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Term 2 Notification Letter for Parents

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the first term, let us reflect on the values that guide our thoughts and actions. As part of the school-based Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) programme, we use different platforms to reinforce our school values of Integrity, Graciousness, Responsibility and Public-Spiritedness as well as our CCE values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Care and Harmony to our students.

Each month, we focus on one value (either the school or CCE values) and activities are tied to these values where school leaders, middle managers, teachers and student leaders explicitly explain and hold conversations with students to help them better understand these values. From January to March, the focused values are Integrity, Responsibility and Resilience.

We invite you to partner us in this meaningful endeavour by sharing stories and examples (from books, news articles, personal experiences, historical events and movies) that highlight these values with your child. When selected well, stories and examples will evoke emotions in your child to do what is right, provide good role models to teach values and help your child to understand and internalise acceptable and appropriate behaviours.

We also urge you to continue to be good role models of these values to your child. Children learn values by observing and making sense of the actions that we take each day: the choices that we make, the way we handle problems, the way we express our gratitude or displeasure, and the way we interact with and guide them. As adults, we have tremendous influence on children's character development.

We hope that you have a good break this coming March holidays and spend quality time with your child.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Chua Choon Hock (Chris)
Principal

Important Dates

11 to 19 Mar
Term 1 School Holidays

13 to 14 Mar
Supplementary Classes for P6

13 to 14 Mar
P5 Cultural Immersion Prog. to Malacca (Selected Students)

14 Mar
P6 Motivation Programme

20 Mar
P5 Student Leadership Workshop

20 to 24 Mar
P6 FbL to Singapore Botanic Gardens

20 Mar to 26 May
School Term 2

21 and 23 Mar
P4 MT Cultural Trail

School Holidays, Events and Celebrations

❖ **Designated Public Holidays**

There are 3 designated public holidays for Term 2, the dates are as follow:

- Good Friday, 14 Apr 2017
- Labour Day, 1 May 2017, and
- Vesak Day, 10 May 2017

❖ **International Friendship Day (IFD) on 7 April**

The theme for IFD this year is ASEAN 50. Singapore's friendship with regional countries goes beyond economic collaboration and it has been 50 years since the establishment of this association. A series of exciting activities have been planned for the students on that day to deepen their understanding of the relations we share with the ASEAN countries.

❖ **Kindness Day SG on 19 May**

Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM) encourages everyone to join Kindness Day SG to fuel the kindness spirit in Singapore. SKM hopes Kindness Day SG will serve as a reminder, celebration, and continuing encouragement of kindness. Students will be issued with collaterals to help them in their learning of the kindness spirit in Singapore.

❖ **GRPS Celebrates the SEA Games 2017 on 25 May**

In line with the SEA Games 2017 which will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the school will be organizing *GRPS Celebrates the SEA Games 2017* on Thursday, 25 May 2017. Students will be taking part in mass run/mass walk and healthy lifestyle activities. More details will be given at a later date.

❖ **'Eat With Your Family' Day on 26 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 26 May 2017 at 5.00pm. We encourage you to spend time with your family over dinner on Friday, 26 May 2017.

Students' Safety

❖ **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.

Student Matters

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

Class photo-taking will take place on 28 and 29 March 2017. 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.

22 to 23 Mar
P1 Learning
Journey to
Zoo

22 to 23 Mar
P2 Learning
Journey to
Bird Park

24 Mar
P4 Student
Leadership
Workshop

25 Mar
Anti-Littering
Campaign cum
Cleaners'
Appreciation Day

28 to 29 Mar
Class Photo-
taking

4 and 6 Apr
P6 & P4 NAPFA
(5 Items)

7 Apr
International
Friendship Day

10 to 21 Apr
MTL Fortnight

11 and 13 Apr
P6 & P4 NAPFA
(1.6km Run)

14 Apr
Good Friday

18 and 19 Apr
Youth for
Environment Day
(YED)

20 Apr
YED Community
Clean Up

❖ **P4 and P6 NAPFA Test from 4 to 13 April**

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
4 April 2017	Tuesday	Primary 6	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	5 Items
6 April 2017	Thursday	Primary 4	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	5 Items
11 April 2017	Tuesday	Primary 6	7.30 am – 9.30 am	1.6 km run
13 April 2017	Thursday	Primary 4	7.30 am – 9.30 am	1.6 km run

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

❖ **Punctuality – an act of Responsibility**

We have seen an increase in the number of students who come to school late recently. There are also students who arrive after the National Anthem and Pledge recitation. We urge all parents to help in ensuring that your child arrive on time in school. Your child should be seated in the hall or parade square by 7.25am. We hope that this practice will inculcate in our students the importance of punctuality as well as reinforce the significance of singing our National Anthem and reciting the Pledge.

