



# GREENRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Term 2 Notification Letter for Parents

Dear parents,

As we come to the end of the first term, I invite you to join us on our Positive Education journey to take “A Pause for Reflection”. “A Pause for Reflection” can be found on pages 31 – 34 of our student handbook. It is our way to introduce a simple Positive Psychology practice each term for students (and maybe parents as well) to stop and reflect on what we can do to live more positively. On the same page, we also ask students to reflect on how they have demonstrated one of our school values.

The *Practice for a Positive Life* this term is **Feeling Connected**. In a research study in 2011, participants who reflected on a time when they felt a strong connection with someone else reported greater feelings of connectedness and concern for others. They also reported a strong motivation to help others in the following weeks. Being able to help others in turn make us happier and improve our relationships with others.

So, join me to turn to page 31 of your children’s student handbook and think about the people who are important to you and why they matter. Then share what you have written with your children and ask them to share with you what they have written too. This could be an exercise that further strengthens your relationship with your children.

This March holidays, we also invite you to partner us in making reading a lifelong habit for your children. You may want to take them to the beautifully refurbished Bukit Panjang Public Library and spend a morning or afternoon looking for and sharing good books. Finally, find time to exercise together at park connectors nearby or simply take leisure walks with your children at the Pang Sua Pond boardwalk.

May you and your children have a restful break that nourishes the mind and strengthens the body.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chua Choon Hock (Chris)  
Principal

### Important Dates

**10 to 18 Mar**  
Term 1 School Holidays

**12 to 13 Mar**  
Supplementary Classes for P6

**12 to 13 Mar**  
Malacca Educational and Cultural Immersion (Selected P5 students)

**12 Mar**  
P6 Motivational Programme

**19 Mar to 25 May**  
School Term 2

**20 and 22 Mar**  
P3 FbL at Singapore Discovery Centre

**20 and 22 Mar**  
P4 Cultural Trail at Chinatown, Kampong Glam and Little India

**21 to 23 Mar**  
P1 Learning Journey to Zoo

## **Staff Matters**

### **❖ Staff Movement**

We bid farewell to the following teachers who have left the school and would like to thank them for their past contributions to the school and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. They are:

- ❖ Mrs Seetoh Hui Hwa – Posted to Kranji Primary
- ❖ Ms Anisha Thameem Dheen – Joined Private Sector

We welcome the following staff to our Greenridge family. They are:

- ❖ Ms Shazlina Bte Shaly – EL & Math Teacher
- ❖ Mdm Zhao Jun – CL Medium Teacher (Untrained)
- ❖ Ms Ang Man Ling – AED LBS (Untrained)

## **School Holidays, Events and Celebrations**

### **❖ Designated Public Holidays**

There are 2 designated public holidays for Term 2, the dates are as follow:

- Good Friday, 30 Mar 2018
- Labour Day, 1 May 2018

### **❖ International Friendship Day (IFD) on 6 April**

The theme for IFD this year is Celebrating the ASEAN Community. This year, we celebrate our shared successes and the growth and resilience of our ASEAN people in our journey thus far. A series of exciting activities have been planned for the students on that day to inspire our young to play an active role and reinforcing our sense of togetherness and strengthening our ASEAN identity.

### **❖ Kindness Day SG on 18 May**

Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM) encourages everyone to join Kindness Day SG to fuel the kindness spirit in Singapore. Students will be issued with collaterals to help them in their learning of the kindness spirit in Singapore. Parents are encouraged to use the collaterals to educate their children on kindness.

### **❖ 'Eat With Your Family' Day on 25 May**

Eat With Your Family Day aims to build strong bonds within a family and enhance family unity. Greenridge Primary School supports this nation-wide event and school will close on 25 May 2018 at 5.00pm. We encourage you to spend time with your family over dinner on this day.

## **Students' Safety**

### **❖ Road Safety outside the school**

For the safety of our students and road users in the community, parents who drive are advised to park at the nearby HDB carparks at Block 505A or Blocks 507 - 508 before proceeding to pick up or drop off their children at the school gates in the morning or at dismissal. Parents should avoid stopping along Jelapang Road or outside the school gate as this compromises the safety of students and causes traffic congestion.

