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Dear Parents,

In the March holiday break, we hope your child and family are well and safe. As viruses are more transmissible and active during cold weather, you can strengthen the immune systems in the family by improving nutrition in your diets, hydration and fitness levels, and regulating emotional health in having positivity in life.

The school will continue its efforts in ensuring health and physical well-being by reviewing food menus of the canteen. Under the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme (HMSP), the canteen food will continue to promote healthier food and beverage choices in schools, by cutting down fat, sugar and sodium as well as serving wholegrain, fruit and vegetables. We also seek your help to encourage your child to continue the good habits and integrate it as part of their healthy meals outside school. It will go a long way to help our children develop good health and better immune systems.

The nation's Health Hub also encourages families to practise O.K.A.Y. tips for mental well-being, namely: Observe your emotions, Kee a healthy lifestyle, Adopt coping skills, You can reach out for support.

In GRPS, we support our children in mental well-being through regular practices, for example: pre-assembly sharing on *Growth Mindset*, senses in harmony viz mindfulness in our senses, values brief by prefects during morning assemblies, gratitude lessons during FTGP periods in their form classes, infusing positive education in daily lessons. Research has indicated that *Growth Mindset* reflects a frame of mind that values effort and learning from mistakes, willingness to make incremental progress and reflection on learning. A child can be further empowered to have greater *agency or ownership* of learning if he/she also has the skills it takes to reach a goal, associated with value system, guides one's perseverance, resilience, motivation, efforts and choices. This empowerment henceforth lies in the belief that the child can put the belief into action viz skillsets, i.e. *self-efficacy*.

In keeping abreast of the educational and school news, I will like to continue to invite you to join us on our social media platforms, if you have not already done so. Such platforms allow parents to keep in touch with the school on recent updates. Since the inception of the whatsapp chat groups by Parent Support Group (PSG) two years ago, we are grateful that the chat groups have increasing number in parents supporting parents at each level. We are also thankful for parents who are following our official Facebook page. To welcome more parents as well as our growing alumni, we have also recently set up an Instagram account. You can now browse latest school's updates at either FB or IG:

<https://www.facebook.com/Greenridge.Primary.Official>

<https://www.instagram.com/greenridge.primary.official/>

I have also appended some useful resources mentioned here on parenting:

- Healthy Meals in Schools Programme (HMSP): <https://hpb.gov.sg/schools/school-programmes/healthy-meals-in-schools-programme>
- Parenting tips by Health Hub: <https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/183/parent-hub>
- A to Z Growth Mindset: Bookmark in your child's Student Handbook

Yours sincerely,

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School Holidays, Events and Celebrations

❖ **Designated Public Holidays**

There are 4 designated public holidays for Term 2, the dates are as follow:

- Good Friday, 7 April 2023, Friday
- Hari Raya Puasa, 22 April 2023, Saturday (*Monday, 24 April, will be a School holiday*)
- Labour Day, 1 May 2023, Monday
- Vesak Day, 2 June 2023, Friday

❖ **Prize Giving Day 2023**

The school will be celebrating the successes of our P2 to P6 students for the 2022 Academic Year on 28 March and 29 March 2023 during the weekly school assembly. Parents of school or level award prize recipients will be informed via Parents Gateway nearer the date of event. As it is a closed-school event, the ceremony proceedings shall be made available three days after the event for parents' viewing at their own time via the school's official YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@greenridgeprimary4152>. Recipients of class-based awards would receive the prizes in their respective form classes separately.

❖ **International Friendship Day (IFD) on 5 April**

IFD will be commemorated in our school on Wednesday 5 April. The theme for this year's IFD is 'Singapore in Asia'. Schools commemorate IFD for students to be acquainted with the diverse and colourful culture and traditions of the region and the lives of their peers in the other ASEAN countries. We want to nurture in our students the spirit of friendship and collaboration among different peoples in ASEAN and beyond. We also want students to keep an open mindset and express an appreciation of the contributions of foreigners living, working and studying in Singapore. On this day, we encourage **(only) our International Students** to wear their country's national or ethnic costumes to school.

