



EVERGREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Primary 2 Term 3 2019 Level Letter

A warm welcome back to a new term. I hope all students have had a wonderful break and are ready to embrace all the interesting activities and lessons planned for them in Term 3.

Every Student, An Engaged Learner

All students have become more independent especially after their *HomeCraft* module in Term 2. It is rewarding whenever teachers receive photographs and hear how students have been helping out in the household chores, making simple toast with their parents and even sewing coin pouches for them. This is definitely a great demonstration of their learning. They also did a good job describing their learning experiences to their parents and teachers during PCTC. Their eagerness to learn and explore new experiences are the teachers' motivation to make learning fun and engaging for them. Thank you for giving them the opportunity to practice these skills at home so that they can continue to be responsible. I hope they will continue to be passionate in their learning and enjoy the activities in Term 3.

In Term 3, we are focusing on the value "**Graciousness**". Being gracious is to treat others with the tact, kindness and respect that they deserve. It is to put others first, whether they are friends or strangers. A big part of being gracious is being able to appreciate what people do for you. We would like our students to be able to appreciate others for their efforts, however big or small they are. It can be shown as a smile, a gesture or even in the tone of the voice. We hope, by being other-centered, can induce better relationships among people, and towards building a gracious society.

The act of graciousness is one that comes entirely from the heart. I would like to share 5 instances of acts of graciousness that happened in Singapore, that will warm your heart. I hope you will share them with your child so that he/she can be inspired to reach out to the people around them.

1. Foreign workers shield bus commuters from a heavy downpour

While on his way to the bus stop, Winson Heng was caught in a heavy downpour. Although he fully expected to be drenched, to his surprise, a foreign worker shielded him with an umbrella.

At the bus stop itself, Winson noticed that two foreign workers had stationed themselves there to protect both boarding and alighting passengers from the rain. The workers did this entirely out of the goodness of their hearts, having sacrificed the time they could have used to rest from their construction work - all to lend a hand to people in need.

2. Man shares food with an uncle

While Elliott Small and Adair Robins were having lunch at Old Airport Hawker Centre, they were joined by an elderly man, who barged his way to their table and started talking to himself.

Instead of turning away from the elderly man in disgust like some of us would normally have done under similar circumstances, Elliott actually went on to share his food with him. Throughout the exchange, Elliott was seen caring for the uncle's needs, even asking if he felt that the food was too spicy.

3. Elderly man opens his home to other seniors who cannot care for themselves

Although Mr. Lee Cho Poon is 83 years old and an elderly person himself, he is not just independent and able to look after his own basic needs, but also able to care for other seniors under his roof.

Having volunteered to care for other old folk since 1997, he currently shares his home with 86-year-old Mr. Neo, who is bedridden and cannot move about on his own. Though technically Mr. Neo's caregiver, Mr. Lee doesn't view him as a patient, but rather a companion.

Mr Lee is motivated by two core values passed down to him by his parents: filial piety for the elderly and compassion. He derives satisfaction from seeing that his companions are in good health and spirits, and is known to have been struck by grief when they pass on.

4. Motorcyclist gets off his bike to help an old man cross the road

This incident was shared on SG Road Vigilante, where a motorcyclist was seen getting off his bike to help an elderly man cross the road at a pedestrian crossing. This is a far cry from the usual bevy of impatient road users who would instead horn at struggling pedestrians before zipping off.

The motorcyclist was later identified in the comments as Reyco. Known to be honest in his business, Reyco's gracious act comes as no surprise to his regular customers.

5. Otter watchers come together to rescue a pup separated from its family

Acts of kindness extend beyond merely human-to-human interactions. This is proven through an incident involving the famous Bishan otter family when two of the younger ones were separated from their older siblings at Kallang Basin.

While one of them managed to find its way back to its family, the other wandered off and went missing. 15 otter watchers, including N. Sivasothi and Nick Soo, then worked tirelessly to search for the adolescent otter, which was exposed to threats from predators like large fish, herons, and snakes.

Thankfully, the otter watchers managed to locate and retrieve the pup with a laundry basket before returning it to its family.