### **21 and 23 Mar**

P2 Learning  
Journey to  
Bird Park

### **22 Mar**

Water Rationing  
Exercise

### **22 Mar to 24 May**

P2 MT Speech  
and Drama

### **24 Mar**

Anti-Littering  
Campaign cum  
Cleaners'  
Appreciation Day

### **28 to 29 Mar**

Class Photo-  
taking

### **30 Mar**

Good Friday  
holiday

### **2 to 13 Apr**

MTL Fortnight

### **3 and 5 Apr**

P6 & P4 NAPFA  
(5 Items)

### **6 Apr**

International  
Friendship Day

### **10 and 12 Apr**

P6 & P4 NAPFA  
(1.6km Run)

### **17 and 18 Apr**

Youth for  
Environment Day  
(YED)

### **19 Apr**

YED Community  
Clean Up

## Student Matters

### ❖ **Class Photo-Taking on 28 and 29 March**

Class photo-taking will take place on 28 and 29 March 2018. Classes will be scheduled for their class photos to be taken on one of the days. The actual date will be disseminated through Form Teachers closer to the date. Students must be in school uniform with a neat hair style. If your child is having PE lesson on that day, please remind him/her to bring a spare set of school uniform to school.

### ❖ **Teaching our students Responsibility**

#### **Recess and Lunch Break**

We believe in developing your children to be independent. During their recess and lunch break, parents are not to go to the school canteen to buy food for their children. As the school canteen sells healthy set meals, parents are also discouraged from passing any food or asking their children to come out to the Parents' Waiting Area / Foyer during their recess and lunch break.

#### **Punctuality**

We seek parents' cooperation in ensuring that your children report punctually by 7.25am for Flag-raising and Pledge-taking ceremony. There is still a significant number of students who are coming late for school. Your child should be seated in the hall or parade square by 7.25am. We hope that parents will lead by example and help the school inculcate in our students the importance of punctuality as well as reinforce the significance of singing our National Anthem and reciting the Pledge.

### ❖ **Attire and Appearance**

We seek the cooperation of parents to help ensure that our students adhere to school regulations regarding attire and appearance. Students should report to school attired according to their timetables (in PE attire on days when they have PE lessons). Students should also have haircuts/hairstyles based on school regulations (further information can be found on page 10-12 of the Student Handbook). Please also make sure your child has his/her nametags sewn on their uniforms.

## Student Programmes

### ❖ **P1 Speech and Drama Performance on 20 April**

With the completion of their 10-hour English Speech and Drama programme, the Primary 1 students will showcase what they have learnt in a mini performance for their parents and schoolmates. The performance will be held in school on 20 April during school hours. More details will be provided at a later date.

### ❖ **P1 and P2 Interdisciplinary and Experiential Learning Journeys (LJ) to Singapore Zoo and Jurong Bird Park from 21 to 23 March**

As part of the curriculum, P1 students will be going on an LJ to Singapore Zoo and the P2 students will visit Jurong Bird Park from 21 to 23 March. The objective of the LJs is to reinforce concepts taught in school, thereby enhancing the learning process and making learning more authentic. Students will be actively engaged in a new learning environment and apply life skills learnt in school to real life situations. It will also give students the opportunity to explore interesting facts on the various animals featured in the STELLAR books.

### **20 Apr**

P1 Speech and  
Drama  
Performance

### **23 Apr to 11 May**

P1 to P2 – FA2

### **24 to 27 Apr**

P5 and P6 – SA1  
Oral Exam

### **1 May**

Labour Day

### **2 to 11 May**

P3 to P6 – SA1

### **18 May**

Kindness Day SG

### **18 and 22 May**

P3/4 Play  
Appreciation

### **22 May to 29 Jun**

P5 Learning  
Journey to  
SP Services  
Limited's  
Electricity  
Efficiency Centre

### **25 May**

Parent-Teacher  
Conference

### **25 May**

e-Learning Day

### **25 May**

'Eat With Your  
Family' Day

### **21 to 23 Jun**

P4 Outdoor  
Adventure Camp

❖ **P2 Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Speech and Drama**

The Primary 2 MTL Speech and Drama MTL Programme will commence from Term 2, Week 1 onwards during MT curriculum time. This 8-hour programme aims to teach MT in a fun and exciting way through the use of drama to build the children’s confidence in using the language. To showcase the skills learnt, students will be guided to put-up a mini-performance on the last session within their respective classes.