❖ **Home-Based Learning (HBL) Day on 26 May**

The school will be conducting HBL for students in conjunction with the Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC). 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 occupied with the PTC, there will be no live online sessions and students can complete them at their own pace. The school's computer labs would be made available for students without any computing devices (Laptops, tablets, smartphones) or internet access from 8.00am to 12.00 noon. Students using the labs will need to be properly attired in their school uniform. We will provide more details nearer to the date.

Students' Safety and Discipline

❖ **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, 507/508, 518A or at the Greenridge Shopping Centre carpark before proceeding to drop off or pick up their children at the school gates in the morning or at dismissal. Parents should avoid stopping along Jelapang Road or outside the school



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gate as this compromises the safety of students and causes traffic congestion. The locations of the nearby carparks are provided at ANNEX A for your reference.

❖ **Punctuality – an act of Responsibility**

We seek the cooperation of all parents to help the school inculcate the value of punctuality, as well as reinforce the importance of taking part in the Flag-raising and Pledge-taking Ceremony, among our students. All students are expected to be with their classes by **7.25am**. Those who arrive after 7.30am will be deemed as late for school. The school will work with and notify parents who have children with punctuality issues. The school shall also enforce the consequences of late-coming for recalcitrant students, according to our school rules and regulations. Further information can be found on page 9 and 13 of the Student Handbook.

❖ **School Absences**

With reference to our Term 1 notification, we would like to remind parents that a student who is absent from school during school term time without approval from the Principal will be considered as absent without valid reason. The student will be awarded 0 mark for his/her paper in the event that there is a weighted assessment or examination on such days of absence.

If your child is absent from school due to medical or compassionate reasons, please submit a medical certificate or any necessary supporting documents to the form teacher when he/she returns to school. If your child is tested positive through COVID testing (i.e. PCR+/Ag+), he/she would not be required to produce a medical certificate, doctor's letter or recovery memo to cover his/her absence. However, please submit a photo of your child's PCR+/Ag+ test result to the form teacher. Your child should return to school if he/she no longer tests positive.

❖ **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 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 nametag sewn on their uniforms.

❖ **Phasing-Out of Half-Uniform from Term 2**

As communicated in our Term 1 notification, all students will be required to wear the stipulated full school uniform, as prescribed in the Student Handbook, starting from Term 2. We would also like to remind students who are in Uniformed Groups and Sports CCA to change into their respective CCA attire only after school dismissal.

❖ **PE Attire**

Please ensure that your child is dressed in proper PE attire on days when he/she has PE lessons.

Students' Programme

❖ **P1 to P6 Makers@Home**

As part of our school's Applied Learning Programme (ALP), we are having a series of Makers@Home activities which will be assigned to students in Student Learning Space (SLS). In



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collaboration with Science Department's Sony Creative Science Award (SCSA), we aim to bring the 'learning-by-doing' experience to students. Students can make use of the resources and tools available at home to build and design the assigned activity. Do check out the SLS during the March holiday.

❖ **P2 Learn to Code with ScratchJr**

In line with the Government's initiative to equip students with fundamental skills and attributes to thrive in the digital age, the school will be organizing the P2 Learn to Code with ScratchJr programme in Term 2. The students will make a simple Mathematics game using ScratchJr to learn computational thinking through basic coding. More details will be provided for the P2 parents and students nearer to the date.

❖ **P4 Learn to Code with Micro:bit**

In line with the Government's initiative to equip students with fundamental skills and attributes to thrive in the digital age, the school will be organizing the P4 Learn to Code with Micro:bit programme in Term 2. The students will code a simple Micro:bit programme (eg. fitness tracker) to learn computational thinking through basic coding and also to raise the students' awareness on the importance of having a healthy lifestyle. More details will be provided for the P4 parents and students nearer to the date.

❖ **P4 & P6 Values in Action (VIA) Programme**

All P4 to P6 students will be involved in level-based VIA programme. The objective of the programme is to give opportunities for students to identify and creatively solve community-based problems. This experience will enable our students to become inventive thinkers and actively contribute to solve community-based problems in our society.

❖ **P3 Play Appreciation on 24 March 2023**

As part of our EL programme, the school will be providing all Primary 3 students a theatrical experience at the Victoria Theatre on 24 March 2023. The students will be watching a live performance of *"The 13-Storey Treehouse"*. The acclaimed show is based on the book of the same name by best-selling author Andy Griffiths. Through this activity, we hope that students develop an appreciation for the English Language, as well as nurture a love of books and joy in reading by linking the page to the stage.

