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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marking Day

The school will be having our Marking Day on Monday, 14 May 2018. This is to facilitate completion of marking of all Mid-Year Examination scripts. **On Marking Day, all pupils do not report to school.**

Pupils will check their Mid-Year Examination scripts over the following two days, on 15 and 16 May 2018.

We thank all parents for your close guidance and support in preparing your children for the Mid-Year Examination.

Developing Responsibility

Parents are reminded to refrain from bringing to school any items your child may have forgotten to pack; instead, do instil in him/her the good habit of packing and checking his/her bag daily.

Please note that the staff in the General Office may not be able to help deliver the items to your child promptly. Thus, it is important that we strive to develop in Frontierers the value of responsibility for their own actions.

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Do you have any feedback or ideas for iN-Touch?

Do let us know on our website at <http://www.frontierpri.moe.edu.sg/our-stakeholders/iN-Touch-feedback-form>

You can also view our past issues at <http://www.frontierpri.moe.edu.sg/our-stakeholders/iN-Touchfrontier>

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Pupils' Health Screening

The School Health Services will be conducting its annual health screening in Frontier Primary School. All pupils (P1 to P6) will be having their annual health screening during the period from **17 May to 25 May 2018**.

Only P1 and P5 pupils' health booklets will be collected by teachers from **Thursday, 3 May 2018**. The health booklets will be returned after the health screening. Parents can print copies of the immunisation records online if you have lost the health booklet.

P1 and P5 parents need to log in to the online portal via <http://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg> using your SingPass or scan the QR code to give consent for your child's immunisation. Parents of Muslim pupils will also need to indicate your consent using the form given through your child as the health screening is happening during the fasting month.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2 Spring Cleaning

As part of the school's effort to inculcate responsibility and a sense of ownership over the shared classroom environment, pupils and teachers engage in semestral Spring Cleaning activities. The school will be carrying out Spring Cleaning on **Thursday, 24 May 2018**.

All pupils are to bring to school a pair of disposable gloves, a rag and a plastic bag (to hold any of their belongings) for the spring cleaning. There will not be any cleaning agents used in this activity. This activity will get the classrooms ready for pupils' return in Term 3.

June Holiday Revision Programme for P6 Pupils

To help our P6 pupils prepare adequately for the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE), the school will be conducting a revision programme during the June holiday from **Monday, 18 June 2018 to Wednesday, 20 June 2018**. More details will be provided at a later date.

We hope that parents will be supportive of your child's participation in the programme, and refrain from bringing your child overseas during this important period.



ACCOLADES

Singapore Youth Festival (Performing Arts) Presentation 2018

The Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Celebrations is an annual event organised by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to develop well-rounded and passionate learners by providing an inclusive and collaborative platform. Pupils will be able to express their artistic talent and exercise their creative voice.

Together with the coaches, our teachers and pupils from the various Performing Arts CCAs have worked tirelessly in the past few months to prepare for the recent SYF (Performing Arts) Presentation. Through their commitment and collective effort as a team, we are delighted to announce the following results:

Chinese Dance CCA – Certificate of Distinction

Choir CCA – Certificate of Accomplishment

DanzWhiz CCA – Certificate of Accomplishment

String Ensemble CCA – Certificate of Accomplishment



We are also proud to share that our DanzWhiz boys have been identified and invited to perform at the *2018 MOE National Day Observation Ceremony*. The ceremony will be attended by our Minister, political leaders and senior management. It will be a great honour for Frontier indeed!

Rugby

Our Rugby senior boys participated in their first **National Schools Games Rugby Championships** this year. Their determination and training paid off as the team did the school proud by achieving a commendable 3rd place in the 2018 championships. Congratulations to our Rugby team!

Sport Climbing

CCA Sport Climbing has once again done us proud in the Shuqun Outdoor Education Carnival and National Primary Schools Sport Climbing Championships. At the **Shuqun Outdoor Education Carnival**, Nur Trisya Quraisya Binte Mohammed Salleh (5 Care) came in 3rd in the Junior Girls Division (Top Rope Climbing) while Tan Wen De, Jeriel (5 Respect) came in 3rd in the Junior Boys Division as well.

The members also participated in the **National Primary Schools Sport Climbing Championships** where both the Junior Boys Division (Team) and Junior Girls Division (Team) achieved the 3rd position. In addition, Tan Wen De, Jeriel (5 Respect) had achieved the 7th position in the Junior Boys Division (Speed Challenge) and the 8th position in the Junior Boys Division (Top Rope Challenge).

Well done Sport Climbers, you have made the school so proud of you!



ACCOLADES

Red Cross CCA

Though still considered a young CCA, our Red Cross links have done us proud once again by achieving the **Gold Award for the Red Cross Youth Link Excellent Unit Award (EUA) for the year of assessment 2017**. We have been able to sustain our Gold Award for two consecutive years.