❖ **P3 Field-based Learning (FbL) Journey on 20 and 22 March**

All P3 students will be visiting the Singapore Discovery Centre to learn about the land constraints and challenges faced by Singapore ever since her independence. This is in line with the P3 Social Studies curriculum. During the session, the students will learn to recognize the importance of effective town-planning and resource allocation. They will then take on the role of town planners as they work to provide an optimal lifestyle for Singaporeans.

❖ **P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2018**

Gifted Education Branch (GEB) will be conducting the Primary 3 GEP Identification and Screening Exercise for all students in Terms 3 and 4. The dates are as follow:

EXERCISE	CANDIDATES	SUBJECTS	DATES
Screening Exercise	P3 students	English Language Mathematics	Friday, 24 August 2018
Selection Exercise	Only Shortlisted Students	English Language Mathematics General Ability	Tuesday, 16 October 2018 & Wednesday, 17 October 2018

❖ **P3 and P4 Play Appreciation - Children’s Literature Programme on 18 and 22 May**

The Primary 3 and 4 students will be watching a play as part of the school’s Children’s Literature Programme in Term 2. The play, “Flora & Ulysses”, is based on the Newbery Medal winning book by Kate DiCamillo. By watching literature in theatrical form, it helps students to appreciate language and better prepare them for the study of a children’s literature text in Term 3. It is planned as a post examination activity and will take place on 18 May for the Primary 3 level and 22 May for the Primary 4 Level.

❖ **P3 to P5 GRPS Junior Science Explorer**

The GRPS Junior Science Explorer Card has been issued to all P3 to P5 students. The programme aims to enhance students’ interest in the learning and appreciation of Science through hands-on tasks and activities. Parents are encouraged to work with your child to let him/her discover Science in our everyday life.

❖ **P4 Cultural Trail on 20 and 22 March**

All P4 students will embark on a cultural learning trail at Chinatown, Kampong Glam and Little India on 20 and 22 March. The students will learn and get first-hand experience of the different ethnic cultures found in Singapore. Through this learning trail, students will gain valuable insights on the history and the heritage of Singapore and learn to appreciate other cultures better. Please refer to the letter sent on 5 Mar for the details

#### ❖ **P4 Cyber Wellness Programme**

To better equip our impressionable students against cyberspace risks, the school is embarking on a Cyber Wellness Programme through fun and exciting activities for P4 students in Term 2. Students will get excited about the possibilities of the Internet and learn of the potential dangers at the same time. This programme teaches them to be astute in their early years exploring the Internet. The values taught serve to prevent young children from stumbling into potentially life-changing difficulties. More details on the programme will be provided in Term 2.

#### ❖ **P4 Outdoor Adventure Camp 2018 from 21 to 23 June**

The school will organise a 3-Day-2-Night Outdoor Adventure Camp for all P4 students from 21 to 23 June 2018. The camp will be held at Dairy Farm Adventure Centre. Through the rugged outdoor experience, we hope the pupils will aspire to the school vision of *'Engaged Learners, Caring Leaders'* and demonstrate the school values of being gracious, responsible and public-spirited. All P4 students are required to attend this camp. Further details of the camp will be given on a later date.

#### ❖ **P4 and P6 NAPFA Test 2018**

The annual National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA) test will be conducted for Primary 4 and Primary 6 students only. The schedule is as follow:

Date	Day	Level	Time	Test Item
3 April 2018	Tuesday	Primary 6	1.45 pm – 4.15 pm	5 Items
5 April 2018	Thursday	Primary 4	1.45 pm – 4.15 pm	5 Items
10 April 2018	Tuesday	Primary 6	7.45 am – 10.15 am	1.6 km run
12 April 2018	Thursday	Primary 4	7.45 am – 10.15 am	1.6 km run

Further details of the test will be given at a later date.

#### ❖ **P5 Learning Journey (LJ) to SP Services Limited's Electricity Efficiency Centre from 22 May to 29 June**

The P5 students will be visiting the SP Services Limited's Electricity Efficiency Centre as part of their Science curriculum. The LJ aims to encourage students to practise good energy efficiency habits beginning from their home. Details of the LJ will be provided at a later date.

