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Appreciating May

We are really heartened by the good turnout of parents at our Annual Sports Carnival held on 17 April. Our pupils participated in team games and learnt sportsmanship in the process. We sincerely thank all parent volunteers who have faithfully supported our school events. Your partnership with us has made a great difference in the range of learning opportunities that we can offer to our charges.

This year, we have seen some marked progress and very good achievements made by our pupils at the Singapore Youth Festival and National School Games. We are also very happy to share that we have achieved approval and support for our Applied Learning Programme on Developing Critical and Inventive Thinking Skills through Toy Design, building upon our science week activities held in previous years. The programme will be rolled out this year.

The school has done very well, especially in the last two years, and we are poised to do even better in the years to come. As I continue on my tour of duty from 15 December 2014, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all our stakeholders for believing in the school and the promise that she had shown. I thank our teachers for their dedication to the service and school and the School Advisory Committee members and parents for their support and encouragement.

The best is yet to be. Ad Astra Per Aspera.

Ms Foong Yin Wei, Principal

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WANTED
Parents who would like to volunteer your services to the school, please write to: greendale_ps@moe.edu.sg
You may also download the Parent Volunteer form from our school website and hand it to us!

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School Calendar: May - June 2014

1 May Labour Day Public Holiday
7 May Learning Journey to the National Library (P1-1 and P1-4)
8 May Learning Journey to Marina Barrage (P2-5 and P2-7)
9 May SA1 Higher Mother Tongue Languages Paper 2 (P5 & P6)
13 May Vesak Day Public Holiday
14 May Learning Journey to the National Library (P1-2 and P1-3)
15 May Learning Journey to Marina Barrage (P2-3 and P2-4)
16 May SA1 Mathematics (P3 to P6)
19 May SA1 Mother Tongue Languages Paper 2 (P3 to P6)
20 May SA1 Science (P3 to P6)
21 May Learning Journey to Marina Barrage (P2-2 and P2-6)
26-30 May Use Your Hands Campaign
28 May Learning Journey to Marina Barrage (P2-1 and P2-8)
30 May Parent-Teacher Conference - Pupils do NOT report to school on this day.
31 May Kindness Day SG
1 June Start of School Holiday
2-4 June CL Broadcasting Camp (Selected P4 CL pupils)
2-4 June ML Cultural Camp (Selected P1 and P2 ML pupils)
2-4 June CL Speech & Drama (Selected P1 and P2 CL pupils)
2-4 June Supplementary Classes for P6 pupils (dates and time to be advised)
25-27 June Math Olympiad Training for selected P3 to P5 pupils
30 June School re-opens for Term 3
3 July Temperature –taking Exercise

Ad Astra Per Aspera

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Announcements

1. **Labour Day & Vesak Day Public Holidays**
   Labour Day falls on **Thursday 1 May** while Vesak Day falls on **Tuesday, 13 May 2014**. The staff of Greendale Primary School wish all Buddhists a Happy Vesak Day! Pupils do not report to school on these two days.

2. **Principal-Designate Appointment**
   Ms Foong Yin Wei, our Principal has been concurrently appointed as the Principal-Designate of the new merged school, **Angsana Primary School** with effect from 28 April 2014. The school will be helmed by another Principal from 15 December 2014.

3. **Absence during Examinations**
   We would like to remind parents that should any pupil be absent from school during an examination, a valid **medical certificate** is required to excuse the child from taking the paper. There will be no retaking of the examination. With a valid medical certificate, “VR” (which stands for Valid Reason) will be reflected on the pupil’s report slip. Any pupil, if feeling unwell, should rest at home after seeing the doctor instead of coming to school to sit for the examination.

4. **Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC)**
   We will be inviting parents to meet our teachers on **Friday, 30 May 2014**. As teachers will be meeting many parents, we request that parents be punctual and meet the teachers at the scheduled time. Please refrain from monopolizing the session as teachers have to attend to other parents. Should you require more time with the teacher, please make an alternative appointment. Please note that pupils do not report to school on this day.

5. **Use Your Hands Campaign**
   This campaign will be conducted from **26 May to 29 May**. Pupils are reminded to bring rags to spring clean their classrooms.

6. **Library Opening Hours during the Holidays**
   The school library will be open from **9.00 am – 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm** on Mondays to Fridays during the June holidays.

7. **Eat with Your Family Day**
   The school office will be closed at 5.00 pm on **Friday, 30 May 2014** to allow our staff to return home to have dinner with their families.

8. **Chinese Drums – Percussion Ensemble Performances**
   Our drummers will be performing in “**Our People, Our Music**” (OPOM) concert, organized by Singapore Chinese Orchestra. It will be held on **Saturday, 28 June 2014, 7.30 pm**, at the National Stadium at the Singapore Sports Hub. More details on OPOM are available at [http://www.opom.sg/event-highlights.html](http://www.opom.sg/event-highlights.html). The Sports Hub Tickets Hotline is 6333 5000 or 3158 7888. We look forward to your support!