❖ **P4/P5/P6 Field-based Learning (FBL) Journey in Term 2**

As part of the Social Studies curriculum, the school will be organising FBL activities for P4/P5/P6 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 level will be embarking on two FBLs this year, one of which, Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery (KAHG), will be conducted during curriculum hours. All other FBLs will be conducted in the afternoon. The activities organised for the levels are as such:



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Level	Virtual FBL	Date	Time
P4	Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery	12, 13, 19 April	1pm to 5.30pm
	Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery	15 May (*4HN, 4HU, 4CO)	8am to 12.30pm (within curriculum hours)
P5	Indian Heritage Centre	18, 21, 25 April	1pm to 5.30pm
P6	Asian Civilisations Museum	28 March, 3 and 4 April	1pm to 5.30pm

*The other three P4 classes will be visiting KAHG in November.

Further details will be provided at a later date.

❖ **Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Fortnight from 3 Apr to 14 Apr**

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. Language and Culture-based activities will be conducted during MTL periods. There will be 2 vendor-based activities for P2 & P3 cohort.

P2 – Workshop on Oracy skills will be conducted on 4 Apr, 6 Apr, 11 Apr & 13 Apr during MTL periods within curriculum hours.

P3 – Workshop on Story-telling Techniques will be conducted for P3 ML & TL students on 31 Mar & 14 Apr from 2pm to 4pm.

P3 CL students will be attending a play appreciation session on 6 Apr after school.

❖ **P4 MT Story-telling showcase session on 14 Apr**

In week 4, P4 students will be given an opportunity to showcase their oratory talent in story-telling sessions in their respective MT languages. This will be carried out during their MT period. More details will be provided by MTL teachers when school resumes.

❖ **Math and Science Week from 17 Apr to 21 Apr**

The Math and Science Departments are working together to organise a Math and Science Week in April. This event aims to promote students' interest in Math and Science and to showcase students' work. This year's activities include showcasing of students work, Math and Science quizzes and games.

Partnership with Parents

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

To further engage you in your child's learning and holistic development, the school is holding a Parent-Teacher Conference on Friday 26 May 2023 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., after the Weighted Assessment 2. There will be individual discussions on your child's progress with the teachers.



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There will be no school on that day for the students. More details on the conference will be given at a later date.

❖ **Parent Needs Survey**

The school will be conducting a biennial 'Parent Needs Survey' to collect responses from parents. The information from the survey will be used to better organised parenting talks and parent-child bonding activities. All information collected in the survey will be kept confidential. Only a few key personnel will access the information for official use.

❖ **Project Hong Bao & TDD Clothing Drive - A Big Thank You**

We would like to thank all parents and students who participated in the above-mentioned events. We managed to raise \$1,546.75 for Project Hong Bao and collect an estimated 700kg of clothing to be distributed to the needy. We hope parents and students will continue to support future school projects that encourage giving to the needy and underprivileged.

❖ **Eat With Your Family Day (EWYFD) on 26 May**

EWYFD is held on the last Friday of each school term. Eating meals together allows time for family bonding and may even improve mental health. We encourage parents to spend quality time with their families on this day by having a meal together.

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 2)

Date	Event	Level
13 – 14 Mar	Supplementary Classes for P6	P6
20 Mar – 26 May	School Term 2	All
21 – 31 Mar	Virtual Field-based Learning Journey	P3 / P4 / P5
3 Apr – 14 Apr	MTL Fortnight	All
5 Apr	International Friendship Day	All
7 Apr	Good Friday	No school
14 Apr	P4 MT Story-Telling Showcase Session	P4
22 Apr	Hari Raya Puasa	All
24 Apr	School holiday in lieu of Hari Raya Puasa	No school
1 May	Labour Day	No school
26 May	Parent-Teacher Conference	All
26 May	Home-Based Learning Day	All
26 May	Eat With Your Family Day	All
27 May – 25 June	Term 2 School Holiday	All
2 June	Vesak Day	All
19 - 21 June	Supplementary Classes	P6

CARPARKS NEAR GREENRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

