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Term 4 Notification Letter for Parents

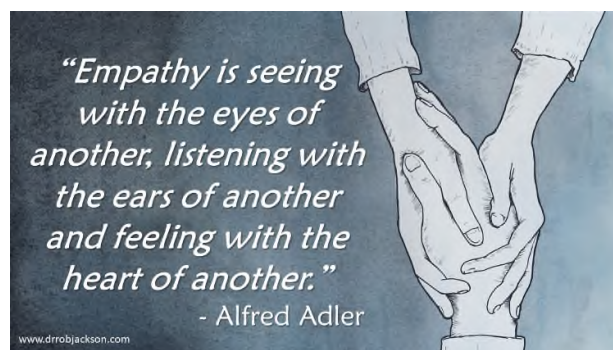
Dear Parent / Guardian,

We wish to thank you for partnering and supporting the school in a variety of programmes. In Term 3, we rejoiced in celebrating events like International Friendship Day, EL Reading Fest, Racial Harmony Day, Math and Science Week, National Day. We are truly grateful as we welcome many parent volunteers who readily come forward and help as adult guides in these school events as well as supporting at Primary 3 and 4 Swimsafer programme, Learning Journeys etc. Thank you for role modelling your care and learning to our children. You could also view some of our school events at FB. <https://www.facebook.com/Greenridge.Primary.Official/>

As a school, we believe in nurturing our students to be Engaged Learners and Caring Leaders. Since 2014, the school adopted positive education and adopted PERMA by Educational Psychologist Martin Seligman. PERMA represents the five building blocks that enable human flourishing – *Positive Emotion, Positive Engagement, Positive Relationships, Positive Meaning and Positive Accomplishment*. <https://positivepsychology.com/perma-model/>

In our daily routine, we are practising mindfulness using our senses like breathing and seeing via 'Senses in Harmony', A to Z Growth Mindset ideas that help students to look at mistakes as opportunities of learning as well as sense of gratitude via positive education lessons to appreciate each other and go beyond self. Our students show care and concern for each other during lessons, accompanying each other to seek help with adults when unwell and listening empathetically to their friends.

Thank you so much for partnering the school and we wish our children a blessed Term 3 school holiday ahead!



Yours sincerely,

Mdm Flora Ong Fei Min
Principal



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School Holidays, Events and Celebrations

❖ Scheduled Public and School Holidays

Term 3 school holiday will be from 2 to 10 September 2023. As Monday, 11 September 2023 is Teachers' Day, all students are to return to school on Tuesday, 12 September 2023. The scheduled holidays for Term 4 will be as follows:

Holiday	Day and Date
Term 3 holidays	Saturday, 2 September 2023 to Sunday, 10 September 2023
Teachers' Day	Monday, 11 September 2023
Children's Day	Friday, 6 October 2023
Deepavali	Sunday, 12 November 2023 (Monday, 13 November 2023, will be a public holiday)
Term 4 school holidays	Saturday, 18 November 2023 to Sunday, 31 December 2023

❖ Nominations for Edusave Character Award (ECHA) by 22 September 2023

ECHA is given to recognise students for demonstrating exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. All **Singaporean students** in Government and Government-aided schools are eligible for this award. We would like to invite parents to nominate their children who are deserving of this award. The criteria and online nomination forms will be posted on Parents Gateway. Nominations must be made by **22 September, 5.00pm**. Late submission will not be considered.

❖ Children's Day Celebration on 5 October 2023 and Children's Day on 6 October 2023

We will be celebrating Children's Day on Thursday, 5 October 2023. School will function as per normal. Dismissal will be at 1.30pm. As Children's Day holiday falls on Friday, 6 October 2023, students need not attend school on that day.

❖ Results Processing Day on 7 November 2023

As teachers will be processing students' results in preparation for 2024 class allocation on Tuesday, 7 November 2023, there will be no lessons in school for all students on that day.

❖ School closure and Reflection Day on 16 November 2023

On Thursday, 16 November 2023, our students will be having a reflection and closure for 2023. We will also be conducting a Promotion Exercise for our P1 to P5 students in which we will prepare them for their classes in 2024. All P1 to P6 students will report to school **from 7.30am to 10.30am**. Please make the necessary arrangements to pick up your child from school during the school dismissal. For students taking the school bus, we have informed our school service provider.



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Examination Matters

❖ P6 PSLE Administrative Information

The PSLE **Listening Comprehension** Examination will be held on Friday, 15 September 2023. Primary 1 to 5 students are not required to attend school on that day. Primary 6 students are required to report to school **by 7.45am** and will be dismissed immediately after the papers end. During the PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination, the school hall is out of bounds to all students.