In addition, in the Red Cross Youth First Aid Championship 2018 (Links) which was organised as an annual platform for Red Cross Youth (RCY) members to hone and showcase their readiness for First Aid emergencies, our Red Cross Links also did us proud as they achieved the **Silver Award under the Links Management Category**.

The school would also like to congratulate Sherin Tan Ke En of Primary 6CA for being chosen as the recipient of the **Red Cross Youth (RCY) Director's Award for 2018**, the highest honour that an individual Red Cross member can attain!

Our heartiest congratulations to all the Red Cross members for their wonderful job done!

Appreciation for NEA-SWCDC Clean and Green Singapore Carnival

2017

The school received an appreciation plaque from NEA for its participation in the **NEA-SWCDC Clean and Green Singapore Carnival 2017**, which was held at Jurong Point Shopping Centre on 11 and 12 November 2017. Our choir, together with some pupils, put up several performances at the mall and dazzled the crowd with their voices and dance routines. It was definitely a memorable evening for those who were present.





ICT Matters

Travel Declaration for Pupils (for the June holidays)

As the school terms ends on Friday 25 May 2018, pupils are required to declare their travel plans for the upcoming June school holidays. We seek the co-operation of parents/guardian in ensuring that this is done via the MC Online website **before Monday, 21 May 2018**. A step-by-step guide can be found on the school website.

Teaching Our Children to Discern Information

Our children are exposed to all sorts of information through various forms of media in this digital age. The information can come from popular blog posts, websites, news sites, social media accounts and even advertising messages. Parents can share with their children that fake news or information can sometimes result in unnecessary panic or worry. Thus, the need to educate our children to evaluate information and make informed decisions is important.

So how do we teach our children to discern what is true and what is not?

Remember **C-S-I** when evaluating information!

Credibility: Assess credibility of content – Does the content have various perspectives or just one point of view? Is it an opinion? Is the website from a reputable source?

Source: Assess who the source or sources are – What is their reputation? Are the sources trustworthy? Can the information be checked with other sources? Find out the credibility of the sources.

Intent: What is the purpose of the information? What do you think the people who published such information are hoping to achieve? What could happen if such information is shared widely?

Adapted from: <https://www.medialiteracycouncil.sg/>





ICT Matters

Term 2 Cyber Wellness Day

Our termly Cyber Wellness (CW) Day took place on 17 April 2018. Pupils were encouraged to participate in Cyber Wellness-related games during their recesses. The activities engaged pupils via a card game on cyber contacts, a cyber-bullying memory game on iPads and an internet safety hack game.

CW Day also provided selected Primary 3 to Primary 5 TAC leaders the opportunities to facilitate their peers in these games and be a positive peer influence in the domain of Cyber Wellness. Scan the QR Code to experience the Cyber Bullying Memory Game which our pupils tried.



LOOKING BACK

International Friendship Day – “Celebrating the ASEAN Community” was commemorated on 2 April at Frontier Primary. This year, the school hosted pupils and teachers from Santa Laurensia School, Indonesia. The pupils from the school shared on *Betawi* culture. Several booths were also set up during recesses for pupils to have fun engaging with the different activities and culture.

Do visit our blog at <http://blog.frontierpri.net> to read more about the highlights of the commemoration. The blog post will be up from May 2018 onwards.



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Homework Copying Turns As into Fs

20 SEP 2017

When it comes to individual assignments, students need to DIY, explains retired principal Mrs Wong Bin Eng.



Back when I was a young Mathematics teacher in a primary school, I once had a P6 student who handed in perfect homework all the time – every problem solved correctly.

Connie* scored full marks during topical tests, and it was only the first school term!

I found it curious, and when I tasked her to solve similar Maths problems in class in front of me, she couldn't do it. Worse, when it came to the end-of-term exam, Connie failed.

After speaking to her, Connie confessed to copying her cousin's homework and memorising past -year topical test papers. Who got the model answers for her? Her mum.

Connie wasn't the brightest student, but she wanted to do well. She had the right attitude but the wrong method. Her mum didn't know any better. I had to explain to Connie and her mum, that if Connie figured out how to arrive at the model answers, it would be different.

Do read the full article at <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/homework-copying-turns-as-into-fs>



Seven “C”s of Building Resilience in Children

by Healthy Children Magazine

In today’s environment, children and teens need to develop strengths, acquire skills to cope, recover from hardships, and be prepared for future challenges. They need to be resilient in order to succeed in life.

That is why Kenneth Ginsburg, M.D., MS Ed, FAAP, a pediatrician specializing in adolescent medicine at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), has joined forces with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) to author *A Parent’s Guide to Building Resilience in Children and Teens: Giving Your Child Roots and Wings*. The new book provides a dynamic resource to help parents and caregivers build resilience in children, teens, and young adults.

Dr. Ginsburg has identified seven “C”s of resilience, recognizing that “resilience isn’t a simple, one-part entity.” Parents can use these guidelines to help their children recognize their abilities and inner resources:

Read more about the article at

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living/emotional-wellness/Building-Resilience/Pages/Building-Resilience-in-Children.aspx>