9. **Use of the school’s generic email account**
   Please kindly note that the general email account should be used only for non-urgent messages. If you have an urgent message for the school, or if you need to inform the school of your child’s medical leave or submit medical certificates to explain your child’s absence from school, please telephone the school directly and give the original copies of the certificates to the school through the form teacher.

10. **Travel Declaration**
    As a reminder of our roles in personal hygiene and social responsibility, we require the parents of **ALL P1 children** to declare their travel plans regardless of travel intent. For other levels (P2-P6), only parents who intend to travel with their children need to declare their travel plans. To make a declaration, please log onto our school’s Learning Management System (MC-online at [https://www.lead.com.sg/LEAD/Login/ims_login.aspx](https://www.lead.com.sg/LEAD/Login/ims_login.aspx)) to register your travel declaration by **26 May 2014**.

11. **Temperature-Taking Exercise**
    The exercise is scheduled for **Thursday 3 July 2014**. All pupils are reminded to bring a working oral digital thermometer (ODT) for the exercise. ODTs can be purchased from the bookshop.
We celebrate the achievements of our pupils who have participated in the following events. We are proud of you! **Greendale, believe! Greendale, achieve!**

- Aiman Putra bin Asha Ariefin (P5) represented Singapore in the **JKT Pencak Silat Championship 2014** held in Cibubur, East Jakarta, Indonesia held from 27-31 March 2014 and clinched the **gold medal**.

- Our boys from the Tchoukball CCA won the **North Zone Tchoukball Championships** title and will be competing against other schools at the national level.

- The list below shows our pupils who have worked hard and done well in the **National School Games**.

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<td>Stephen Tan Yun Heng(P6) (Indv Senior Boys Kyorugi Red Belt)</td>
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<td>Sing Jiqi Max (P4) (Indv Senior Boys Kyorugi Poom Belt)</td>
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<td>Alvin Tan Jin Heng (P4) (Indv Junior Boys Kyorugi Red Belt)</td>
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<td>Track &amp; Field (external CCA)</td>
<td>Tan Jiahao (P6) (Indv 'B' boys 1,500m)</td>
<td>National</td>
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- The following Performing Arts Groups took part in the **Singapore Youth Festival (SYF)** and their efforts were handsomely paid off!

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- Gan Wei Yin (P6) participated in the **UNEP International Painting Competition** on the Environment ("UNEP" – United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia-Pacific) and was shortlisted for the final round of judging.

- Our **Red Cross Links** clinched **two Golds** for the Excellent Unit Awards and Community Service Awards!

**Kindness Week @ Greendale**

Kindness Day SG is part of the Singapore Kindness Movement’s (SKM) nationwide effort to get everyone in Singapore to perform kind acts and express appreciation when they receive acts of kindness from someone else.

To commemorate this day, we will be having a series of school-wide activities leading to Kindness Day SG on **Friday, 30 May**. Every pupil at Greendale Primary is encouraged to start, show and share kindness. Our activities are planned along the theme “How to Make Greendale a Better and Kinder Place?” By sparing a thought for the people around us, we hope to create a gracious society, and make life better for everyone.

Ad Astra Per Aspera
**Spelling Bee**

Come the 7th week of the term, the Primary Ones and Twos will be having an exciting time competing to be the best spellers of the level. Each class will send a team of three pupils, selected through a preliminary round of spelling tests, to take part in the contest organised for each of the two levels. Let's see who the champion Spelling Bees are!

**Green Wave**

On **Thursday, 22 May**, Ms Foong will be planting a tree in our school compound together with our Primary 1 pupils. This is our fourth year participating in the Green Wave event. Green Wave is a worldwide biodiversity campaign to educate children and youth on the importance of protecting our natural environment.

Any more info?

**Chinese Speech & Drama**

Selected Primary 1 and 2 pupils will be attending this enrichment programme from **2-4 June 2014**. The aim of the programme is to arouse pupils’ interest in the Chinese Language, develop their oral skills and also build their confidence. The performance is scheduled for **4 June from 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm**. Parents are invited to watch the performance on the actual day.

**Chinese Broadcasting Camp**

35 Primary 4 Chinese pupils will be involved in a Chinese Broadcasting Camp from **2-4 June 2014**. The camp will be conducted by an experienced journalist.

**Objectives of the camp:**
- Provide vocal and pronunciation training
- Improve pupil’s reading and writing abilities

**Programme for International Experiences (PIE)**

Our PIE Programme aims to extend pupils’ learning beyond the classroom to develop 21st century competencies of global awareness, cross-cultural skills and sensitivities in our pupils while helping them to understand what it means to be Singaporeans. Our pupils will be going to the following countries from late May onwards.

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<td>Educational Trip to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</td>
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<td>Educational Trip to Hong Kong</td>
<td>Sun – Wed 16 Nov – 19 Nov</td>
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**Sale of School Uniform**

In order to provide a one-stop service to parents, we have reviewed the current arrangement of the sale of school uniform. Starting **Term 3, Monday, 30 June 2014**, parents can purchase the school uniform and P.E attire from the school bookshop. Parents can also continue to purchase the school uniform and P.E attire at the uniform vendor, *My Uniform’s* retail outlet at Tiong Bahru Plaza.