



FERN GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Vision: Reflective Inquirers, Aspiring Advocates, Steadfast Leaders

School Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Care, Harmony

**T4W8
Parents
Notification**

30 October 2024

Dear Parents,

Our Strategic Thrusts

ST1: Future-Ready Learners

ST2: Accomplished and Engaged Professionals

ST3: Organisational Excellence

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1.	<u>Calendar of Events (T4W8 & T4W9)</u>
	T4W8
	Monday, 28 October
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6C 6H 6D 6M: Advocates With Heart (Preparation) • 7:30am 6R1 6R2 6R3 6I: Advocates With Heart (Preparation)t • 7:30am Class-Based Assembly: Celebrate Reading! • 8:00am P5 EYE: HMTL Paper 1 • 9:00am 6R1 6R2 6C 6H: Advocates With Heart (Publicity @Canteen) • 10:00am P6R3 I: Music Enrichment Programme- Let's Sing (2/3) • 10:00am 6R1 6R2: Advocates With Heart (Preparation) • 11:00am P5 EYE: HMTL Paper 2 • 11:30am 6R1 6R2: Music Enrichment Programme - Let's Sing (2/3) • 12:00pm 6R3 6I: Advocates With Heart (Preparation)
	Tuesday, 29 October
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am 6C 6D 6I 6M: SwimSafer Programme (6/8)

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- 8:30am
2D: Art Enrichment - Exploring My Emotions Through Art
- 10:30am
6R1 | 6R2 | 6R3 | 6H: SwimSafer Programme (6/8)
- 2:30pm
P3 to P5: CCA

Wednesday, 30 October

- 6I | 6D | 6M: Advocates With Heart (Preparation)
- 7:30am
6R2 | 6R3: Advocates With Heart (Preparation)
- 7:45am
P2: Tag Rugby & Netball Sports Enrichment
- 8:00am
6C: IMDA Code For Fun Programme (1/2)
- 8:00am
6H: IMDA Code For Fun Programme (1/2)
- 9:00am
6R3 | 6I | 6D | 6M: Advocates With Heart (Publicity @Canteen)
- 1:15pm
P3-P5 HML Arts Education Programme @Sri Warisan

Thursday, 31 October

- Deepavali [Public Holiday]

Friday, 1 November

- 7:45am
P5 & P6: Outreach Talk by Xinmin Secondary School
- 8:00am
P1 & P2: PTC with Form Teachers [No School for P1 & P2]
- 8:30am
6C | 6D | 6I | 6M: SwimSafer Programme (7/8)
- 10:30am
6R1 | 6R2 | 6R3 | 6H: SwimSafer Programme (7/8)
- 1:15pm
4R3 | 4I: Social Studies Learning Journey to Geylang Serai
- 2:00pm
P4 HTL Lessons

T4W9

Monday, 4 November

- Class Contact Time: Values Engagement
- 8:00am
6D: IMDA Code For Fun (1/2)
- 8:00am
6H: IMDA Code For Fun (2/2)
- 8:00am
6M: IMDA Code For Fun (2/2)
- 8:30am
6C: Advocates With Heart (Preparation)
- 9:00am
6C: Advocates With Heart (Publicity @Canteen)
- 10:00am
6R3 | 6I: Music Enrichment Programme - Let's Sing (3/3)

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- 11:30am
6R1 | 6R2: Music Enrichment Programme - Let's Sing (3/3)

Tuesday, 5 November

- 7:45am
P5 & P6: Outreach Talk by Zhonghua School
- 8:30am
6C | 6D | 6I | 6M: SwimSafer Programme (8/8)
- 10:30am
6R1 | 6R2 | 6R3 | 6H: SwimSafer Programme (8/8)
- 2:30pm
P3 to P5: CCA

Wednesday, 6 November

- School Administration Day [No School]

Thursday, 7 November

- 7:30am
6I | 6C: Advocates With Heart (Preparation)
- 7:30am
6M | 6D: Music Enrichment Programme - Let's Sing (3/3)
- 7:30am
P1 to P6: FTGP
- 8:00am
6R1: IMDA Code For Fun (2/2)
- 8:00am
6R2: IMDA Code For Fun (2/2)
- 8:00am
6R3: IMDA Code For Fun (2/2)
- 8:30am
2I: Art Enrichment - Exploring My Emotions Through Art
- 10:00am
6C | 6H: Music Enrichment Programme - Let's Sing (3/3)
- 10:00am
6I: Advocates With Heart (Preparation)
- 12:00pm
6I | 6C | 6H | 6D | 6M: Setting up Booths for Advocates With Heart

Friday, 8 November

- 'Advocates With Heart' Fiesta

(Events listed above are for the masses. Information is correct as on 30 October 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. **School Administration Day on Wednesday, 6 November 2024 [No School]**

The school has designated **Wednesday, 6 November** as our School Administration Day to facilitate the annual end-of-year results administration and promotion exercises.

