



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

**T1W9
Parents
Notification**

28 February 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 (T1W9 & T1W10) T1W9 Monday, 26 February <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:30am Class Contact Time & Student Leadership Meetings2:00pm P6 FMA Lessons Tuesday, 27 February <ul style="list-style-type: none">3R1 3R2 3R3 Class Test: MA7:30am 1C 1D 1H 1I: Music Milestone Programme - Let's Play SoundShapes and BoomWhackers! [Session 2]7:30am 1R1 1R2 1R3 1M: Get REAL!@FGPS Safe Cycling Programme [Session 2]2:30pm P4 to P6: CCA Wednesday, 28 February <ul style="list-style-type: none">3C 3D 3H 3I Class Test: MA4C 4D 4H 4R1 4R2 4R3 Class Test: MA4I Class Test: SCIP5 Class Test: MA & FMAP6 Class Test: MA & FMA7:30am P2 Art Enrichment Programme: Doodlechamps Show Thursday, 29 February <ul style="list-style-type: none">3I 3R1 Class Test: SCI4H 4R1 4R3 Class Test: SCI4I Class Test: MA5H 5I Class Test: SCIP5 Class Test: FSCI7:30am FTGP2:30pm P3 Parents: Online (Zoom) Class Meeting with Form Teachers3:30pm P4 Parents: Online (Zoom) Class Meeting with Form Teachers Friday, 1 March <ul style="list-style-type: none">3C 3D 3H 3R2 3R3 Class Test: SCI4C 4D 4R2 Class Test: SCI5C 5D 5R1 5R2 5R3 Class Test: SCIP6 Class Test: SCI & FSCI

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T1W10

Monday, 4 March

- Assembly: Engagement on School Core Values (Care & Respect)
- 2:00pm
P6 FMA Lessons
- 2:30pm
P1 Parents: Online (Zoom) Class Meeting with Form Teachers
- 3:30pm
P2 Parents: Online (Zoom) Class Meeting with Form Teachers

Tuesday, 5 March

- 7:30am
P1: Baseline ICT Training [Session 1/3]
- 2:30pm
P4 to P6: CCA

Wednesday, 6 March

- 7:30am
P2: Doodle Challenge
- 9:30am
Fun Science @Recess

Thursday, 7 March

- P4: Cohort Camp & Learning Journey
- 7:30am
FTGP (Except P4)
- 2:30pm
P6 Parents: Online (Zoom) Class Meeting with Form Teachers
- 3:30pm
P5 & P6 Parents: Principal's Online Engagement Session
- 4:30pm
P5 Parents: Online (Zoom) Class Meeting with Form Teachers

Friday, 8 March

- P4: Cohort Camp & Learning Journey
- Eat With Your Family Day
- e-Learning Day [No School]

Saturday, 9 March

- P4: Cohort Camp
- School Vacation

NB:**School Vacation:**

- Saturday, 9 March to Sunday, 17 March

School Reopens:

- Monday, 18 March

(Events listed above are for the masses. Information is correct as on 28 February 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/>)

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2.	<p><u>Fun Science @Recess</u></p> <p>Fun Science @Recess is an initiative aimed at developing students' interest and arousing their curiosity in science as they engage in exploratory learning beyond the classroom lessons.</p> <p>Fun Science @Recess will be a termly event held during the three recesses (at the sheltered basketball court) with the help of our parent volunteers and Science E2K students.</p> <p>Students are welcome to join us at our Fun Science @Recess event on Wednesday, 6 March, where fun science activities await them. There will be opportunities for all to discover new knowledge and draw connections between science and their everyday lives!</p>
3.	<p><u>P1: Baseline ICT Training</u></p> <p>The school has planned for a 3-session training module to ensure all P1 students are equipped with the necessary ICT competencies that are in alignment with the MOE Baseline ICT Standards. These standards outline the minimum level of proficiency required in areas such as basic operation of computing devices and applications, digital literacy, safe and responsible technology use, etc. The objective is to equip students with the skills they need to effectively leverage technology for learning and to safely navigate the digital world.</p> <p>Kindly refer to the school calendar for the schedule for the training sessions.</p>
4.	<p><u>Travel Declaration for March Holiday 2024</u></p> <p>To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling during the March holidays.</p> <p>To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents Gateway (PG), go to go to SERVICE, DECLARE TRAVELS.</p> <p>Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by Friday, 8 March 2024. Only one parent/guardian is required to make the declaration.</p> <p>If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required on your end.</p> <p>When planning your travel, please refer to https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart for more information and updates.</p> <p>If there is a change in travel plan(s) or travel destination(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG.</p> <p>Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.</p>

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5. DigitalAccess@Home Scheme

The DigitalAccess@Home scheme provides subsidised broadband and laptops/tablets to lower-income households to strengthen digital inclusion.

