. Clubs will resume as normal when we return after half term. Please collect your child/ren at the normal time of 3.15pm or 3.20pm.

### Swimming Competition

The Year Five and Six swimming team, consisting of Ayaan, Harry, Harrison, Pami, Wynn timer, Heidi, Izzy and Jayden, travelled to Stoke Mandeville Stadium for a swimming gala on Wednesday this week. The team showed amazing team spirit, it was great to see them cheering each other on. All of the children gave an excellent performance to come 2nd out of the 11 schools competing. Miss. Tweed and Mr. Davis are so proud of them. Go team Green Ridge!



### Lost Property

Next week from Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February the lost property trolley will be in the lobby of the main school entrance at 8.30am-9.00am.0000 and 3.00pm-3.30pm for parents and carers to reclaim any lost items. There is a significant amount of non-named coats, jumpers, cardigans, earmuffs, gloves and water bottles. We will be donating any items that have not been claimed to charity, therefore if your child/ren have lost any items please do come and have a look.

### Boys Football Fixture

The Year Five and Six boys football team had an excellent run in the cup but were unfortunately

knocked out in the quarter final yesterday by Broughton. We were so proud of them for reaching this stage of the competition and are excited for our first league match of the year on Tuesday next week.



### Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Ladyman met with the Parent Forum Representatives last Tuesday afternoon for the first Parent Forum meeting of the spring term 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 Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 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.

### PTA

#### Christmas Crafts

If you missed out on purchasing your child's Christmas craft last term, you can still purchase it from [www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta). Please contact the PTA with any questions.

### Non-Uniform Day – Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February

As per the letters sent out last Friday, we are inviting the children to wear their own clothes on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February.



Instead of the usual cash donation we are asking children in **EYFS** and **KS1** to donate any small toys, games or puzzles, unused beauty or bath products, stationary sets, notebooks or fun pens, gift sets or candles or new items that you no longer need. Please can we ask that all items are **unused** (except for games, toys and puzzles).

For children in **KS2** we are asking for donations of a bottle, any **full, unopened, in date** bottle be it Champagne or washing up liquid!

We would be very grateful if you donated your items and bottles on **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February** when you bring your child into school in the morning.

Volunteers will be on the school gates to take in your donations.

These will be used at our Summer Fete on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### A Slice of Knowledge – Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February

Is your prowess for a general knowledge round lacking but unbelievable skill in the music round going to make you a winner? Might you play your joker on the music round, but wish you'd saved it for the sports round?!

Our fun community evening will be filled with games, team activities and a quiz throughout, with teams of six held at the school. Pizza is included in the ticket price to arrive part way through the evening.

It's an adult only event, so get the babysitter booked now! Book your tickets from **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January** at 5pm at [www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta).

### Easyfundraising

We wanted to remind parents and carers that Green Ridge PTA 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](http://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, 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 it's 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 booking your holiday or when shopping please don't forget to use Easyfundraising!



## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### WhatsApp

Recent research shows that:

- 26% of five to seven-year-olds
- 61% of eight to eleven-year-olds
- 96% of twelve to fifteen-year-olds

now own a smartphone. With that, communicating safely online is more important now than ever. WhatsApp is the most common platform to message on but has a suggested age of 13+.

If you are allowing your children to use it, please remind them of 'Ready. Respectful. Safe.' and use this [link](#) to help you put in additional measures.

## Right of the Week Article 17

### Access To Information

Children have the right to get information from the Internet, radio, television, newspapers, books and other sources. Adults should make sure the information they are getting is not harmful. Governments should



encourage the media to share information from lots of different sources, in languages that all children can understand.

## Sustainability Tip of the Week

### Support Sustainable Transport

Whenever possible, encourage walking, cycling, park and stride or using public transport instead of relying solely on cars to get to school. Car shares with other families can also help reduce carbon emissions and traffic congestion. This of course contributes towards getting our Travel Tracker badges too!



## Behaviour Focus of the Week

### Rewards and discipline

- Praise children whenever possible for all they do.
- Reward positive behaviour and consider asking what would be a good reward.
- Avoid making rash decisions when you're angry.
- Talk to your child about the rewards and consequences of their behaviour, and do it before rather than after.
- Take time to really listen to what your children are saying and explain to them what you are feeling.
- Be a role model and don't do things that you wouldn't want your children to do.