As all our teachers will be involved in results administration and the promotion exercises, please be informed that there will be **no school on that day**.

School will resume on Thursday, 7 November 2024.

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3.	<p data-bbox="193 300 879 331"><u>Farewell to our Vice-Principal, Mr See Kok Kiong</u></p> <p data-bbox="193 367 1498 465">As communicated to all students on Monday, 28 October, the school will be bidding farewell to our Vice-Principal (Academic), Mr See Kok Kiong who will be assuming his duties as Vice-Principal at Sembawang Primary School from 15 December 2024.</p> <p data-bbox="193 501 1498 600">The school would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr See for his dedicated service and leadership at Fern Green Primary School. He has definitely been an inspiration to the students and all staff and colleagues at Fern Green!</p> <p data-bbox="193 636 352 667">Back to Top</p>
4.	<p data-bbox="193 674 1169 705"><u>FGPS Parents & Students Surveys 2024 [Closing on 31 October 2024]</u></p> <p data-bbox="193 741 1498 871">With reference to T4W7's Parents Notification (Item 6), the deadline for parents and students to participate in the FGPS Parents and Students surveys is Thursday, 31 October 2024. If you have yet to submit your responses, and do not want to miss this opportunity, please remember to submit them by end of tomorrow (via PG for the Parents Survey, and SLS for the Students Survey).</p> <p data-bbox="193 907 1498 1005">We are very encouraged by the number of responses received so far and would like to thank parents and students for taking the time to participate in the surveys. We would be extracting the responses for review from 1 November 2024. Thank you once again for your participation and feedback!</p> <p data-bbox="193 1041 352 1072">Back to Top</p>
5.	<p data-bbox="193 1077 751 1108"><u>Travel Declaration for Year-End Holiday</u></p> <p data-bbox="193 1144 1498 1243">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 end-of-year holidays.</p> <p data-bbox="193 1279 1498 1344">To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents Gateway (PG), go to SERVICE, DECLARE TRAVELS.</p> <p data-bbox="193 1379 1498 1478">Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by Friday, 15 November 2024. Only one parent/guardian is required to make the declaration.</p> <p data-bbox="193 1514 1377 1545">If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required on your end.</p> <p data-bbox="193 1581 1498 1646">When planning your travel, please refer to https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart for more information and updates.</p> <p data-bbox="193 1682 1498 1747">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 data-bbox="193 1783 1082 1814">Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.</p> <p data-bbox="193 1850 352 1881">Back to Top</p>
6.	<p data-bbox="193 1883 1214 1915"><u>Retention of Science Textbooks and Resources for P3, P4 & P5 Students</u></p> <p data-bbox="193 1951 1498 2049">The Science syllabus takes on a spiral approach from P3 to P6. Students will need to revisit the concepts and skills learnt at the different levels from time to time. Thus, it is essential that <u>students keep the following resources till the end of P6:</u></p>

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	<p>1. <u>Science Textbooks</u></p>
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All students must minimally keep their Science Textbooks for reference and revision in preparation for PSLE.

Please note:

Current P5 students would have purchased ***My Pals Are Here! Science Textbook Upsized P5&P6*** (Standard). **This textbook will continue to be used when the students move up to P6** (Standard) in 2025. They only need to purchase the required workbooks for 2025. The **textbook will not be listed in the P6 booklists** when the students receive them in the last week of school.

	<p>2. <u>Science Workbooks & Worksheets (e.g. Topical Worksheets, Practice Papers and Assessment Papers)</u></p>
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Students are strongly encouraged to keep the existing resources for reference and revision.

	<p>3. <u>Science Journals</u></p>
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Current Science Journals will continue to be used in 2025. The notes kept in the journals could serve as reference and help the students with their revision.

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7.	<u>Primary School Transfer Service: Cycle 3 Application</u>
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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 <https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/transfers> between **9.00am on Friday, 1 November 2024** and **4.00pm on Thursday, 21 November 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 **Thursday, 5 December 2024**. After which, you will be required to report to your child's current and receiving schools to finalise the transfer between **Friday, 6 December** and **Tuesday, 31 December 2024**.

