



GREENRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 4 Notification Letter for Parents

Dear Parents,

As term 3 comes to an end in the celebratory mood of our 53rd National Day, and our own Teachers' Day Celebrations, we thank you for your support in the various activities we have undertaken to provide a holistic education for our students.

In August, as part of our school's Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) programme, we focus on the teaching of our core value: Resilience. Through stories, assembly talks, sharing of Values Brief by our student leaders and examples highlighted by teachers and students, we build our students' understanding of the value. Throughout the year, our teachers also help our students to build their collaborative spirit in the classrooms because we understand that children who feel connected to their family, friends, school and community develop a stronger sense of security that make them more resilient.

In alignment with the school's Positive Education initiative, our teachers have also engaged the students in simple practices that enhance their well-being. One such practice requires the students to notice and express their gratitude for good things that happened to them. The practice provides students the opportunity to focus on the positive and create a habit of thinking about what is going right. When done regularly, this practice teaches students to be grateful and humble, both which enhances well-being and hence build our students' resilience. During this September holidays, I encourage you to continue to enhance your child's well-being through spending quality time to connect with your child, and guiding your child to express gratitude for good things (can be simple ones) that went well each day.

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 – 10.15 am)

31 Aug

School holiday for Teachers' Day

1 Sep

Parent-Child Bonding - Dining in the Dark

1 – 9 Sep

School Vacation

1 – 21 Sep

Nomination for ECHA

3 – 4 Sep

P6 Supplementary Classes

11 Sep

P5 VIA

13 Sep

Food Drive

14 Sep

PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam

Staff Award

❖ **President's Award for Teachers 2018**

We are proud to share that our Senior Teacher, **Mr Shahrin Bin Mahmud**, has been selected as one of the finalists for the **President's Award for Teachers 2018!**

Staff Matters

❖ **Staff movement**

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

- Ms Ong Siew Ling - Math & Science Teacher
- Mr Wong Jun Kai - EL & Math Teacher (Untrained)
- Ms Tashalini D/O KP Sathasivam - Tamil Language Teacher (Untrained)

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:

- Mr Justin Paolo Quismundo Gumapon
- Mdm Hee Ming Min
- Ms Ang Man Ling

School Events and Celebrations

❖ **Scheduled Public and School Holidays**

Term 3 September school holidays will be from 1 to 9 September. All students are to return to school on Monday, 10 September. The scheduled holidays for Term 4 will be as follows:

Holiday	Day and Date
September School Holidays	Saturday, 1 September 2018 to Sunday, 9 September 2018
Children's Day	Friday, 5 October 2018
Deepavali	Tuesday, 6 November 2018
End of Year School Vacation	Saturday, 17 November 2018 to Monday, 31 December 2018

❖ **Nominations for Edusave Character Award (ECHA) by 21 September 2018**

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 online nomination forms will be available on the school website (under 'Announcement' tab) from 1 September. Nominations must be made by Friday, 21 September. Late submission will not be considered.

17 – 21 Sep
P2 SA2 Oral
Exam

18 – 20 Sep
P3 to P5 SA2
Oral Exam

21 Sep
Last day for
ECHA
submission

27 Sep – 3 Oct
PSLE Written
Examination

4 Oct
Children's Day
Celebration

5 Oct
School holiday
for Children's
Day

8 Oct
Start of P6 Post-
PSLE
Programme

8 – 12 Oct,
22 Oct – 1 Nov
P1 FA4

9 - 12 Oct
P6 FbL

10 Oct
P5 SA2
HMT Paper 1

11 – 12 Oct
P2 to P5 SA2 EL
& MT (Papers 1
& 3)

15 Oct – 18 Oct
PSLE Marking
Exercise

❖ **Children’s Day Celebration on 4 October 2018**

We will be celebrating Children’s Day on Thursday, 4 October. School will function as per normal. Students are required to be in their PE attire for the celebration. As Children’s Day falls on Friday, 5 October, students need not attend school on that day.

❖ **Results Processing Day on 8 November 2018**

As teachers will be processing students’ results in preparation for 2019 class allocation on Thursday, 8 November, there will be no school for all students on that day.

❖ **Promotion Day on 15 November 2018**

On Thursday, 15 November, the school will be conducting a Promotion Day for our P2, P4 and P5 students in which we will prepare them for their classes in 2019. 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 9.45am. 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 16 November 2018**

Our school will be having our 23rd Speech and Prize Giving Ceremony on Friday, 16 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, 14 September. Primary 1 to 5 students are not required to attend school on that day.

The PSLE written examinations will take place from 27 September to 3 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.

