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Term 4 Notification Letter for Parents

Dear Parents,

As the term comes to an end in the celebratory mood of our 52nd National Day, our nation's outstanding performance at the 29th Southeast Asian Games, and our own Teachers' Day Celebrations, we are grateful for your support in the various activities we have undertaken this term to provide a holistic education for our students.

Earlier in the term, all 3 of our students' ceramics artwork that we had submitted for the Singapore Youth Festival Art Exhibition were selected to be featured in an on-site exhibition at *SCAPE The Ground Theatre. In addition, a team of our P5 student artists were chosen to conduct an Artist Talk at the exhibition site. In the Artist Talk, our student artists presented their artwork and shared their art making processes to the public. They also facilitated an art making activity to the school and public audience present. All these and other accomplishments are made possible through the efforts of our teachers, students and your strong support for the school. Thank you.

In August, we focus on the core value: Resilience. Through stories, assembly talks, sharing of Values Brief by our student leaders and examples highlighted by teachers, we build our students' understanding of the value. Through the year, our teachers also help our students to build their collaborative spirit in the classrooms because we know that children with close ties to their family, friends, school and community develops a stronger sense of security that builds their resilience. During this September holidays, I encourage you to reinforce this value by spending quality time and conversations with your child about Resilience.

With Teachers' Day just round the corner, we have reminded your child that a simple handmade card/ craft with words of gratitude will be enough to show their appreciation to teachers. Please help us to reinforce to your child that the best way to thank their teachers is really through their enthusiasm and effort in learning, the good character they display and the collaborative spirit they build with their classmates every single day! Have a good and restful break!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chua Choon Hock
Principal

Important Dates

30 Aug

Teachers' Day Celebrations
(7.30 am – 10.30 am)

31 Aug

School holiday for Teachers' Day

1 Sep

Public holiday for Hari Raya Haji

1 – 22 Sep

Nomination for ECHA

2 – 10 Sep

School Vacation

4 – 5 Sep

P6
Supplementary Classes

4 – 6 Sep

P4 Outdoor Adventure Camp

4 – 6 Sep

P5 Student Leaders Overseas Cultural Immersion (Selected Student Leaders)

Staff Awards

❖ National Day Awards 2017

We are proud to share that our Year Head, Mdm Pek Shu San has been awarded The Commendation Medal at the National Day Awards 2017!

Staff Movement in Semester 2

❖ Staff movement

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

- Ms Alicia Wang Xin Chan, Allied Educator (Learning and Behavioural Support)
- Ms Wong Hui Lin, CL Medium Teacher
- Ms Goh Si Hui, EL Medium Teacher
- Mr Eugene Teo Guo Shun, EL Medium Teacher (Untrained)

School Events and Celebrations

❖ Scheduled Public and School Holidays

The Term 3 September school holidays will be from 2 to 10 September. All students are to return to school on Monday, 11 September. The scheduled holidays for Term 4 will be as follows:

Holiday	Day and Date
Hari Raya Haji	Friday, 1 September 2017
September School Holidays	Saturday, 2 September 2017 to Sunday, 10 September 2017
Children's Day	Friday, 6 October 2017
Deepavali	Wednesday, 18 th October 2017
End of Year School Vacation	Saturday, 18 November to Sunday, 31 December 2017
Christmas	Monday, 25 December 2017

❖ Primary 2 Speech and Drama Performance on Monday, 18 September

With the completion of the Primary 2 Speech and Drama Programme, the students will be putting up a mini performance for their parents and schoolmates. The performance is scheduled on 18 September from 12pm to 1.30pm. More information will be provided at a later date.

❖ Nominations for Edusave Character Award (ECHA) 2017 by 22 September

All Singaporean students in Government and Government-aided schools are eligible for ECHA. ECHA is given to recognise students for demonstrating exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. We would like to invite parents to nominate their children who are deserving of the award. The criteria and nomination forms will be made available via the school website (under 'Announcement' tab) and General Office from Monday, 4 September 2017. Nomination forms and any supporting evidence must be submitted to the General Office by 22 September, 5.00pm in a sealed envelope. Late submission will not be considered.

