

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term

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A note from Mrs. Fraser

We've had a wonderful week back together at Green Ridge.

In assembly this week we've talked about the impression we make and asked, 'Are we living our values of Responsibility and Respect?' The children have written a list of reminders for us all to follow as we walk around the school, and our Prefects have been tasked with looking for excellent role-models.

We'd like to thank all families and friends who were able to join us for our class library sessions this week. As you know, we love to celebrate our true love of reading, and we hope it has left everybody feeling inspired to grab a good book!

Our Reception class have celebrated 100 Days of School! Congratulations to the children and staff for the progress and memories they have made so far.

We'd like to thank the PTA in advance for the upcoming Quiz Night this evening. The funds raised are vital for the continuation of high-quality teaching, learning and growing for our Green Ridge children and their support is truly appreciated. Good luck!

Finally, best wishes to our families at the start of this year's Ramadan.

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Wade	Anya	Jack	Alice
Elm (Y1)	Edie	Freddie	Nola	Archie
Lime (Y1)	Vrushank	Jonah	Aliza	Layla
Oak (Y2)	Bonnie	Nicolas	Charlotte	Ethan R
Plane (Y2)	Teddy	Shiram	Kasim	Lincoln
Spruce (Y2)	Mara	Edward	Anastasia	Dhivonn
Alder (Y3)	Lillie	Eva	Laasya	Orella
Cedar (Y3)	Zachary	Olivia	Amirah	Nathaniel
Ash (Y4)	Adam	Zac	Sienna	Roseanna
Rowan (Y4)	Jack	Emily	Aleksander	Daisy W
Maple (Y5)	Mya	Malachi	Lexi	Manya
Sycamore (Y5)	Darcey M	Maicie-Rose	Olivia	Darcey C-C
Aspen (Y6)	Kiera	Kawthar	Inaya	Orla
Hawthorn (Y6)	Kyle	Ivan	Gracelyn	Adeena

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

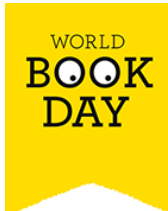
House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	155	1231
Disraeli	196	1247
Pratchett	206	1313
Redgrave	175	1247



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News, Updates & Reminders

World Book Day



This year to celebrate World Book Day, on **Thursday, 6th March** we are inviting the children to come to school wearing their comfiest pyjamas or loungewear as our theme is all about bedtime stories and getting cozy with a book. The children are welcome to bring into school their favourite story book. The hope is that this will create a cozy and relaxed atmosphere, encouraging the love for reading. We believe it will be great fun for everyone involved. Equally if your child would rather not dress up at all, there is no pressure, they can come to school in their uniform as usual.

Year Six Isle of Wight Residential

Polite reminder that the deadline to pay the outstanding balance for the residential trip to the Isle of Wight is **Wednesday, 30th April 2025**. The balance can be paid in full or via instalments on Arbor via the payment portal.

Ramadan

The Muslim month of Ramadan will be starting soon and as a highly inclusive school, we now have greater numbers of older pupils that may wish to take part partially or fully in Ramadan. A letter was sent to Parents/Carers of children in Years Five and Six this week regarding the schools expectations and arrangements.

The school will allow pupils in Years Five and Six (who are approaching puberty) to fast for the holy month of Ramadan.

Pupils in Nursery–Year Four will be expected to eat a healthy lunch. Allowances will be made if they wish to fast for part of the day (e.g., morning or afternoon) and use facilities provided by the school during the month (such as water fountains, fruit and milk).

To ensure that all necessary staff are aware of those children fasting and so that appropriate arrangements can be made, we ask that you email admin with your consent. Children will **not** be able to fast without parental consent. Children younger than Year Five/Six should **not** fast during the school day.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Ramadan Mubarak to all our community from all the staff at Green Ridge.

Reception 100 Days of School

Today Reception celebrated a special milestone, 100 days of school. To mark this achievement the children decorated a T-shirt to represent 100 days of learning. They took part in some 100 themed activities such as games, songs and making crowns for a parade showcasing their creative T-shirts. We are so impressed with their amazing decorations and the imaginative ways the children chose to celebrate 100 days of learning at Green Ridge.



PTA

Second Hand Uniform

The online store to purchase second hand uniform is back and we have a wide range of items. Please go to www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta to place an order.

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](https://www.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

Online Gaming

Online gaming is more popular than ever; it is a great opportunity for your children to have some 'me time' and enjoy playing online with their friends. You can ensure they are doing this safely and responsibly, by:

- Checking the age ratings of the games they are playing (ask to watch or join in to make it feel less invasive)
- Controlling the messaging function
- Ensuring your card details are not stored on your child's devices (the last thing you want is a £1,000 bill for some in-game purchases!)
- Looking out for scams
- Knowing how to 'report'
- Where to get further support – you could begin with this [link](#).

Right of the Week Articles 5 & 18

Family Guidance As Children Develop



Governments should let families and communities guide their children so that, as they grow up, they learn to use their rights in the best way. The more guidance they will need.

Responsibility Of Parents

Parents are the main people responsible for bringing up a child. When the child does not have any parents, another adult will have this responsibility and they are called "guardian". Parents and guardians should always consider what is best for that child. Governments should help them. Where a child has both parents, both of them should be responsible for bringing up the child.



Sustainability Tip of the Week


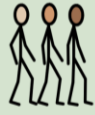

Think Twice Before Binning It!

Before throwing out broken items, consider giving them a second chance through repair. Encourage your children to learn the value of resourcefulness and sustainability by involving them in the repair process. Explore local organisations and charities like the Repair Cafe, where skilled volunteers can help breathe new life into damaged goods. Not only does this teach children the importance of reducing waste, but it also fosters a sense of community and appreciation for craftsmanship. So, next time something breaks, think twice before binning it – you might just discover the joy of giving old items a new lease on life.

REPAIR CAFE
<https://www.buckinghamrepaircafe.org/>

Behaviour Focus of the Week

How Do We Move

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

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



Support Your Child with Reading and Comprehension (Online)

For parents or carers with child/ren in Years 3 and 4



Discover practical ideas to develop your child's reading skills and comprehension. Find out simple, cheap, and effective activities, which can enhance your child's enjoyment of reading.

Choose from:

To book your **FREE** place, phone 01296 383582 with code FMRC059, scan the QR code or click on the [link](#).

SCAN ME



Monday 3 Mar - 31 Mar
9:30 am to 11:30 am



Wednesday 5 Mar - 2 Apr
9:30 am to 11:30 am



Thursday 5 Mar - 2 Apr
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm





Family Learning Online Workshops and Courses

For parents or carers with child/ren in Years 5 and 6



What you do to extend your child's learning at home can make a real difference. Would you like to explore how you can support your child's reading and comprehension skills? Family Learning will provide simple, cheap, and creative ideas to help you.

Choose from:

 Develop your child's reading and comprehension (5 weeks) <u>FMRC091</u>	Thursday 6 Mar - 2 Apr	9:30 am - 11:30 am
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