Who can apply?

Low-income households living in HDB flats with at least one Singapore Citizen are eligible to apply for DigitalAccess@Home.

You can check your eligibility at this website www.go.gov.sg/digitalaccesschecker.

For more information, click on [Scheme Details](#)

How to apply?

You can apply in two ways:

- Log in to digitalaccess.gov.sg via [Singpass](#).
- Hard copy submission (by mail): Download and print the [DigitalAccess@Home form here](#), complete it and mail it to IMDA.

You will receive an update on your application via SMS/email in 10 working days.

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If you have questions on DigitalAccess@Home, find out more by:

- Scanning the QR code to visit the FAQs at <https://go.gov.sg/digitalaccess-faq>
- Calling the IMDA hotline at 6377 3800
- Emailing digitalaccess@imda.gov.sg
- Visiting the SG Digital community hubs at selected Community Clubs (CC) and public libraries listed on <https://go.gov.sg/sgdcommhub>



6. Primary School Transfer Service: Cycle 1 Application

The aim of the Primary School Transfer Service is to centrally facilitate the transfer of primary school students who are Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (SPR) and have relocated to another address, to schools nearer to their new residences.

Parents who are seeking school transfers due to change of address are to submit your application online at www.moe.gov.sg/primary/transfers between **9.00am on 26 February 2024** and **4.00pm on 8 March 2024**. A step-by-step guide is available on the website for parents to familiarise yourselves with the application form before applying.

Parents will receive the outcome of your application via SMS on **18 March 2024**. After which, you will be required to report to your child's current and receiving schools to **finalise the transfer between 19 and 22 March**.

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7. Monthly Cyber Wellness Tip: #1/2024

There is a strong need to instil responsible online behaviour in our students as many of them have access to the Internet, either on mobile devices, desktops or laptops. These are the common issues observed:

- making impolite comments about their schoolmates online
- using inappropriate languages on messaging platforms
- accessing and sharing of inappropriate images

How can parents help?

1. *Communicate with your child:*
Start an open conversation with your child about the responsible use of messaging apps like WhatsApp.
2. *Educate About Consequences:*
Explain the potential consequences of inappropriate language, sharing obscene content, and targeting peers. Help your child understand the potential consequences of their actions, such as hurting others' feelings, damaging their reputation, or facing disciplinary action from school authorities.
3. *Encourage Positive Interactions:*
Encourage your child to use WhatsApp and other messaging apps responsibly by promoting positive interactions, respectful communication, and support for their peers.
4. *Teach Digital Citizenship:*
Teach your child about the importance of digital citizenship, including respecting others' privacy, thinking critically about online content, and using technology responsibly.
5. *Set Clear Rules:*
Establish clear rules and expectations for your child's online behaviour, including guidelines for language use, sharing content, and interacting with others on WhatsApp.
6. *Limit Access:*
Consider setting time limits or restricting access to certain websites and applications if your child continues to misuse the platform despite your efforts to address the issue.
7. *Monitor Activity:*
Use parental control apps such as Google Family Link or regularly check your child's online activity to ensure they are adhering to the rules. Keep an eye out for any concerning behaviour and address it promptly.

No amount of monitoring can protect the students from everything, and they can often figure out how to get around parental controls. So, it is best to encourage your child to be a responsible Internet user by being a good role model and talking to your kids about online safety.

***Google Family Link** is a free tool that links your Google Account to your child's account. This application allows parents to limit what apps your child downloads and restrict his/her screen time. It also allows you to look through your child's browsing activity on Google Chrome and track where your child is if he/she is using his/her device outside the house. It can be used on up to six devices and only requires you and your child have a Google Account.

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WHAT CAN BE DONE?

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION Teaching our children the ability to use technology **safely, responsibly and respectfully.**

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- 04 Be A Role Model**

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Thank you.

Mr See Kok Kiong
Vice-Principal (Academic)