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Through the Principal,
Mrs Chandler Jay Siva

26th March 2021

Dear P5 Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to West Grove Primary School!

We hope you have had a rejuvenating and meaningful March holiday with your child. With Safe Management Measures (SMM) still in place for COVID-19, the school will continue to plan for engaging and enriching experiences for your child in term 2.

Since 2019, the Student Development Department (SDD) has adopted the **PROSPER** framework (T. Noble and H. McGrath) to guide us in our students' wellbeing programmes, where we Encourage **Positivity**, Build **Relationships**, Facilitate **Outcomes**, Focus on **Strengths**, Foster a sense of **Purpose**, Enhance **Engagement** and Teach **Resilience**.

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**). 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 (e.g. 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 (e.g. excited by the challenge) and positive behaviour (e.g. persistence).

What causes these mindsets? Several experimental studies found that **praising students for their ability** taught them a fixed mindset (e.g. That's a really high score. You must be smart at these problems). In contrast, **praising them for their effort** or the strategy they used taught them a growth mindset and fostered resilience (e.g. That's a really high score. You must have worked hard at these problems.).

It is important to note that even **how children are praised**, has a profound impact on their **value system** and mindset towards learning; thereby impacting **student outcomes**.



Assessments in Term 2

The dates and topics of the assessments to be held in Term 2 are as follows. I hope that the information will better help your child in planning for his/her revision.

*In the event of an absence on the day of the assessment, your child will need to produce a **medical certificate or have a valid reason with supporting documents**. Please note that there will be **no make-up** for the assessment.

Date	Subject	Topics
19 April 2021 Monday	<u>English Language Oral</u> 5A, 5E & 5F • 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. <i>pupils will be dismissed immediately upon completion of their examination</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Aloud• Stimulus-Based Conversation
	<u>Mother Tongue e-Oral</u> 5B, 5C & 5D • 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. <i>pupils will be dismissed immediately upon completion of their examination</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Aloud• Video Conversation
20 April 2021 Tuesday	<u>English Language Oral</u> 5B, 5C & 5D • 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. <i>pupils will be dismissed immediately upon completion of their examination</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Aloud• Stimulus-Based Conversation
	<u>Mother Tongue e-Oral</u> 5A, 5E & 5F • 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. <i>pupils will be dismissed immediately upon completion of their examination</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Aloud• Video Conversation
7 May 2021 Friday	Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whole Numbers up to 10 million• Operations of Whole Numbers• Fractions• Area of Triangles• Ratio• Heuristics



11 May 2021 Tuesday	Standard Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy in Food• Forms & Uses of Energy• Sources of Energy
	Foundation Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P4 Topics: Heat and Light Energy• P5 Topic: Photosynthesis
17 May 2021 Monday	Higher Chinese <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topical Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Units 1 to 9
	Higher Malay <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topical Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Units 1 to 4
	Higher Tamil <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topical Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Units 1 to 5

Academic Reflection

Reflection is an important aspect in learning and character development. Reflection allows us to take a step back, think through our actions and realise the impacts or consequences of it. The school hopes to cultivate Socio-Emotional (SE) competencies and a growth mindset in our students using academic reflections. Students will reflect on their academic achievement after each assessment. Students will be guided to reflect on their strengths, areas of growth and steps they can take to achieve their personal targets to promote SE competencies like self-awareness, self-management and accountability in their own learning.

The academic reflection booklet will be returned with the assessment papers for your reference and acknowledgment. Do make use of it to support your child's growth and progress.

Camp Resilience

To further strengthen the Teacher-Student-Relationship, the Camp Resilience team is currently planning an enriching experience for the P5 cohort. On 21 May 2021, the P5 students will spend a full day at Sarimbun Scout Camp. On top of acquiring basic orienteering skills around a park, students will be able to experience the following:

- Opportunities to experience outdoor life and team building
- Foster a closer bond and camaraderie with their classmates and form teachers
- Promote friendship and mutual understanding among students
- Build up students' self-esteem, resilience and perseverance through meaningful activities

More details about the camp will be shared at a later date.



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Nurturing Wisdom & Grace Report

The Nurturing Wisdom & Grace report provides feedback on a student's disposition towards learning. Learning dispositions are a set of positive behaviour and attitudes that help lay a strong foundation for children to become lifelong learners who find joy in learning. The school hopes to cultivate the right learning dispositions and values in our students from a young age so that they will have a more positive start to their education, focusing on discovery, joy of learning and holistic development.

The report describes student outcomes that are aligned to the school's vision: Active Minds, Gracious Hearts. The learning dispositions progress in complexity and expectation from Primary 1 through Primary 6 as your child grows up. We encourage students to receive the report as useful formative feedback for personal growth. Let us support our children as we uncover each child's strength as well as areas for growth and work towards betterment at each stage of their growth.

My level teachers and I look forward to building a more positive relationship with you in Term 2. Do leave your name and number at 6267 9234 if you have any queries and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Warm regards,

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Schedule of Key Events for Term 2

Date	Activity	Remarks
2 Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday	No school for all students
1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday	No school for all students
3 May	School Holiday in lieu of Labour Day	No school for all students
13 May	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday	No school for all students
21 May	Camp Resilience	7.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. <i>Report to school as per normal</i>
22 May	Parent Webinar for Cyber Wellness	
26 May	Vesak Day Public Holiday	No school for all students
27 May	P1 to P6 Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM)	8 a.m. to 4 p.m. No school for all students
28 May	P1 to P6 Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM) With Mother Tongue Teachers Only	2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. School as usual for all levels
June School Holidays (29 May to 27 June)		