Student Programmes

❖ **P1 and P2 Interdisciplinary and Experiential Learning Journeys (LJ) to Singapore Zoo and Jurong Bird Park from 22 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 on 22 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.

❖ **P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2017**

Gifted Education Branch (GEB) will be conducting the P3 GEP Identification and Screening Exercise for all students. The dates are as follow:

EXERCISE	CANDIDATES	SUBJECTS	DATES
Screening Exercise	P3 students	English Language Mathematics	Wednesday 23 August 2017
Selection Exercise	Only Shortlisted Students	English Language Mathematics General Ability	Thursday 19 October 2017 & Friday 20 October 2017

❖ **Children’s Literature Programme - Play Appreciation for P3 and P4 on 22 and 23 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 entitled “Coraline ”will prepare students to embark on the study of a children’s literature text in Term 3. It is planned as a post examination activity and will take place on 22 May for the Primary 3 level and 23 May for the Primary 4 Level.

24 to 27 Apr
P5 and P6 – SA1
Oral Exam

28 Apr
P5 and P6 – SA1
HMT Paper 1

1 May
Labour Day

2 to 12 May
P3 to P6 – SA1

2 to 19 May
P1 to P2 – FA2

10 May
Vesak Day

15 to 23 May
P5 Learning
Journey to
SP Services Ltd’s
Electricity
Efficiency Centre

19 May
Kindness Day SG

22 and 23 May
P3/4 Play
Appreciation

25 May
GRPS Celebrates
the SEA Games
2017

26 May
Parent-Teacher
Conference

26 May
e-Learning Day

26 May
‘Eat With Your
Family’ Day

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

The GRPS Junior Science Explorer card activities designed by the Science department will be introduced to all P3 to P5 students. These activity cards will be given to the students in Term 2. 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 discover Science together.

❖ **P4 Mother Tongue (MT) Cultural Trail on 21 and 23 March**

The school will be organising a cultural trail during the first week of Term 2 for all P4 students. Students will be visiting Chinatown, Kampong Glam and Little India to understand the diverse cultures in Singapore. During the trail, students will be immersed in the diverse culture of Singapore, as well as engaged in self-directed and collaborative learning.

❖ **P4 and P5 Student Leadership Programme on 20 and 24 March**

The P4 and P5 students will be attending a student leadership workshop which focuses on personal leadership (P4) and team leadership (P5). The students have completed the first module earlier in Term 1 (10 March) and will attend the second module in Term 2 on 20 March (P5) and 24 March (P4). We seek parents' support in ensuring that students attend the workshops.

❖ **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 and Term 3. 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.

❖ **P5 Learning Journey (LJ) to SP Services Ltd's Electricity Efficiency Centre from 15 to 23 May**

The P5 students will be visiting the SP Services Ltd's Electricity Efficiency Centre as part of their Science curriculum on 15, 16, 22 and 23 May. This LJ aims to encourage students to practice good energy efficiency habits beginning from their home. Details of the LJ will be provided at a later date.

❖ **P5 (Selected Students) Cultural Immersion Programme from 13 to 14 March**

As part of the school's Cultural Immersion Programme, 70 P5 students have been selected to go for a 2D1N trip to Malacca from Monday, 13 March to Tuesday, 14 March 2017. The main objective of this trip is to give our students an opportunity to learn about the rich heritage and historical sites in Malacca.

❖ **P6 March Holidays' Supplementary Classes on 13 and 14 March**

All P6 Classes will be involved in supplementary classes from 8.00am to 12.30pm. Please refer to the letter sent on 7 Mar for the details.

31 May
Staff VIA

23 Aug
P3 GEP
Identification
Exercise 2017

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

All P6 Classes will be having a Motivation Programme during Term 1, March School Holidays. This Programme will be held in school on Tuesday 14 Mar 2017 from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm after the P6 Supplementary Classes.

❖ **P6 Field-based Learning (FbL) Journey – Singapore Botanic Gardens from 20 to 24 March**

All P6 students will embark on a heritage tour at the Singapore Botanic Gardens on 20, 21, 23 and 24 March. The Singapore Botanic Gardens is a World Heritage Site. Through this FbL, students will gain valuable insights on the history and the heritage of the Singapore Botanic Gardens and understand the impact of the Gardens on Singaporeans.

