



# 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

**T1W5  
Parents  
Notification**

31 January 2024

Dear Parents,

## **Our Strategic Thrusts**

ST1: Nurturing Future-Ready Learners

ST2: Growing Competent & Happy Staff

ST3: Fostering Effective Partnerships

## **No. Item**

### **1. Calendar of Events (T1W5 & T1W6)**

#### **T1W5**

##### **Monday, 29 January**

- P1: Class Orientation
- 7:30am  
FTGP
- 2:00pm  
P6 FMA Lessons

##### **Tuesday, 30 January**

- 7:30am  
1C|1D|1H|1I: Get REAL!@FGPS Safe Cycling Programme [Session 1]
- 7:30am  
1R1|1R2|1R3|1M: Music Milestone Programme - Let's Play SoundShapes and BoomWhackers! [Session 1]
- 2:30pm  
P4 to P6: CCA

##### **Wednesday, 31 January**

- 7:30am  
2C|2D|2H|2I: Get REAL!@FGPS Safe Cycling Programme [Session 1]
- 7:30am  
2R1|2R2|2R3|2M: P2 Music Milestone Programme - Handbells [Session 1]

##### **Thursday, 1 February**

- 7:30am  
Class Contact Time: NE Engagement on Total Defence Day (Discussion on Contemporary Issues)
- 2:00pm  
P3 to P6 HMTL Lessons (Except P3 HML & P4 HML)

##### **Friday, 2 February**

- 2I|2C|2M: Social Studies Learning Journey (LJ)

#### **T1W6**

##### **Monday, 5 February**

- 7:30am  
Assembly: Total Defence Day - Occupation Stories
- 2:00pm  
P6 Supplementary Lessons
- 2:00pm  
P5 E2K Math
- 2:00pm  
P3|P4|P5: Remedial Lessons (1st Slot, for Selected Students)
- 2:00pm  
P6 FMA Lessons
- 3:00pm  
P3|P4|P5: Remedial Lessons (2nd Slot, for Selected Students)

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**No. Item****Tuesday, 6 February**

- Safer Internet Day
- 7:30am  
1C|1D|1H|1I: Get REAL!@FGPS Safe Cycling Programme [Session 1]
- 7:30am  
1R1|1R2|1R3|1M: Music Milestone Programme - Let's Play SoundShapes and BoomWhackers! [Session 2]
- 2:30pm  
P4 to P6: CCA

**Wednesday, 7 February**

- 7:30am  
2C|2D|2H|2I: Get REAL!@FGPS Safe Cycling Programme [Session 2]
- 7:30am  
2R1|2R2|2R3|2M: Music Milestone Programme - Handbells [Session 2]

**Thursday, 8 February**

- 7:30am  
FTGP - Total Defence Day
- 2:00pm  
P6 Supplementary Lessons
- 2:00pm  
P3 to P6 HMTL Lessons (Except P3 HML & P4 HML)
- 2:00pm  
P4 & P5: Remedial Lessons (1st Slot, for Selected Students)
- 3:00pm  
P4 & P5: Remedial Lessons (2nd Slot, for Selected Students)

**Friday, 9 February**

- Early Dismissal [P1 & P2 at 10.25am; P3 & P4 at 10.30am; P5 & P6 at 10.35am]
- 7:30am  
Chinese New Year Celebrations

**NB:**

- Monday, 12 February: Public Holiday
- Tuesday, 13 February: School Holiday

(Events listed above are for the masses. Information is correct as on 31 January 2024. For updates or to subscribe to our calendars, please visit the school website at <https://www.ferngreenpri.moe.edu.sg/general-information/School-Calendar/>)

**2. Total Defence Day 2024: Together We Keep Singapore Strong**

Total Defence Day 2024 will mark 40 Years of Total Defence (TD40). Singapore will be commemorating Total Defence Day (TDD) on Thursday, 15 February 2024. The focus for TD40 will be on Singaporean's readiness and resilience in the face of crises and disruptions. Total Defence underpins our ability to deal with the ever-evolving threats and challenges to Singapore. Every Singaporean plays a part in our daily lives to ensure that Singapore is prepared for crises and disruption.

As part of our continued commitment to National Education, the school will be conducting an engagement session on 1 February 2024 to engage students in understanding the significance of TDD. To further instil the core message that every Singaporean has a part to play to help strengthen our defences against threats and challenges, a TDD performance will be showcased during assembly on Monday, 5 February 2024. TDD recess activities will also be conducted on 14 February 2024. Students will also learn more about TDD through their FTGP lessons.

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Events in recent years have made it more apparent how Singapore can be susceptible to various disruptions of resources key to our basic needs. As such disruptions become more likely, we need to prepare our students to be agile and responsive to disruptions. For students to experience the possible effects of such disruptions and consider how they can respond calmly and responsibly, the school will be conducting a TD40 Energy Disruption Exercise in T1W7.

**3. Safer Internet Day 2024**

Safer Internet Day (SID) is an annual global initiative aimed at promoting safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile devices among children and young people. Safer Internet Day 2024 lands on 6 February and the theme for schools and students is “**Digital Wellbeing and having a Healthy and Balanced relationship with Technology**”. While technology will always be a part of our lives, using technology excessively can also be problematic. Balancing our technology use and taking the time to unplug from technology use can be a useful way of ensuring equilibrium.

Below is an activity which parents can work hand-in-hand with our teachers to help promote and reinforce the above key messages with our children.

