

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term

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## A note from Mrs. Fraser

We've been enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather this week at Green Ridge, and a busy week it has been, too!

As part of our wonderful 11 Before 11 programme, Riding a Large Animal, our Year Ones have tested their horse riding skills this week. The have had a brilliant time at the equestrian centre, riding the horses around the paddock and mucking out the stables! Thank you to all our parent and family volunteers who have joined us.

We've welcomed several families in this week for our Stay and Learn Maths sessions. We know the staff have valued the chance to share our successes and methods for teaching, and the children have enjoyed having you as an audience!

See you next week!

Mrs. Jen Fraser  
Headteacher



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## Celebrations & Achievements

|               | Certificate of Achievement | Certificate of Progress | Superhero Shake | PAP Stars |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Beech (Y1)    | Whole class                | Harshil                 | Dylan           | Lara      |
| Elm (Y1)      | Whole class                | Jeron                   | Alayya          | Nina      |
| Lime (Y1)     | Alexander                  | Vihaan                  | Druvi           | Tyler     |
| Oak (Y2)      | Helena                     | Ethan H                 | Sherwin         | Vanessa   |
| Plane (Y2)    | Olivia                     | Alexander               | Aathav          | Ryan      |
| Spruce (Y2)   | Dylan                      | Kasia                   | Edward          | Amber     |
| Alder (Y3)    | Mikhaela                   | Phoebe                  | Alfie           | Laasya    |
| Cedar (Y3)    | Liah                       | Freddie F               | Willow          | Esme      |
| Ash (Y4)      | Nikhil                     | Haadiya                 | Maisie G        | Zac       |
| Rowan (Y4)    | Trae                       | Prahathi                | Alyaana         | Amber     |
| Maple (Y5)    | Lillie                     | Oskar                   | Mya             | Joshua    |
| Sycamore (Y5) | Archie                     | Aisha                   | Daniel          | Megan     |
| Aspen (Y6)    | Orla                       | Ruby                    | Miggy           | Jacob     |
| Hawthorn (Y6) | Noku                       | Vidhi                   | Finley          | Ivan      |

| Attendance Award  |
|---|
| Well done to Cedar and Maple class for the highest attendance of 99.3% this week! |

| House Points |                  |       |
|--------------|------------------|-------|
| House        | Points this week | Total |
| Austin       | 344              | 1884  |
| Disraeli     | 250              | 1889  |
| Pratchett    | 227              | 1878  |
| Redgrave     | 310              | 1929  |



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## News, Updates & Reminders

### Road Safety Signs

Along President Road you will now see our lovely new road safety signs. These were delivered on Monday morning from Signs2Schools and we thank Berryfields Parish Council and our wonderful PTA for covering the costs. We hope this encourages parents and carers to be more vigilant and considerate when parking and driving nearby!



### Parent Carer Book Look

Unfortunately, the Parent Carer Book Look that was advertised in the key dates for next week has been cancelled. Please keep an eye out for the rescheduled date which will be shared in the weekly round-up in the coming weeks. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### Red Nose Day Update

Today we celebrated Red Nose Day and Green Ridge was a sea of red! It was lovely to see the effort the children and staff have made to wear something red and there were certainly lots of red noses in sight too! We went on to raise a remarkable **£366.32** from your non-uniform donations today. Thank you for your donations, every little helps this wonderful cause.



### Join Our FareShare Team – Make a Real Difference!

We're looking for more volunteers to join our friendly FareShare food distribution team. Whether you can help **set up or clear down tables before school**, or **drive in the evenings** to collect food from Tesco (or on Monday afternoons from KFC), we'd love to have you on board. Full instructions will be provided, and even if you can only help a couple of times a half term - every little helps!

By volunteering, you'll be helping us **reduce food waste and support families** in our school community. If you're interested or want to find out more, please email

[laura.nunn@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:laura.nunn@greenridgeacademy.co.uk).

Thank you for your support!

### Ready Steady Read Update



We raised an amazing amount of **£475.50** from our sponsored Ready Steady Read. This will give us an **extra 60%** on top making our total spend **£711.87** to buy from Usborne

Books!

Thank you to all the children who took part and families for supporting such a great cause. The children who took part will be receiving a certificate and the money raised will go towards expanding our range of equality, inclusion, and diversity books across the school.

A massive well done to all our children for their efforts in our sponsored read. The children who read the greatest number of minutes from each year group are as follows.

| Year Group    | Child     | Number of Minutes |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Little Ridges | Isaac     | 340 minutes       |
| Reception     | Toby      | 160 minutes       |
| Year One      | Samuel    | 50 minutes        |
| Year Two      | Charlotte | 472 minutes       |
| Year Three    | Alexandra | 615 minutes       |
| Year Four     | Cassia    | 795 minutes       |
| Year Five     | Robin     | 466 minutes       |

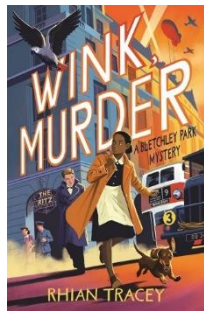
These children will be receiving a book prize later in the Summer term. Once again, thank you for your



continued support and we look forward to having lots more books for all the children to read, share and enjoy!

