



# FERN GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Vision: Reflective Inquirers, Aspiring Advocates, Steadfast Leader

School Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Care, Harmony

**T2W4  
Parents  
Notification**

12 April 2023

Dear Parents,

## **Our Strategic Thrusts**

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ST2: Growing Competent & Happy Staff

ST3: Fostering Effective Partnerships

No.	Item
1.	<b><u>Calendar of Events (T2W4 &amp; T2W5)</u></b>  <b>T2W4</b> <b>Monday, 10 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>7:30am Assembly: Sharing on Earth Day   Values Talk on Respect</li><li>2:00pm P5 [Selected Students]: E2K Mathematics</li><li>2:00pm P6 Supplementary Lessons</li><li>2:00pm P4 [Selected Students]: E2K Science</li><li>2:00pm P4-5: Remedial Lessons (1st Slot, for Selected Students)</li><li>3:00pm P4-5: Remedial Lessons (2nd Slot, for Selected Students)</li></ul> <b>Tuesday, 11 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2:30pm 3C 3H 3D: CCA Experience (Clubs &amp; Societies)</li><li>2:30pm P4-6: CCA</li></ul> <b>Thursday, 13 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>7:30am P1-5: Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP)</li><li>7:30am P6: Performance Character Programme [Session 7]</li><li>2:00pm P6 [Registered Students]: SMOPS (SG Mathematical Olympiad for Pri Schs)</li><li>2:00pm P6 Supplementary Lessons</li><li>2:00pm P3-6 HMTL Lessons (Except P3&amp;6 HML)</li><li>2:00pm P4-5: Remedial Lessons (1st Slot, for Selected Students)</li><li>3:00pm P5 [Selected Students]: E2K Science</li><li>3:00pm P4-5: Remedial Lessons (2nd Slot, for Selected Students)</li></ul> <b>Friday, 14 April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2:00pm P6 HML Lessons</li><li>2:15pm P4-6 Prefects: Training for Prefects' Investiture</li></ul>

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**No. Item****T2W5****Monday, 17 April**

- 7:30am  
Assembly: Prefects' Investiture
- 2:00pm  
P5 [Selected Students]: E2K Mathematics
- 2:00pm  
P6 Supplementary Lessons
- 2:00pm  
P4 [Selected Students]: E2K Science
- 2:00pm  
P4-5: Remedial Lessons (1st Slot, for Selected Students)
- 3:00pm  
P4-5: Remedial Lessons (2nd Slot, for Selected Students)

**Tuesday, 18 April**

- 2:30pm  
P4-6: CCA

**Wednesday, 19 April**

- 2:00pm  
P3&4 [Registered Students]: Conversational Chinese & Malay (CCM) [Session 1]

**Thursday, 20 April**

- 7:30am  
Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP)
- 2:00pm  
P6 Supplementary Lessons
- 2:00pm  
P3-6 HMTL Lessons (Except P3&6 HML)
- 2:00pm  
P4-5: Remedial Lessons (1st Slot, for Selected Students)
- 3:00pm  
P5 [Selected Students]: E2K Science
- 3:00pm  
P4-5: Remedial Lessons (2nd Slot, for Selected Students)

**Friday, 21 April**

- 2:00pm  
P4 [Selected Students]: E2K Mathematics

**Saturday, 22 April**

- Earth Day
- Hari Raya Puasa

**T2W6****Monday, 24 April**

- School Holiday [General Office & SCC are Closed]

(Information correct as on 12 April 2023. For updates or to subscribe to our calendars, please visit the school website at <https://www.ferngreenpri.moe.edu.sg/general-information/School-Calendar/> )

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**No. Item****2. Early Dismissal for Muslim Students on Eve of Hari Raya (Friday, 21 April 2023) & Hari Raya Celebrations**

Hari Raya Aidilfitri falls on Saturday, 22 April. In view of the preparation needed for the festival, Muslim students are allowed to go home earlier on the eve of Hari Raya, Friday, 21 April, following the staggered dismissal arrangements below:

Levels	Dismissal Timing	Dismissal Procedure
P1&2	10.20am	Parents are to fetch your child at the car porch, as per current practice.
P3&4	10.25am	Students will be dismissed via Gate 2 only.
P5&6	10.30am	

Muslim parents are **required** to respond to the electronic Consent Form sent via Parents Gateway (PG) by Friday, 14 April 2023, so the necessary arrangements could be made for your child on the eve of Hari Raya.

After giving your consent via PG, please arrange to fetch your child at the allocated dismissal time or make the necessary transport arrangements as there will be no additional/early school bus services on that day.

As Monday, 24 April is a school holiday and a designated day off-in-lieu, school will resume on Tuesday, 25 April.

The school will be celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri on Monday, 15 May. Through the celebration, we hope to raise students' awareness of a culturally diverse community in the school and foster a harmonious environment for all. All students are encouraged to don the traditional Malay costumes with their pair of black school shoes and white socks on the day of celebration. Else, they are to come in their school uniform/attire.