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8.	<u>Joint Year-End School Holidays Advisory on Crime Prevention and the Dangers of Vaping</u>
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SPC, CNB, NCPC, NCADA, HSA and HPB have jointly provided an advisory to **educate students on crime-related issues such as shop-theft and high-rise littering, and health matters including the dangers of Vaping**. We hope the following infographics would help parents facilitate a meaningful discussion with your child on these important issues:

- [Primary Level Joint Advisory](#)
- [Primary School Life Stories](#)

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9. **October's Cyber Wellness Tips**

In this digital world, it is natural for children to compare themselves to others. However, when these comparisons lead them to believe that their peers have better grades, more exciting social lives, or ideal home situations, it can create feelings of inadequacy and dissatisfaction. With social media driving a culture of validation through likes and comments, children are particularly vulnerable to these pressures. As parents, it is essential to guide them in navigating these challenges and help them foster a healthy perspective on both social media and their self-worth.

MENTAL HEALTH
Navigating Comparison, FOMO & Body Image Issues

COMPARISON & FOMO
It's normal for children to compare themselves to others occasionally, but when they feel that everyone else has better grades, social lives, or home situations, it can lead to dissatisfaction with their own lives.

BODY IMAGE ISSUES
Social media is filled with images of celebrities, influencers, and peers that young people may see as more attractive than themselves, often enhanced by photo filters and editing. This can lead to body dissatisfaction and low self-esteem.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

- Help your child understand that people only post the highlights of their lives.**
Social media is designed to show the best parts of life. People only share what they want others to see, and some people with the happiest online presence may have many bad days that are not being shared.
- Encourage your child to connect with others offline.**
Time spent with others doesn't just reduce screen time, but can also help children avoid some of the triggers they might see while scrolling.
It also builds resiliency to FOMO since it's harder to feel left out when you are busy doing something else.
- Remind your child that social media doesn't reflect real life.**
Pictures are often edited or filtered, and there are lots of tips and tricks people use to take flattering photos.
Instead, **encourage your child to reduce his/her social media use.**
- Seek Professional Support if needed**
Body dissatisfaction and disordered eating can be a slippery slope, especially when algorithms push harmful related content.

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10. Invitation to attend MoneySense for Your Child (For Parents of Primary and Secondary School goers) programmes

Join Institute for Financial Literacy (IFL) in the “Ask-Me-Anything” Facebook Live session, complimentary workshops and talks to learn the importance of inculcating good financial habits from young. It covers ways that can help your child to learn how to cultivate healthy financial habits, budget and save and to be a young smart consumer.

The graphic features a white background with a blue and orange diagonal stripe on the right side. At the top, it says "Ask-Me-Anything" in a sans-serif font, followed by "MoneySense for Your Child" in a larger, bold font. Below this is an illustration of a family of five. To the right of the family are three bullet points, each with an orange arrowhead: "Do you know your children are observing & learning your money habits?", "Is financial literacy an important life skill?", and "How do you inculcate good financial habits from young?". A large, stylized question mark in blue and orange is positioned to the right of the text. Below the text is a white box containing the event details: "IFL's Facebook on 15 November 2024, Friday" and "12:00pm to 1:00pm". At the bottom left is the IFL logo, and at the bottom center is a QR code with the text "Scan this QR code to watch the video recording" to its right.

**“Ask-Me-Anything”
MoneySense for Your Child**

- Do you know your children are observing & learning your money habits?
- Is financial literacy an important life skill?
- How do you inculcate good financial habits from young?

**IFL’s Facebook on 15 November 2024, Friday
12:00pm to 1:00pm**

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MoneySense for Your Child

Programme Specially Curated for Parents

Through these Workshops and Talks, parents can learn the importance of inculcating good financial habits from young.

It also covers ways you can help your children learn how to:

- Cultivate healthy financial habits
- Budget and save
- Differentiate between needs and wants
- Be a young smart consumer

All sessions are complimentary and virtual.
For any enquiries, please email ifl@spi.edu.sg.

	Activity-based Workshops	Talks Session 1	Talks Session 2
Secondary School	18 Nov, Mon 12:00pm to 1:30pm	20 Nov, Wed 7:30pm to 8:30pm	23 Nov, Sat 10:00am to 11:00am
Primary School	25 Nov, Mon 12:00pm to 1:30pm	27 Nov, Wed 7:30pm to 8:30pm	30 Nov, Sat 10:00am to 11:00am
Pre-School	2 Dec, Mon 12:00pm to 1:30pm	4 Dec, Wed 7:30pm to 8:30pm	7 Dec, Sat 10:00am to 11:00am

* Talk sessions 1 and 2 are separate events and will run independently of each other.

To register, scan the QR codes or visit the IFL website

<https://go.gov.sg/moneysense-for-your-child>

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We provide free and unbiased financial education to the public and do not promote financial products.

You can find us at www.ifl.org.sg for other financial education programmes we offer.

Note: This workshop is for parents only.

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Thank you.

Mr See Kok Kiong
Vice-Principal (Academic)