### Year Three – Six Author Visit – Last Call For A Signed Book

Author Rhian Tracey is coming on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Rhian Tracey will be talking to the children in years three-six about her thrilling mystery adventure Wink, Murder: A Bletchley Park Mystery. Rhian will share her historical research, writing process and interesting facts about the lesser-known histories of World War II.



IMPORTANT – Parents, you need to order the book from Our Bookshop– click below...  
<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/wink-murder-a-bletchley-park-mystery/>

The signed books will be given to your child on the day. This will be very exciting for all the children.

*IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP - Please include your child's name and class so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; we will deliver all the books on the day. Last day to order is Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March.*

### HAF Vouchers

If you are in receipt of HAF vouchers for over the Easter break, then please see the following information sent through from Buckinghamshire council:

*'With over 6000 places booked and not attended by families throughout 2024 it is important that where possible, schools remind families that if they are booked onto HAF clubs this Easter and can no longer attend, they cancel their place so that another family can book on.'* Please follow this link to cancel any places - [Cancel HAF Booking | Buckinghamshire Council](#).

### Cross-Country

On Saturday, some children in Year Three, Four, Five and Six took part in a Cross-Country Event at Ascott House in Wing. The Year Three & Four children had to run a distance of 1300m and the Year Five & Six children had to run a distance of 1600m. The course was particularly difficult with a hill finish, but every single child gave it their all. For some children this was their first time taking part in this cross-county event, and for others they were back trying to beat their previous position. All children should be incredibly proud of themselves for the effort that they put in. Well done Team Green Ridge!

### Boys & Girls Football

The Year Five and Six boys team played a home game against St Louis on Wednesday. The boys gave one of their best performances so far this season. We created 3 good chances within the first few minutes but were unlucky to concede to a good strike. However, Jacob equalised from a great assist from Ezra, and we went into half time all level. We created more good chances in the second half and finally took the lead when Ayaan produced a very calm finish in front of goal. The boys then defended bravely to see out a 2-1 win and I would like to give a shout out to Jake for putting in an amazing tackle when their striker had a good chance to score. GO TEAM GREEN RIDGE!!!

The Year Five and Six girls football team played an away game against Broughton yesterday. We were short this week with only one sub, but the girls did amazing to keep going on such a hot day. We created a lot of chances throughout the game and spent most of the second half in the opposition's half. Unfortunately, we were unable to finish any of our chances and the game ended in a defeat. The girls are working so hard and I'm sure a win is going to come soon. Go Team Green Ridge!

### Parent Forum Meeting – Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April** 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.

### Volunteering For School Trips

Please can we ask that if you have volunteered to accompany a class on their school trip, that you commit to attending as we rely on your help to support class teachers in keeping the children safe. We have had a couple parents/carers drop out on the morning of the trip, leaving us short of helpers, this is not ideal. Please work with us, if you put your name forward and can no longer attend, we ask that you let us know with enough notice so that we can ask for additional helpers ahead of the trip.

### Reporting Absences - Little Ridges

Polite reminder that if your child is in Little Ridges and they are going to be absent from nursery, you need to call and leave a voice message with the reason on 01296 326 320 option 1 by 8.35am each day. Thank you.

## PTA

### Summer Fete Raffle

As you are aware we are holding our Annual Summer Fete on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, and as we do each year, we will be having a raffle on the day.

To help us raise as much as we can for our school, we are asking all local business and other popular locations if they would support our school by donating a raffle prize.

Any type of prize is gratefully received, even if you don't think your business or the business you work for has an item or service they can directly donate, we have had many generous donations of vouchers or hampers in previous years. Anything you can donate is gratefully received. We thank you for your support and please do contact us with any questions you may have.

### Cinema Club – KS2

Last week you would have received a letter for the next Cinema Club for KS2 on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please go to [www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta) to book a ticket, the deadline to book is **11pm on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March**.

We do need your help and support to run the event, not only during the Cinema Club but also during the afternoon on the day to prep the snack bags. If you can help with either please either sign up when booking a ticket or [here](#).

Thank you for your support.

### Easter Competitions

The PTA are delighted to invite your child to take part in Green Ridge's Annual Easter Bonnet (Early Years & KS1) or Egg Decorating (KS2) Competition on **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April**.

To take part, simply ask your child to decorate a bonnet or egg (we suggest hard boiling them first!) and bring it to school with them on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April.

An independent adjudicator will judge the competition, and the winning child in each class will take home a prize. There will also be a runner-up awarded in each class. On the day we ask for a donation of £2.00 for your child to enter, this will be collected in the morning when the children come into school.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing the children's creations!