Adapted from an article from <https://thesmartlocal.com/read/singapore-acts-of-kindness>

Let us share such inspiring stories with our students both at school and at home so that they can grow to be gracious citizens.

Multi-Modal Programme (MMP)

Students will go through a Language Arts Module – Dancesports programme in Term 3. In this programme, students will be exposed to the ballroom genre of dance that combines social skills with exercise. Besides focusing on co-ordination, agility and physical strength, it also promotes teamwork, focus and discipline. At the end of 8 lessons, students will showcase their skills in a level performance. Students will perform their choreographed dance steps as a class. Details of the performance will be given at a later date

Every Parent, A Supportive Partner

I would like to thank all parents who have volunteered their services during the *HomeCraft* module in Term 2. Without your help, we would not have completed the lessons smoothly. Some parents even gave valuable feedback. It is great to know that parents are supportive of our programmes and activities. If you would like to volunteer your service to the school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form teacher.

EGPS is on Social Media!

We are excited to announce that we have established a presence on both Facebook and Instagram recently. We will be utilizing our social media pages to make updates on school programmes, share photographs, videos and important announcements. Our pages will also be featuring our very own EGPS students and teachers as they participate in the various activities and share their experiences with us. Do consider going to the pages to click "like" and "follow" us. It will be a worthwhile and interesting experience as visitors can get to know more about the school's programmes and objectives. Hope to see you there!



Parents Gateway

Parents gateway is a mobile app by MOE and GovTech aimed at connecting parents and schools on key administrative matters. We would strongly encourage parents to come onboard this application. The app is readily downloadable via App store or Playstore. To use the app you will require your SINGPASS.



The following QR codes are provided for SingPass registration and 2-Factor activation should you require.



Every Teacher, A Caring Educator

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mdm Woo Sye Lai, previously Form Teacher for 2 Hope, and Mrs Serene Poon, previous Form Teacher for 2 Joy, for their contributions in the first semester. We would like to welcome Miss Khalisah and Ms Suryani to the Primary 2 level. Miss Khalisah is the Form Teacher of Primary 2 Hope and Ms Suryani is the English and Math teacher of 2 Joy. They are both experienced teachers. Their email addresses are stated below if you would like to contact them.

Class	Teacher	Email Address
2 Hope	Miss Khalisah	khalisah_suherman@schools.gov.sg
2 Joy	Ms Suryani	suryani_haji_said@moe.edu.sg

Do feel free to contact or e-mail your child's form teacher should you require any clarifications. You can also contact me at (koh_mui_noi@schools.gov.sg) should you have any queries pertaining to the level.

The following annex is attached for your reference.

Annex A: Programmes / Events / Activities for Term 3
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We seek your patience in thoroughly reading the contents of the letters. Please keep this letter for future reference. Do contact or email your child's form teacher if you need any clarifications or have any concerns. It is strongly recommended that you call the office at **6368 7705** to make an appointment with your child's teacher should you wish to meet her as teachers will not be able to meet you if they have teaching periods.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter and return the acknowledgement slip via your child/ward to his/her form teacher by 10 July 2019.

Thank You.



Yours faithfully,
Miss Koh Mui Noi
Primary 1 and 2 Assistant Year Head

CC. Mrs Rabia Shahul (P), Mrs Pearlyn Wai (VP) and Mrs Eunice Lim (VP)

Primary 2 (Programmes / Events / Activities) – Term 3

No.	Programme / Event / Activity	Date	Remarks
1.	Mother Tongue Fortnight	9 to 19 July 2019	<i>(More details will be provided at a later date)</i>
2.	Youth Day Holiday (School holiday)	8 July 2019	Students do not need to report to school
3.	National Day Celebration and National Day Holiday	8 and 9 August 2019	Students will be dismissed at 9.30a.m. (8 August)
4.	Hari Raya Haji (Public Holiday)	12 August 2019	Students do not report to school
5.	PSLE Oral Examination	15 – 16 August 2019	P1 to P5 students do not report to school
6.	Teachers' Day Celebration	5 September 2019	Students will be dismissed at 12.30p.m.
7.	Teachers' Day (School Holiday)	6 September 2019	Students do not report to school
8.	Term 3 break	7 to 15 September 2019	Students do not report to school