# Project Linus

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"A quilt is a hug you can keep"

## **Information about Project Linus UK**

### **Project Linus in America**

On Christmas Eve 1995 in the USA, an article appeared in Parade Magazine entitled 'Joy to the World', by Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist, Eddie Adams. Part of the article featured a petite, downy haired child. She had been going through intensive chemotherapy and the story stated that her security blanket had helped her get through the treatments. Karen Loucks, who had just learnt to crochet, decided to provide home-made security blankets to Denver's Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Centre. Lots of such quilts and blankets have been made before, but these efforts appeared in her emails to friends, which then appeared on a website which was seen by lots of other knitters and quilters who wanted to join in. They decided to form an organisation to deliver the items.

They named the organisation 'Project Linus' after the security blanket toting character 'Linus' from the Peanuts comic strip. The late Charles Schultz, its creator, gave permission for the name 'Linus' to be used for the quilts and blankets and was pleased to have these quilt makers help sick and traumatised children.

### **Project Linus UK**

Project Linus UK is a national network of volunteers who make beautiful 'Linus' quilts and knitted blankets which are given as gifts to sick, disabled, distressed or traumatised children living in the volunteers local areas.

Project Linus was started in the UK in March 2000 by Ann Salisbury-Jones following her visit to the USA where she heard about Project Linus. Her sewing group began making quilts for their local child cancer ward. The idea quickly spread through groups associated with the Quilters Guild of the British Isles, local patchwork groups and through national magazines – Popular Patchwork and Women's Own. In 2003, Project Linus UK was given a large stand at the Festival of Quilts, Birmingham where visitors made patchwork blocks to make quilts.

Project Linus UK is registered as a Community Interest Company (CIC) to provide accountability for our fund raising activities and the way the money is spent on fabrics for our volunteer makers to use. The Directors and Officers of the CIC are also volunteers.

### **What is a 'Linus' Quilt / Blanket?**

A cheerful, handmade quilt or blanket, designed for a baby, child or teenager to provide warmth, comfort and security. They are given as gifts to individual children who are 'in need of a hug' and have come to the attention of our Co-ordinators, or to institutions where there are sick, disabled, disadvantaged or distressed children. There is no charge made for a Project Linus Quilt.

All skill levels can make Linus quilts. They do not have to be 'works of art' but can be very simple designs in bright cheerful fabrics suitable for children.



### **Where are the Quilts and Blankets distributed?**

**In our area...** Linus quilts and blankets go to a wide range of places. The many children's hospital wards at Stoke Mandeville & Wycombe hospitals, bereavement services, children's social services, foster services, women's refuges or to individual children also to schools - those with special educational needs and for children's wellbeing rooms, which many schools now have; for kids who are struggling.

### **What are the requirements for making a 'Linus' Quilt?**

We provide 'Linus' quilts and blankets for all ages from premature babies to teenagers, up to 19 years old, starting out on their own and needing bed quilts.

We like to receive a wide range of colour schemes & preferably bright colours. Teenagers or visually impaired children often appreciate quilts that are very bright. Football teams, racing cars and wild animals or dinosaurs are popular with boys, whilst girls often like pinks & lilacs. Teenage colour schemes are useful not only for full bed size quilts but also for lap quilts for teenagers in wheel chairs. Some use very simple techniques whilst others are made from very complex designs. This enables the items to be made by beginners and more advanced crafters.

Most sizes of quilts and knitted blankets can be used, but our hospitals have quite specific requirements. Sizes around 36" x 48" (square or rectangular) are very popular; larger quilts measuring [max] 50" x 70" are brilliant for teenagers - and we always need bright boy colours & designs!

They must be machine washable with no embellishments which could be pulled off and harm the children.

We do accept knitted or Crocheted blankets - smaller sizes of 24" x 30" and larger for slightly older babies.....

### **What does a Project Linus Area Co-ordinator do?**

There are Co-ordinators for most areas of the UK from Shetland to the Channel Islands. Each Co-ordinator has a team of volunteer supporters making quilts for us in their spare time.

The Area Co-ordinators collect in the quilts and blankets made by their volunteers and distribute them to 'children in need of a hug' in their local area. They are often involved with local sewing groups who enjoy getting together stitching, chatting and enjoying cups of tea and cake!

Everyone working on Project Linus UK is a volunteer and most pay their own expenses, or cover them by giving talks to local sewing groups, applying for donations from local businesses such as supermarkets, fund raising organisations, such as Rotary, or from local councils. Some hold fund raising activities like coffee mornings and sales of surplus fabric. This funding pays for fabric and wadding to make the quilts. Area Co-ordinators may also run beginners workshops, or Linus workshop days.

### **Project Linus UK Website**

The Project Linus UK website [www.projectlinusuk.org.uk](http://www.projectlinusuk.org.uk) has lots of useful information, newsletters and patterns as well as a contact section giving details of the UK Co-ordinators.

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