❖ **Mother Tongue languages (MTL) Fortnight on 10 to 21 April**

To create deeper understanding of MTL and their cultural aspects, students will be introduced to the different aspects of the CL/ML/TL cultures through literature, hands-on activities on traditional crafts and values education. At the end of their 6 years journey in primary school, we believe that students would have gained a better understanding of their respective culture.

❖ **E-Learning Day on 26 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.

❖ **Values Advocate Cards (Primary 3 to Primary 6)**

The school strongly believes in character education and for every child to develop good values. As part of our character education programme, P3 to P6 students will be given a 'Values Advocate Card'. The card contains 'mini-tasks' where students will have opportunities to display the good values they have learnt and to contribute to the betterment of the larger society they live in.

❖ **Weekly Recycling @ GRPS**

We advocate for our students to adopt environment-friendly practices and do their part to save the Earth. Children are encouraged to bring recyclable items to school for recycling, every Friday.

Partnership with Parents

❖ **Parent-Teacher Conference on 26 May**

To better engage you in your child's learning and holistic development, the school will be holding a Parent-Teacher Conference on 26 May 2017 after the Semestral Assessment 1 Examinations. 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.

Date	Event
1 Apr (Sat)	Parenting Talk #2 - "Helping Your Child Set Goals"
20 May (Sat)	Parenting Talk #3 - "How to talk so that you child will listen"
24 May (Wed)	Army Open House
26 May (Fri)	Parenting Talk #4 - "Learning-oriented vs performance oriented parenting - Helping your child rediscover the joy of learning"
27 May (Sat)	Pizza-making @ PastaMania (twinned with Parenting Talk #3)

Partnership with Community

❖ **School Notification and Attendance App (Snaapp)**

Our school has ceased using Snaapp with effect from 1 March 2017 based on feedback from parents. We will continue to communicate with you via SMS, phone calls, student's handbook and Learning Management System (McOnline) while we explore other communication tools.

❖ **Anti-Littering Campaign cum Cleaners' Appreciation Day on 25 Mar**

The school is collaborating with Zhenghua-Greenridge RC to organise the above event on Saturday, 25 Mar 2017. Primary 6 students will be involved in this event. Through this event, the students will be able to show appreciation to the cleaners who keep our estate clean. Students will also be involved in a litter picking activity to take ownership in keeping our community clean. Details has been given in a separate letter on 7 Mar 2017.

❖ **Youth for Environment Day (YED) on 18 and 19 April**

The school will be celebrating YED on 18 and 19 Apr. We will be collecting unwanted clothing that is still in good condition for recycling on these two days. These clothing will be given to the needy. We would also encourage parents to nurture good environmental practices with the children such as to recycle at home and reduce food wastage.

❖ **YED Community Clean Up on 20 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.

❖ **Staff VIA on 31 May**

Our teachers will be performing a staff VIA on 31 May. Through this VIA, teachers aim to be good role models of citizens who contribute actively to the community. They will also bring back valuable experiences from the VIA that will be shared in their classrooms.

❖ **MOE Kindergarten Open House on 1 Apr**

In support of the education of our future generations, MOE Kindergarten will be organising an Open House on Saturday, 1 Apr 2017. Please refer to the attached letter for details.

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.



10 February 2017

ON TO A STRONG START!

Dear Parents,

Are you looking for a quality and affordable kindergarten programme for your pre-school child?

We warmly invite you and your child to visit the MOE Kindergarten Open House!

At MOE Kindergarten, we believe that children are curious, active and competent learners. We nurture children holistically, so that they are confident, demonstrate strong social skills and have a good foundation in literacy and numeracy.

Our curriculum is designed by the MOE early childhood and curriculum specialists behind the Nurturing Early Learners Framework, which guides the development of kindergarten programmes in Singapore. Your child will embark on an exciting learning journey at MOE Kindergarten through our two flagship programmes – the HI-Light Programme and the Starlight Literacy Programme.

If you require a full-day service for your child, you'll be pleased to know that Kindergarten Care, which operates from 7am to 7pm from Mondays to Fridays, is available at most MOE Kindergartens.

Visit an Open House near you to find out more!


Registrations for admission to K1 in 2018 will be accepted on the day of the Open House and the following Monday.

Open House: 1 April 2017, Saturday
Registration Exercise: 1 & 3 April 2017, Saturday & Monday
Time: 9am – 2pm
Venue: MOE Kindergarten @ West Spring
West Spring Primary School
60 Bukit Panjang Ring Road, Singapore 679946

Sign up for the Open House at www.moe.gov.sg/moekindergarten. We look forward to seeing you!

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