#### ❖ **P5 (Selected Students) ExCEL Programme Training**

Selected Primary 5 Student Leaders who have gone to Hong Kong for the cultural immersion trip will set up mini booths in the Quiet Zone to share their experience. They will attend in-house training sessions and be involved in the upcoming International Student Integration Learning Journey.

#### ❖ **P5 (Selected Students) Malacca Educational and Cultural Immersion from 12 to 13 March**

As part of the school's Cultural Immersion Programme, 60 P5 students have been selected to go for a 2D1N learning experience to Malacca from Monday, 13 March to Tuesday, 14 March 2018. The main objective of the immersion programme is to give our students an opportunity to learn about the rich heritage and historical sites in Malacca.

❖ **P6 March Holidays' Supplementary Classes on 12 and 13 March**

All P6 Classes will be involved in supplementary classes from 7.45am to 12.15pm. Please refer to the letter sent on 2 Mar for the details.

❖ **P6 March Holidays' Programme – Motivational Programme**

All P6 Classes will be having the third session of the Motivational Programme on Monday 12 Mar 2018 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. after the P6 Supplementary Classes.

❖ **P6 VIA - Anti-Littering Campaign cum Cleaners' Appreciation Day on 24 Mar (Sat)**

All the P6 students will be participating in an Anti-Littering cum Cleaners' Appreciation Day, jointly organized with Zhenghua-Greenridge RC, on 24 March, Saturday, from 7.30 am to 11.30 am. Through this event, our students will be involved in a litter picking activity and will also be able to show appreciation to the cleaners who keep our estate clean. Further details will be given on a later date.

❖ **Water Rationing Exercise on 22 March**

A water rationing exercise will be conducted on 22 March to educate our students on the importance of water conservation and how they can play a part to help save water. Taps at the hand washing area in the canteen will be turned off during the recess and water will be rationed for their hand washing. The P3 and P4 students will be given collaterals to take part in a one-week challenge where they will keep their shower time to less than five minutes.

❖ **Mother Tongue languages (MTL) Fortnight on 2 to 13 April**

To create deeper understanding of MTL and their cultural aspects, students will be introduced to the different aspects of the Chinese, Malay and Tamil cultures. Through literature, hands-on activities on traditional crafts and values education, students would be able to gain a better understanding of their respective cultures.

❖ **E-Learning Day on 25 May**

The school will be conducting e-learning for students in conjunction with the Parent-Teacher Conference. Teachers will be assigning online exercises through the MCONLINE e-learning portal for your child to complete. The school's computer labs would be made available for students without home computers from 8.00am to 12.00pm on that day. Students would need to be properly attired in their school uniform for this purpose.

**Partnership with Parents**

❖ **Parent-Teacher Conference on 25 May**

To better engage you in your child's learning and holistic development, the school will be holding a Parent-Teacher Conference on 25 May 2018 after the first Semestral Assessment. There will be individual discussion on your child's progress with the teachers. More details on the conference will be given at a later date.

### ❖ **Upcoming Parenting Workshop & Parent-Child Bonding Activities**

The school will be organising the following parenting workshops and parent-child bonding activities for Term 2. SMS will be sent to parents for registration.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
25 May 2018	Parenting Talk on Cyber-wellness
26 May 2018	Parent-Child Bonding Activity

### **Partnership with Community**

#### ❖ **Youth for Environment Day (YED) on 17 and 18 April**

These two days are set aside to empower students to make positive changes that may minimize the adverse effects on our environment. Assembly programmes will be carried out in school to educate students on specific environmental topics. Parents can be good role models in discussing and advocating in some of these environment-saving practices such as recycling and refrain from serving or buying shark products. You can refer to [wwf.sg](http://wwf.sg) on some discussion topics that are currently a concern for us.

#### ❖ **YED Community Clean Up on 19 April**

Selected CCA groups will be involved in a community clean-up activity in commemoration of YED. Through this activity, students will learn about the problem of littering in Singapore and how they can play a part in keeping Singapore clean.

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### ***Photography or Videography during School Events and Activities***

*Please be informed that when you or your child attend any school event or activity, your photographs or video images may be captured. We may use and publish such photographs and/ or video recordings in our school publications, website, banners and other official school communication channels.*