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### Health, Well-being and Lifestyle – KS1

Ask your child if they can explain what it means to be healthy. Can you be healthy online? What does this look like? Speak about mindfulness apps and also mention how managing our screen time can ensure we are being healthy online.

### Health, Well-being and Lifestyle – KS2

Speak to your child about mindfulness apps that can support our well-being and ask them what they think suitable screen time looks like. How can they manage this? There are a range of links on our school website that provides guides for parental controls and limits.

## Right of the Week Articles 9 & 20



### Keeping Families Together

Children should not be separated from their parents unless they are not being properly looked after – for example, if a parent hurts or does not take care of a child.

Children whose parents don't live together should stay in contact with both parents unless this might harm the child.

### Children Without Families

Every child who cannot be looked after by their own family has the right to be looked after properly by people who respect the child's religion, culture, language and other aspects of their life.



## Sustainability Tip of the Week

### Making Use of Washing Lines


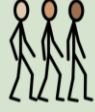



Swap the tumble dryer for the washing line to conserve energy and reduce your carbon footprint. Involve your children in the

fun task of hanging clothes on the line and explain how harnessing the power of the sun and wind to dry clothes is not only environmentally friendly but also saves money on your electricity bill. Show them the connection between using natural resources and protecting the planet for future generations.

## Behaviour Focus of this half term

### How Do We Move

| Ready   | Respectful  | Safe  |
|---|---|---|
| Voices off and looking forward  | Walk to one side!   | Walking with hands by our sides   |
|  |  |  |

We are having a focus on how we move around the school grounds this half term. The children have been thinking about how we move in the "Green Ridge way" to make sure we are always Ready, Respectful and Safe!



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## Important Dates & Events

### Spring Term 2

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March   | 3.20pm PTA Cinema Event – KS2  |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April | 9.00am Parent Forum Meeting  |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | 9.15am Y3 Spring Assembly<br>6.00pm YN 2025 Prospective Open Evening                                   |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April    | PTA Easter Bonnets & Egg Decoration (further details to follow)<br>Children finish for the end of term |





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## ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

To book your FREE place call our enrolment team on 01296 383582, SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the [course code link](#) below

### YEARS 1&2

Support Your Child with Writing and Grammar  
(5 weeks) [FMWG029](#)



SCAN ME

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Tuesday 22 Apr - 20 May  | 9:30am - 11:30am |
| Tuesday 22 Apr - 20 May  | 6:30pm - 8:30pm  |
| Thursday 24 Apr - 22 May | 9:30am - 11:30am |



Support Your Child with Phonics and Reading (5 weeks) [FMPR064](#)

Wednesday 23 Apr- 21 May 9:30am - 11:30am

SCAN ME



### YEARS 1&2 WORKSHOPS



SCAN ME

|                 |                 |   |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| Monday 28 April | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Maths Reasoning and Problem Solving ( <a href="#">FMMN028</a> ) |
| Monday 12 May   | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Maths Through Stories ( <a href="#">FMMN116</a> )               |
| Monday 19 May   | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Help Your Child with Handwriting ( <a href="#">FMWR102</a> )    |



### YEARS 1 TO 6

Money Matters - Teach Your Child the Value  
of Money (4 weeks) [FMMM100](#)

Tuesday 22 Apr - 20 May 12:30 noon - 2:30pm

SCAN ME



### YEARS 1 TO 6 WORKSHOPS



SCAN ME

|                    |                  |   |
|--------------------|------------------|---|
| Wednesday 30 April | 7:00pm - 9:00pm  | Thinking About Volunteering Workshop ( <a href="#">FMVW018</a> )                                      |
| Wednesday 7 May    | 9:30am - 11:30am | Help Your Autistic Child at Home Workshop ( <a href="#">FMAC134</a> )                                 |
| Wednesday 7 May    | 7:00pm - 9:00pm  | Healthy, Happy and Fun - Free Summer Holiday Ideas for you and your Child ( <a href="#">FMWB051</a> ) |



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### YEARS 3&4

Support Your Child with Fractions, Decimals and Percentages (5 weeks) [FMFD106](#)



SCAN ME

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Tuesday 22 Apr - 20 May   | 9:30am - 11:30am |
| Wednesday 23 Apr - 21 May | 9:30am - 11:30am |
| Wednesday 23 Apr - 21 May | 6:30pm - 8:30pm  |



SCAN ME

Help Your Child Tackle Maths Problems Workshop [FMMP007](#)

Monday 28 April

9:30am - 11:30am

### YEARS 3-6

Support Your Child's Mental Arithmetic Skills Workshop [FMMA060](#)

Monday 19 May

9:30am - 11:30am

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### YEARS 5&6

Supporting Your Child with Geometry, Statistics and Measurements (5 weeks) [FMMS117](#)

Thursday 24 Apr - 22 May 9:30am - 11:30am

Thursday 24 Apr - 22 May 6:30pm - 8:30pm

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