The PSLE **Written** Examinations will take place from 28 September 2023 to 4 October 2023. 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 library, school hall, Indoor Sports Hall and Level 4 of Citius, Altius and Fortius blocks are out of bounds to all students.

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 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 being positive role models to the children and reinforcing the importance of road safety.

❖ Road Safety Outside the School

For the safety of our students and road users in the community, parents who drive should avoid stopping along Jelapang Road outside the school as this causes road safety issues and creates traffic congestion. The recommended drop-off locations are at the HDB blocks near Gate 3 and Gate 7.

We would also like to ask parents to remind your children not to walk between the road and the railings just outside the school's main gate along Jelapang Road. This poses a safety concern not just for your children but also the motorists using the road.

Student Programmes

❖ P1 Hands-on with Kubo

As part of the school's Applied Learning Programme (ALP), P1 students will be having a hands-on session using Kubo to introduce them to computing in Term 4. The objective is for the students to learn computational thinking through basic coding. We will provide more details to the P1 parents nearer to the date.



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❖ P5 Outdoor Adventure Challenge (16 – 18 October 2023)

The Primary 5 students will be undergoing a non-residential camp from 16-18 October 2023. They will be participating in activities planned for them that will get them to know more about their school, surrounding environment, friends as well as engage in interesting and enjoyable outdoor activities. They will report to school as per normal but will conclude their activities at 5 p.m. each day. Further details will be disseminated separately to parents via Parent Gateway.

❖ P5 Engaging and Enriching Experience (E³) Day on 18 October 2023

The P5 students will be having their E³ Day on 18 October during the P5 Camp as part of the school's plan to recalibrate the balance between academic rigour and a love of learning in alignment with the Lifelong Learning movement. We hope to promote greater student voice and the development of students' interests, skills and passion through the various interest groups and platforms. The students will be engaged in a whole day programme to develop their interests, self-directedness and independence through blended learning. More details will be provided for the P5 parents and students nearer the date.

❖ P3/P4 Field-based Learning (FBL) Journey in Term 4

As part of the Social Studies curriculum, the school will be organising FBL activities for P3 and P4 students this term. These activities allow students to contextualize their learning experiences and have a deeper understanding of what they have learnt in Social Studies lessons. The P4 students will be embarking on their second FBL this year to Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery (KAHG). Both FBLs will be conducted during curriculum hours. The activities organised for the levels are:

Level	Virtual FBL	Date	Time
P3	Sustainable Singapore Gallery	8 & 9 Nov	8am to 11.30am
P4	Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery	10 & 15 Nov (*4RE, 4RL, 4LY)	8am to 12.15pm

*The other three P4 classes visited KAHG earlier in May this year.

Further details will be provided at a later date.

❖ P4 Parents to exercise 2024 P5 Subject-Based Banding (SBB) Option on 8 November 2023

The P4 Subject-Based Banding (SBB) Exercise will take place on **Wednesday, 8 November 2023**. Form teachers will issue a SBB Option form for parents to exercise the 2024 P5 SBB options for your child. The Option form will need to be returned to the form teachers on **Thursday 9 November 2023**.

❖ Home-Based Learning (HBL) in Term 4/2023

In view of the non-school days in Term 4 due to national and school-based events, the school will be carrying out HBL days to support students in Self-Directed Learning (SDL) at home. Students from the respective levels who are having **HBL days do not need to come to school** on the dates indicated below.



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Event	Event Date(s)	Level(s) involved	HBL days to support SDL	Levels carrying out HBL
Pre-PSLE Study break*	25 Sep – 27 Sep	All P6 students need not come to school.	NA	P6 students
PSLE Written Examinations Days 1 - 2	28 Sep – 29 Sep	All P5 students need not come to school.	28 – 29 Sep	P5 students
PSLE Written Examinations Days 3 - 4	2 Oct – 3 Oct	All P4 students need not come to school.	2 – 3 Oct	P4 students
PSLE Marking Exercise: P1 – P4 & P6 HBL Days	16 Oct – 18 Oct	All P1 to P4 & P6 students need not come to school. P5 students will be in school for P5 camp.	16 Oct - 18 Oct	P1 to P4 & P6 students

* Kindly refer to the separate notifications posted on Parents Gateway on 24 August 2023 informing parents of:

- ❖ *P4 – P5 students of the respective days for Home-Based Learning during PSLE Written Examinations*
- ❖ *P6 students of the study break for P6 students from 25 – 27 September 2023 as an additional measure to support student well-being.*

On HBL days, teachers will be complementing offline work with online activities through the Student Learning Space (SLS) portal and Google Classroom for your child to complete. As the teachers will be assisting with national and school duties, there will be no live online sessions and students can complete them at their own pace. For parents who are unable to secure alternative care arrangements may continue to send their children to school for supervision. Kindly inform the Form Teacher.