The school wishes all Muslim students and families 'Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri'!

**3. Values Inculcation: Respect**

Good values are best taught and reinforced in school and at home. Thus, the school implements VIA (Values in Action) at Home as part of school's efforts to develop positive values and important life skills in our children. A talk on the value of 'Respect' has been conducted during Class Contact Time on Monday, 10 April and the children are encouraged to practise the value of 'Respect' at home too.

Please encourage your child to attempt the tasks listed under the various School Core Values on page 17 of the Student Handbook (VIA at Home). Kindly tick the box(es) next to the task(s) which your child has performed and sign at the bottom of the page if you have yet to do so. Our teachers will be checking the Student Handbook and having a conversation on this with the children.

There is no need to tick every box, just the ones which your child has carried out the corresponding tasks. This will give us an idea on the extent our children are able to put these values into practice at home. We hope our children will continue to practise these good habits with our support and encouragement.

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**No. Item****4. Spot-the-Hazards Contest 2023**

To encourage students to identify potential hazards in their daily school lives and inculcate good safety habits, MOE in collaboration with Workplace Safety & Health (WSH) Council present the **Spot-the-Hazards** Contest!

**Contest Details**

The contest is opened to all MOE school students, who will be asked to identify the hazards in a school-based scenario (e.g. classroom).

The contest will be conducted online and student participants will be required to submit their responses via the link or QR code below:

<https://go.gov.sg/gfkh71>



The contest will take place from 17 April to 31 July 2023, with the form closing on 31 July, at 11.59pm.

Do note that participation is voluntary. Winning participants will be shortlisted by MOE and notified through the school.

**5. P5&6: Use of Approved MTL Dictionary**

According to the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB), students are allowed to use approved dictionaries for Composition during PSLE. In addition, students are allowed to use e-dictionaries, if available and approved by SEAB.

In alignment with this policy, the school will allow the use of dictionaries for

- Term 2, P5&6 Higher Chinese Composition Test;
- Term 3, P6 Preliminary Composition Assessment; and
- Term 4, P5 End-Of-Year Composition Assessment.

The following approved dictionaries are available in our school bookshop:

Dictionary	Language	Price
Besta All Passed 6 e-dictionary	Chinese	\$69.90
Creative PX2181 e-dictionary	Chinese	\$54.60
新编小学实用词典 (新亚教育)	Chinese	\$10.70
Kamus Dewan	Malay	\$26

Students can purchase other approved dictionaries in any other bookshops. The dictionaries have to be handed over to the MTL teachers for endorsement before they could be used during assessments.

Parents can also access the SEAB website to check for other approved dictionaries:

<https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/approved-dictionaries>

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**No. Item****6. Smart Buddy NETS Payment Terminals**

The school is offering Smart Buddy e-Payment options in the school. The current Smart Buddy NETS payment terminals in the school canteen accept

- (1) Smart Buddy card / watch and
- (2) School Smart Cards, EZLink cards and NETSFlashpay cards (only CEPAS 2 version).

Parents can

- apply for Smart Buddy
- register the School Smartcard (only for students)

at [www.posb.com.sg/sb-schools](http://www.posb.com.sg/sb-schools)

Please note that students can continue to use cash in the school canteen if they do not wish to use e-payment.

Students on the MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) will have their meal subsidy credited into the School Smart Cards. In the event a student wishes to make a purchase with payment that exceeds the allotted daily meal subsidy, he/she must pay the balance in cash as the cash balance in the School Smart Card will be kept separated from the meal subsidy.

**7. Parents' Workshops 2023**

The school will be conducting a series of workshops for parents with P3 to P6 children via Zoom in May 2023 (the days are identified based on parents' preferences indicated in Term 1). There will be concurrent breakout sessions for hands-on activities too during these workshops. The details are as follows:

Day & Date	Time	Subject (Targeted Levels)	Topic	Synopsis	Link to Register
Sat 13 May	0800 to 0915	MA (P3 - P6)	Problem Solving	In this workshop, parents will be introduced to various heuristics and learn that these strategies can be used to solve problems effectively.  Parents will have opportunities to apply these strategies to solve complex Mathematics problems.	<a href="#">MA</a>
Sat 13 May	0930 to 1045	EL (P3 - P6)	Just Write!	<i>Does your child have a fear of writing? Does he or she often struggle to write?</i> Join this session to learn about ways to encourage your child to <i>Just Write</i> .  Parents will learn about writing strategies that they can use to support their children at home. The strategies include idea generation, and use of mentor texts and <i>WOW!</i> Words.	<a href="#">EL</a>