**Activity**

**Step 1: Commit to a screen-free weekend on 3 & 4 February 2024!**

Students can commit to **one** of the following screen-free options for the weekend of 3 & 4 February:

- Not using mobile devices
- Not engaging in recreational screen time
- Not playing video games

**Step 2: Replace screentime with another activity!**

All of us have the same 24 hours in a day. Not being online allow us extra time to spend offline. Replace the time normally spend online with something to do offline. Below are some suggested activities:

- Playing a sport
- Outdoor activities such as hiking/cycling etc.
- Spending time with friends in a face-to-face setting
- Family members to engage in a screen-free weekend and take part in a family activity (e.g. board games)

**Step 3: Parents are invited to join along!**

Parents to join in for a screen-free weekend and engage in some offline activities together. Have an enjoyable screen-free weekend!

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**No. Item****Step 4: Students are to take the Cyber Wellness Pledge on page 29 of the Student Handbook!**

Students are to go through the Cyber Wellness Pledge on page 29 of the Student Handbook and pledge to build positive online habits guided by our R<sup>3</sup>ICH school values by signing at the bottom of the page. Parents are also encouraged to show your support by signing on the same page, to help all foster a healthy digital environment.

**4. CCA Experience for P3 Students**

In our continued effort to provide a holistic education, CCAs will be offered to all students from P3 onwards. To help our P3 students make an informed choice while selecting a CCA in Term 2, 2024, the school will be scheduling CCA experience sessions from 27 February to 16 April 2024 to allow them to experience some of the CCAs offered in Fern Green.

Objectives of the CCA experience sessions:

- Provide our P3 students with some exposure to the CCAs offered in school;
- Serve as platforms for them to discover their diverse interests;
- Help them to make an informed choice about their CCAs which will commence in Semester 2, 2024

The CCA experience sessions will be conducted on Tuesdays (from 2.30pm to 4.30pm), while the CCAs are being carried out.

More details of the experience sessions will be shared with parents and students nearer to the commencement date.

**5. P4 'Camp Unity' 2024**

The school will be organising a 3D2N residential Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp, a milestone programme, for all P4 students at the end of this term. The theme for this year's cohort camp is 'Unity'.

All P4 students are strongly encouraged to participate in this camp. Through 'Camp Unity', your child will learn to

- cooperate with one another to achieve common goals and overcome challenges as a team;
- harness leadership qualities and team building skills through group activities to build camaraderie whilst experiencing inter-dependence living with other students.

The details of the camp are as follows:

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| <b>Date/Day</b>       | Thursday, 7 March 2024 to Saturday, 9 March 2024             |
| <b>Reporting Time</b> | 7.30am (Thursday, 7 March, to the School Multi-Purpose Hall) |
| <b>Dismissal Time</b> | 11.30am (Saturday, 9 March, from Gate 2)                     |
| <b>Venue</b>          | Fern Green Primary School                                    |

Please complete the electronic consent form sent via Parents Gateway (PG) **by Wednesday, 14 February 2024**. We look forward to your continued support and partnership!

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**‘Camp Unity 2024’ T-shirt Design Competition**

P4 students are also encouraged to participate in the ‘Camp Unity 2024’ T-shirt Design Competition where they will get an opportunity to create a unique design for their camp T-shirt which they are going to wear for the cohort camp. Attractive prizes will be given out to the top 3 designers and the top design will be printed on all camp T-shirts! More information on the competition can be found on the entry form that was given to your child last Thursday.

Fern Green Primary School presents  
**Primary 4 Camp**  
**T-SHIRT**  
*Design*  
**Competition 2024**

**Camp Objectives:**

- 1) Learn to **cooperate** with each other to **achieve common goals & overcome challenges** and realize their ability is more than what they initially perceived;
- 2) **Harness leadership qualities** and **team building skills** through group activities;
- 3) Experience **inter-dependence** living with other students & boost their **appreciation** of each other's value.

**Submission deadline:**  
**9 FEB 2024**  
Submit to your form teachers

**Requirements:**

- Open to **ALL P4 students**.
- Draw inspirations from the **camp's objectives**.
- Design on the template given.
- **Limited to 1 colour** (excluding t-shirt colour).
- Include a write-up to explain your design.

**Purpose:**

- Foster student ownership
- Empower students
- For students, by students

**TOP DESIGN WILL BE PRINTED ON THE 2024 CAMP T-SHIRT!**  
Attractive prizes to be won for Top 3 designs

Late and incomplete submissions **will not** be accepted. Submissions must be **original** and **do not violate** the **copyright** of others.

**Take part in this competition and bring your design to life!**

**MORE INFO:**  
Find out more from your form teachers today!

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**6. e-Learning Day on Friday, 8 March 2024**

As part of school's overall emergency planning, we will designate Friday, 8 March 2024 our e-Learning Day. This is to prepare students for emergency school closures due to unforeseen circumstances. Through this simulation, we hope to equip them with the necessary skills to engage in self-directed and collaborative learning through the effective use of ICT.

Please note that P1, P2, P3, P5 & P6 students will NOT report to school on that day, while P4 students will be having their 3D2N residential camp on that day (refer to Item 5).

More information on e-Learning Day will be shared with students and parents at a later date.

**7. MOE Kindergarten @FGPS Open House 2024**

This year, the MOE Kindergarten (MK) Online Registration Exercise will open from **Friday, 16 February, 9.00am** to **Tuesday, 20 February, 4.00pm**.

Kindly note that the Open House at MK@Fern Green will be held on Saturday, 3 February 2024:



Interested parents can click on the link below to register for the event:

<https://form.gov.sg/654c2c4128c6d00011d38319>

Thank you.

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Vice-Principal (Academic)