



WEST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Through the Principal,
Mrs Chandler Jay Siva 

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Dear P4 Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to West Grove Primary School!

We hope you have had a rejuvenating and meaningful March holiday with your child.

As we embark on our exciting journey this term, let us focus on **student outcomes**. While it is important that the children achieve good academic grades, it is equally important for children to be of **good character** and be equipped with social emotional competencies that help them achieve their personal goals.

Research shows that the **psychological factors** encapsulated in PROSPER are critical for achieving positive learning outcomes and ongoing academic success. Such psychological factors can include children's **perception**. Children may view their intelligence as a fixed quantity that they either possess or not (**fixed mindset**) or a malleable quantity that can be increased with effort and learning (**a growth mindset**).

A growth mindset is having the belief that we can actually improve our intelligence and strengthen our skills by putting in effort and facing challenges. Students with a **fixed mindset** believe their intellectual ability is a limited entity that can lead to destructive thoughts, negative feelings (e.g. humiliated) and negative behaviour (giving up). In contrast students with a **growth mindset** will often perceive the same challenge or setback as an opportunity to learn. They respond with constructive thoughts (e.g. maybe I need to change my strategy or try harder); positive feelings (excited by the challenge) and positive behaviour (e.g. persistence). Children who have a growth mindset have been shown to be happier, healthier, and achieve more in life.

Instilling principles of a growth mindset in your child from a young age can set them up for a life of success by encouraging him or her to:

- Take risks.
- Welcome new experiences.
- Enjoy the process and understand the value of learning.
- Face challenges with a positive attitude.
- Work hard.
- Learn from his or her mistakes.

Cohort Camp 2023

The school is organising a cohort camp for all our P4 students from **10 May (Wednesday) to 12 May (Friday)**. The camp will be held from 7.30a.m. to 1.30p.m. (during school hours). Lessons will be suspended, and a variety of activities will be organized for our students.

Attendance is compulsory. Should your child be unwell, please bring your child to the doctor and submit the Medical Certificate to the Form Teacher when he/she is back to school.

More details will be disseminated to the students nearer the commencement of the programme.

Primary Four Subject-Based Banding (SBB)

Our primary school education has changed remarkably in the last decade. There is a shift in focus from academic excellence to a more balanced education that caters to our students' abilities.

Subject-based Banding provides greater flexibility for your child by offering him/her the option of a combination of standard and foundation subjects, depending on his/her strengths. Such a choice will allow your child to focus on and stretch his/her potential in the subjects that he/she is strong in while building up the fundamentals in the subjects that he/she needs more support in.

With reference to the Assessment Letter posted on 27 Jan at Parent Gateway, our Primary Four students will sit for two weighted-assessment and one examination. At the end of the year, the school will recommend a subject combination based on their exam results.

Parents will need to fill up an option form to indicate your child's preferred subject combination.

More information is available at our school website:

<https://westgrovepri.moe.edu.sg/parentshub/p4-subject-based-banding-briefing>

Nurturing Wisdom & Grace Report

There will be a series of formative assessments conducted to help students understand their level of understanding and achievement for each subject so as to identify the learning gaps and close them, if needed. In addition, teachers will also feedback on the students' learning dispositions through the school's Nurturing Wisdom & Grace Report.

These are positive behaviour and attitudes towards learning. They are important for children in their journey as life-long learners and they support children's learning and development in various learning areas. There are **4 learning dispositions** that

WGPS seeks to develop in every child. Students will be **Active Learners with a Resilient Mindset; who are Reflective and Community-Minded.**

These learning actions are aligned to our **school vision** - Active Minds, Gracious Hearts and our **school values** - Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Commitment and Kindness. The learning actions describe some **21st century behaviour attributes** and **Social Emotional Competencies** that we hope to develop in our students. The Learning Dispositions will be issued out twice a year.

We look forward to supporting our students as they continue to learn and grow each day.

Thank you and best wishes!

Regards,



Mdm Lee Nyuk Phing
Year Head (P3 and P4)

Schedule of Key Events for Term 2

Date	Activity	Remarks
7 Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday	No school for all students
21 Apr	Early Dismissal for Muslim Students	
22 Apr	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday	
24 Apr	School Holiday in lieu of Hari Raya Puasa	No school for all students
27 Apr	P3 – 6 WA1 Science	P3 – 6 only
28 Apr	P3 – 6 WA1 Mother Tongue	P3 – 6 only
1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday	No school for all students
3 May	P3 – 6 WA1 Mathematics	P3 – 6 only
4 May	P3 – 6 WA1 English	P3 – 6 only
10 – 12 May	P4 Cohort Day	During Curriculum
17 – 26 May	Annual Health Screening for Students	During Curriculum
24 May	P1 to P6 E-Parent Teacher Meeting (E-PTM)	8am to 4pm No school for all students
25 May	P1 to P6 E-Parent Teacher Meeting (E-PTM)	2pm to 5.30pm School as usual for all levels
26 May	Fitness Fiesta	During Curriculum
June School Holidays (27 May to 25 June)		