❖ **P6 Post-PSLE Programme**

After the completion of the PSLE Written Examinations, all P6 students are required to report to school as per normal from Thursday, 5 October 2023. As part of the Post-PSLE Programme, there will be several activities lined up for the students. In addition, P6 students will also be engaged in community VIA projects using the Design Thinking concepts and introduced to computational thinking concepts using visual-based programming language under the Code for Fun Enrichment Programme. These school activities are planned for the students with the aim of ensuring that they continue to learn and cultivate good values and leadership skills. We seek your cooperation in ensuring that your child attends school on a daily basis unless he/she is unwell.

❖ **P6 Graduation Party on 10 November 2023**

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 are organising the P6 Graduation Party on Friday, 10 November 2023. More details will be given to parents closer to the date of the event.



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❖ Speech and Prize-Giving Day on 17 November 2023

The school will be organising the Speech and Prize-Giving Day on 17 November 2023. There is no school for P1 to P5 students on that day. P1 to P6 prize recipients and P6 students will be celebrating the accomplishment and experiences of their six years of primary education. More details will be provided nearer the event date.

Partnership with Community

❖ Food Drive - A Big Thank You

We are glad to inform that our school managed to collect more 500kg of food items during the recent food drive held on 28 & 29 August 2023. We would like to thank all students and parents who donated food items generously. We have requested our partner to distribute the food items to those in need in Bukit Panjang estate.

❖ Eco Lantern Making Contest

Zhenghua-Greenridge Residents' Network Centre is organising a Mid-Autumn & Children's Day Block Party Lantern-Making Contest on **23 September 2023 (Saturday), from 6.00pm - 9.30pm**. They are calling for residents to design an eco-lantern using recycled materials. Registration details can be found in the following link, <https://form.gov.sg/64e967f38591b60012d25358>. You can WhatsApp the Residents' Network at 8436-4962 for clarifications.

❖ Clean Plate Campaign

The school is organising a Clean Plate Campaign in October 2023. The aim of this campaign is to emphasise the importance of reducing food waste and instilling the habit of mindful eating. We hope parents can also partner with us to educate their children on requesting for the portion they can consume and to not waste food.

❖ Delivering of students' personal items

The school will not deliver personal items (except medication) to our students during lesson time as we want to teach them to be responsible for their belongings and be more independent. This is in alignment to our school's value - Responsibility. We seek your kind understanding and cooperation by not delivering your child's/ward's personal items if he or she has forgotten to bring them. If there is an urgent need, our school will provide resources to support our students who need them. Thank you for partnering our school to inculcate responsibility in our students.

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.



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SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TERM 4)

Date	Event	Level
2 to 10 Sep	Term 3 School Holidays	All
11 Sep	Teachers' Day	No school
12 Sep to 17 Nov	School Term 4	All
15 Sep	PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam	P6 (No school for P1 to P5)
25 Sep to 27 Sep	Pre-PSLE Study break	P6
28 Sep to 4 Oct	PSLE Written Exam	P6
2 Oct	EYE EL Oral Exam	P5
3 Oct	EYE MTL e-Oral Exam	P5
5 Oct	Children's Day Celebrations	All
6 Oct	Children's Day School Holiday	No school
9 Oct	EYE P3 MTL Oral Exam EYE P4 EL Oral Exam	P3 P4
10 Oct	EYE P3 EL Oral Exam EYE P4 MTL Oral Exam	P3 P4
11 Oct	EYE HMT Paper 1	P5
12 Oct	EYE EL Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension	P3 to P5
13 Oct	EYE MTL Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension	P3 to P5
16 to 18 Oct	PSLE Marking Exercise	P1 - P4 & P6 HBL Days P5 Camp (Non-Residential) + E ³
18 Oct	Engaging and Enriching Experience (E ³) Day	P5
25 Oct	EYE Science	P3 to P5
26 Oct	EYE EL Paper 2	P3 to P5
27 Oct	EYE MTL Paper 2	P3 to P5
30 Oct	EYE Math	P3 to P5
31 Oct	EYE HMT Paper 2	P5
7 Nov	Results Processing Day	No school
8 Nov	Subject-Based Banding Exercise	P4
10 Nov	P6 Graduation Party	P6
12 Nov	Deepavali	No school
13 Nov	Deepavali Public Holiday	No school
16 Nov	School Closure and Reflection Day	School from 7.30am to 10.30am
17 Nov	Speech & Prize-Giving Day	P6 (No school for P1 to P5)
18 Nov to 31 Dec	Term 4 School Holidays	All