15 Oct - 18 Oct
E-Learning Days

16 & 17 Oct
P3 GEP
Selection for
shortlisted
students

29 Oct
P5 HMT Paper 2

30 Oct – 2 Nov
P2 to P5 SA2
Written
Examination

30 Oct – 7 Nov
P6 Inter-
generational
Learning
Programme

6 Nov
Public holiday
for Deepavali

8 Nov
Results
Processing Day

9 – 12 Nov
P4 Parents to
Exercise 2019
P5 SBB Option

10 Nov
Father-Child
Bonding - Laser
Quest

12 Nov
P6 Graduation
Tea Party

15 Nov
Promotion Day

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.

❖ 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 at the gates' entrances as this causes road safety issues and creates traffic congestions.

❖ Procedures for Visitors to School

For security reasons, the school does not encourage anyone to come into the school premises unnecessarily. This includes parents coming in during recesses or lunch breaks 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 and exchange for a security pass. This pass is to be returned upon leaving the school.

Student Programmes

❖ P6 Supplementary Classes on 3 and 4 September 2018

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

Programme	Day and Date	TIME
P6 Supplementary Motivation Programme	Monday, 3 September	7.45am – 12.15pm 1.00pm – 3.00pm
P6 Supplementary	Tuesday, 4 September	7.45am – 12.15pm

16 Nov
Speech & Prize-
Giving
Ceremony

19 Nov
P1 Orientation
for 2019
Primary 1
Cohort

**23 Nov – 26
Nov**
Release of PSLE
Results 2018
(Tentative)

❖ **P6 Post-PSLE Programme from 8 October 2018**

After the completion of all the PSLE Written Examinations, all P6 students are required to report to school as per normal on Thursday, 4 October. As part of the Post-PSLE Programme, there will be several activities lined up for the students from Monday, 8 October. 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 Field-based Learning (FbL) Journey – Singapore Botanic Gardens**

All P6 students will embark on a heritage tour at the Singapore Botanic Gardens, which is Singapore's first UNESCO 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.

❖ **E-Learning Days on 15 October to 18 October 2018**

This year's PSLE Marking Exercise will be held on Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 18 October and all P1 to P6 students do not need to come to school on these days. The school will be conducting e-learning during these 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 Monday, 15 October and Tuesday, 16 October, from 8.00am to 12.00 noon. Students using the labs will need to be properly attired in their school uniform.

❖ **P6 Graduation Tea Party on 12 November 2018**

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 Tea Party on Monday, 12 November. More details will be given to parents closer to the date of the event.

❖ **P4 Parents to Exercise 2019 P5 Subject-Based Banding (SBB) Option on 9 November 2018**

Parents of P4 students will be given the SBB Option Form on Friday, 9 November. This is to allow parents to exercise the P5 SBB options for your child in 2019. Parents must return the SBB Option Form through their child by Monday, 12 November.

❖ **P4 Calculator Workshop (for P4 students going to P5 in 2019)**

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 2018 during school hours. More details will be given to parents closer to the date of the workshop.

Partnership with Community

❖ **Mass Food Drive on 13 September 2018**

The school is collaborating with Food From The Heart (FFTH) to organise a food drive on Thursday, 13 September. We accept non-perishable food items such as rice, cooking oil, biscuits, instant noodles, rice vermicelli, and canned food such as sardine, button mushrooms, and condensed milk etcetera. All food items must have at least 3 months before their expiry date. Students can donate the food items during their recess time at the collection booths set up at the canteen.

❖ **Re-schedule of P5 VIA to 11 September 2018**

P5 VIA, will be re-scheduled to 11 September. Only three classes (5 Honesty, 5 Humility and 5 Resilience) will be involved in this VIA, from 1.45pm to 5.00pm. Detailed information has been given through a separate letter to the classes participating in the VIA.

❖ **P6 Intergenerational Learning Programme (ILP), 30 October to 7 November 2018**

As part of post-PSLE activities, the P6 students will be involved in an ILP from Tuesday, 30 October to Wednesday, 7 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. More information on the programmes will be posted on our school website by Monday, 10 September.

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 events. As both events have limited places, registration will be based on first-come-first-served basis. Registration details for both events will be sent via SMS.

Activity	Day and Date
<p><u>Dining in the Dark</u> The Parent Support Group (PSG) is organising a "Dining in the Dark" experience for parents and children. The objective of this activity is for parents and children to bond over a unique dining experience where they will be served by visually-impaired persons</p> <p>Besides the unique dining experience, this event can also be a teachable moment for our children to learn important values such as empathy, care, respect and resilience.</p>	Saturday, 1 September 2018 12.00pm to 2.00 pm
<p><u>Father-Child Bonding Activity - Laser Quest @ Bukit Batok</u> Back by popular demand! 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 8 years old and above to participate in this event.</p> <p>As the event utilises the 'FamilyMatters@School for Fathers' funding, the father must to be present for the event with their child(ren).</p>	Saturday, 10 November 2018 9.00am to 11.00am

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

Please be informed that when you or your child attends 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.