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	Sat 20 May	0800 to 0915	SCI (P3 - P6)	How to Support Your Child in Science Learning	<p>In this workshop, parents will understand the use of school learning resources to support Science learning. They will also learn about the classroom strategies that our teachers employ, so that they can better support their child in answering multiple-choice and open-ended questions. Parents will gain practical tips on how they can stimulate their child's interest in Science as well as tips on how to support their child in learning Science.</p> <p><i>(Note: This will be the same workshop conducted for parents of P3, P4 &amp; P5 classes last year.)</i></p>	<a href="#">SCI</a>
	Sat 20 May	0930 to 1045	CL (P3 - P6)	Supporting Your Child in Chinese Composition Writing Using the F.A.S.T. Framework	<p>Is your child struggling with Chinese Composition Writing? Are you seeking ways to support your child in the writing of Chinese Composition at home?</p> <p>Let us share with you the tips to writing a good composition using the F.A.S.T. framework. With this framework, your child's composition writing would be more interesting.</p> <p><i>(Note: A segment of the sharing was shared with P3 to P5 parents at the parents workshop in 2022).</i></p>	<a href="#">CL</a>
	Sat 20 May	0930 to 1045	ML (P5 & P6)	The use of 4Pai in e-Video for P5 and P6 (NEW)	<p>Is your child facing challenges when presenting his/her ideas during e-video presentation?</p> <p>Join us to find out what 4Pai is all about so that your child can speak Malay confidently!</p>	<a href="#">ML</a>

For a better online/viewing experience for all, there will be a cap of 100 participants for each of the above workshops.

Registration (via the links above) is on a first-come-first-served basis. We seek both parents' (of the same child) cooperation to make only one submission for each of the above workshops that is

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relevant to you. Please note that recordings of the workshops will *not* be made available. Parents can attend the workshops next year if you are not able to do so this year.

Online registration will close after 28 April, Friday or when the workshop has registered the 100<sup>th</sup> participant. (No action will be required of parents who have no intention to participate in any of the above workshops.)

The respective Subject Teachers will send the Zoom IDs and passcodes to parents who have successfully registered for the workshops via PG by 3 May, Wednesday.

If you wish to withdraw after the registration, please notify the school at 6834 3100 before 5 May, Friday.

Should you need any clarification, please feel free to contact your child's Subject Teachers. Thank you.

**8. DigitalAccess@Home Scheme**

IMDA is introducing a new DigitalAccess@Home scheme to provide subsidised broadband and digital devices (laptop or tablet) to low-income Singaporean households to strengthen digital inclusion. The scheme will replace the existing Home Access and NEU PC Plus programmes.

Households eligible for the DigitalAccess@Home scheme can choose from one the following:

- 3 years of subsidised fibre broadband and a subsidised device (laptop or tablet); or
- 3 years of subsidised fibre broadband; or
- a subsidised device (laptop or tablet).

The following table summarises the DigitalAccess@Home eligibility criteria:

Criteria	
<b>Income</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly Gross Household Income (GHI) ≤ \$1,900 OR monthly Per Capita Income (PCI) ≤ \$650 OR</li> <li>• Monthly GHI1 ≤ \$3,400 OR monthly PCI1 ≤ \$900 [If there is a primary school student or person with disabilities in the household]</li> </ul>
<b>Citizenship</b>	At least one member of the household is a Singapore Citizen
<b>Housing Type</b>	Resides in a HDB flat

Application can be done online via [www.digitalaccess.gov.sg](http://www.digitalaccess.gov.sg). You may download the step-by-step online application user guide at <http://go.gov.sg/digitalaccessappguide> to guide you through the application process.

To apply:

1. Visit [www.digitalaccess.gov.sg](http://www.digitalaccess.gov.sg)
2. Click on "For Applicant" at the top menu bar
3. Login using your Singpass
4. All members of the household will be prompted to login via Singpass to give their consent for the collection, use and sharing of personal data for the application

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	<p>Personal and income information of applicant and family members will be auto-populated via MOH's Household Means Eligibility System (HOMES).</p> <p>Alternatively, you may download the hardcopy form from <a href="http://www.digitalaccess.gov.sg">www.digitalaccess.gov.sg</a>. Submit the completed DigitalAccess@Home application form to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Attention: Digital Access Team Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) PSA Building Post Office P.O. Box 316 Singapore 911141</p> <p>Parents can also approach any of the 37 SG Digital Community Hubs and 4 self-help groups (CDAC, Eurasian Association, MENDAKI, SINDA) for assistance with applications. Applicants may use the online self-assessment tool ( <a href="https://go.gov.sg/digitalaccesschecker">https://go.gov.sg/digitalaccesschecker</a> ) to check their eligibility before applying.</p> <p>Complementing the DigitalAccess@Home scheme, the Digital for Life partners have stepped forward to support DigitalAccess@Home households with 3 or more students with additional laptops – such households can seek IMDA's assistance to facilitate the provision of a refurbished laptop. Other needy households with extenuating circumstances can seek assistance from IMDA, which will endeavour to assist or work with 3P (People-Private-Public Sector) partners to support the households' needs.</p> <p>If you have any questions about NEU PC Plus, Home Access or DigitalAccess@Home, please feel free to email IMDA at <a href="mailto:neupc@imda.gov.sg">neupc@imda.gov.sg</a>.</p>

Thank you.

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