14 Sep
P5 VIA

15 Sep
PSLE Listening
Comprehension
Exam

18 Sep
P2 Speech and
Drama
Performance

20 – 22 Sep
P2 SA2 Oral
Exam

22 Sep
Toy Drive

28 Sep – 4 Oct
PSLE Written
Examination

2 – 4 Oct
P3 to P5 SA2
Oral Exam

5 Oct
Start of P6 Post-
PSLE Programme

5 Oct
Children's Day
Celebration

6 Oct
School holiday
for Children's
Day

9 – 16 Oct
P1 FA4

11 Oct
P5 SA2
HMT Paper 1

12 – 13 Oct
P2 to P5 SA2 EL
& MT

❖ **Children’s Day Celebration on 5 October 2017**

We will be celebrating Children’s Day on Thursday, 5 October. School will function from 7.30am to 12.30pm for P1 – P6 on that day. Students are required to be in their PE attire for the celebration. As Children’s Day falls on Friday, 6 October, students need not attend school on that day.

❖ **Results Processing Day on 9 November 2017**

As teachers will be processing students’ results in preparation for 2018 class allocation on Thursday, 9 November, there will be no school for all students on that day.

❖ **Promotion Day on 16 November 2017**

On Thursday, 16 November, the school will be conducting a Promotion Day for our P2, P4 and P5 students where we will prepare them for their classes in 2018. P1, P3 and P6 students do not have to report to school on this day as P1 and P3 students will be promoted en-bloc. All P2, P4 and P5 students will report to school from 7.30am to 9.30am. Please make the necessary arrangements to pick up your child from school. For students taking the school bus, we have informed our school service provider.

❖ **Speech and Prize Giving Ceremony on 17 November 2017**

Our school will be having our 22nd Anniversary Celebrations cum Speech and Prize Giving Ceremony on Friday, 17 November. Only prize recipients and student performers need to report to school. Invitations will be sent out to parents of students involved at a later date.

Examination Matters

❖ **P6 PSLE Administrative Information**

The PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination will be held on Friday, 15 September. Students in the Primary 1 to 5 levels are not required to attend school on that day.

The PSLE written examinations will take place from 28 September to 4 October. Primary 6 students are required to report to school by 7.15am and will be dismissed immediately after the papers end. During the PSLE Written Examinations, the school hall is out of bounds to all students. There will be no CCA, enrichment, supplementary or remedial classes on these days.

Student Safety and Security Matters

❖ **Road Safety**

We would like to seek the cooperation of parents and guardians who walk their children to school to always use the designated pedestrian crossings. Parents are also reminded to use the designated pedestrian crossings at all times. As part of our road safety briefing to all students, we have reminded our students to be safe when crossing roads. We seek parents’ support in helping the school to be positive role models to the children and reinforce the importance of road safety.

18 Oct
Public holiday
for Deepavali

19 – 20 Oct
P3 GEP Selection
for shortlisted
students

**19, 20, 23, 24
Oct**
PSLE Marking
Exercise

**19, 20, 23, 24
Oct**
E-Learning Days

25 Oct
P5 HMT Paper 2

25 Oct – 3 Nov
P1 FA4

26 Oct – 31 Oct
P2 to P5 SA2
Written
Examination

31 Oct – 8 Nov
P6 Inter-
generational
Learning
Programme

9 Nov
Results
Processing Day

10 Nov
P6 Graduation
Lunch

10 – 13 Nov
P4 Parents to
Exercise 2018 P5
SBB Option

16 Nov
Promotion Day

❖ **Procedures When Entering the School**

For security reasons, the school does not encourage anyone to come into the school premises unnecessarily. **This includes parents coming in during recess to visit their children.** The school gates will remain closed during school hours. All visitors are requested to produce their identification cards (e.g. NRIC, driver's license etc.) at the security guard post.

❖ **Road Safety Outside the School**

For 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 Block 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 as this causes road safety issues and creates traffic congestions.

❖ **Visitors to School**

Visitors will be required to state their reasons for their visits. The security guards will then issue official school passes to visitors. Visitors are required to wear the passes while in school. These passes are to be returned upon leaving the school.

Student Programmes

❖ **E-Learning Days on 19, 20, 23 and 24 October 2017**

This year's PSLE Marking Exercise will be on 19, 20, 23 and 24 October and all P1 to P6 students do not need to come to school. The school will be conducting e-learning during the four days. 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 on 19 and 20 October 2017, from 8.00am to 12.00 noon. Students using the labs will need to be properly attired in their school uniform.

❖ **P4 Parents to Exercise 2018 P5 Subject-Based Banding (SBB) Option on 10 November 2017**

Parents of P4 students will be given the SBB Option Form on Friday, 10 November. This is to allow parents to exercise the P5 SBB options for your child in 2018. Parents must return the SBB Option Form through their child by Monday 13 November.

❖ **P4 Calculator Workshop (for P4 students going to P5 in 2018)**

In view of the introduction of calculators into the P5 Mathematics syllabus, the Mathematics Department will be organising a calculator workshop to improve students' understanding of the key functions of the calculator in November 2017 during school hours. More details will be given to parents closer to the date of the workshop.

17 Nov
Speech & Prize-Giving Ceremony

20 Nov
P1 Orientation for 2018 Primary 1 Cohort

24 – 27 Nov
Release of PSLE Results 2017 (Tentative)

❖ **P6 Supplementary Classes on 4 and 5 September 2017**

Our school will also be conducting supplementary classes for your child/ ward during the September holidays. Kindly take note of the following details for the supplementary classes:

DATE	DAY	TIME	CLASSES
4 September 2017	Monday	8.00am – 1.30pm	All P6 Classes
5 September 2017	Tuesday	8.00am – 12.30pm	

❖ **P6 Post-PSLE Programme from 5 October 2017**

After the completion of all the PSLE Written Examinations, all P6 students are required to report to school as per normal on Thursday, 5 October. As part of the Post-PSLE Programme, there will be several activities lined up for the students. These compulsory school activities are planned for the students with the aim to instill values and leadership skills. More details will be given in a separate letter issued to parents at a later date. We seek your cooperation in ensuring that your child attends the programme.

❖ **P6 Graduation Lunch on 10 November 2017**

To celebrate the students' accomplishment of their six years of Primary Education and to usher them to the next exciting phase of their educational lives, the P6 level teachers, together with our parents' support group, PIAGET (Parents In Action, Greenridgeans Excel Together), are organising the P6 Graduation Lunch on Friday, 10 November. More details will be given to parents closer to the date of the event.

Partnership with Community

❖ **P5 VIA 'I am a Dengue Fighter' on 14 September 2017**

All P5 students will be performing a community outreach programme on Thursday, 14 September, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Guided by teachers and parent volunteers, students will be engaging with the residents in the nearby blocks to advocate for a dengue-free neighbourhood and sharing tips of using water wisely. Students are advised to bring a small bag, water bottle and some snacks on that day. They will be dismissed from the school's main gate at 5.10pm.

❖ **Toy Drive on 22 September 2017**

Our school is collaborating with Food From The Heart (FFTH) to support their yearly toy drive that will bring joy to underprivileged children and also to encourage recycling of toys. Games which include board games, educational experimental sets, building sets, creative or artistic box sets and sports or musical equipment which will be beneficial for children from ages 7 to 13 are preferred in the Toy Drive. The toys donated can be new or recycled and needs to be in good condition and in complete set.

❖ **P6 Intergenerational Learning Programme (ILP), 31 Oct to 8 November 2017**

As part of post-PSLE activities, the P6 students will be involved in an ILP from 31st October to 8th November. Students will be paired with seniors and they will share a skill they have learnt in school with the participants. We hope the inter-generational interaction will build our students' confidence as well as to help them develop a greater appreciation of the contributions made by our senior citizens to the community.

Partnership with Parents

❖ **Parent-Child Bonding Activities**

Our school will be organising the following activities for parents and children in Term 4. An SMS will be sent to all parents to register for the event.

Activity	Date
<u>International Coastal Clean-up @ Pulau Ubin</u> The International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) is an annual event conducted in about 100 countries. The programme aims to educate the public and youth on marine conservation and protection. It also provides an opportunity to visit the nostalgic and evergreen Pulau Ubin, and for children to experience the life in Singapore back in the 1950s to 1980s. Registration details will be sent via SMS.	16 Sep 2017 (Saturday), 7.30 am - 12.30 pm
<u>Father-Child Bonding Activity - Laser Quest @ Bukit Batok</u> Laser Quest is an interactive indoor team-bonding game. Players score points by tagging targets in a mission that combines the classic game 'Hide-and-Seek' and modern game 'Laser Tag'. Children must be age 8 years old and above to participate. As the event utilises the 'FamilyMatters@School for Fathers' funding, the fathers must to be present for the event with their child(ren). The event is on a first-come-first served basis and space is limited to a maximum of 20 father-child pairs. Registration details will be sent via SMS.	11 Nov 2017 (Saturday), 9.00 am - 11.00 am

❖ **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.