

February 2018



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### March Holidays

The March school holidays will be from Saturday, 10 March to Sunday, 18 March 2018.

All pupils are to return to school for Term 2 of the school year on Monday, 19 March 2018. We wish all parents and pupils a restful and enjoyable break!



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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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### **Changes to School Calendar in Term 2**

#### **(i) PRIDE (Performance Recognition for Individual Distinguished Endeavours)**

##### **Day for 2017 Prize Winners**

**PRIDE Day for 2017 prize-winners** will be taking on a different format and has been rescheduled to take place during usual school hours. As such, please note that Friday, 13 April 2018 will be a normal school day for all pupils.

Prize winners will receive a separate letter from the school with more information.

#### **(ii) E-Learning Day & Experiential Day 1 for P1 to P4 pupils**

Please note that the E-Learning Day and Experiential Day 1 for P1 to P4 pupils have been rescheduled to a different time of the year, as the originally scheduled dates are near the mid-year examination.

As such, all P1 to P4 pupils will report to school for lessons as usual on 19 and 20 April 2018.

### **Primary 2 School Dismissal from Term 2**

As our Primary 2 pupils become more independent, they will be dismissed by their teachers at the ground floor after curriculum hours. Primary 2 pupils will head to their respective dismissal gates independently to wait for their parents/guardian or to head home by themselves.

This will come into effect from the first day of Term 2 on Monday, 19 March 2018.

Parents are to make the necessary arrangements with your children.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### P4 to P6 Sports Day

Frontier Primary School will be organising Sports Day **for all Primary 4 to 6 pupils on Friday, 9 March 2018**. Pupils will be competing in relay events with basketball, scooterboard and skipping elements. There will also be an inter-class modified netball tournament.

The objectives of the Sports Day are to:

- instil class pride and loyalty
- promote teamwork and sportsmanship
- encourage mass participation in sports events
- apply skills learnt during Physical Education lessons in a competitive setting

**Primary 4 to 6 pupils will report to school in the morning as per normal and will be dismissed from school at 11.30 a.m.**

**Primary 1 to Primary 3 pupils do not report for school that day as they will be having their Home-Based Learning (HBL).** A letter to inform parents about this arrangement was relayed earlier.

Pupils will be provided with a bun to consume during their breaks. We look forward to a fun and enjoyable Sports Day for all!

Points to note:

<b>Event</b>	Frontier Primary School Sports Day 2018
<b>Day / Date</b>	Friday, 9 March 2018
<b>Time</b>	7.15 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
<b>Levels</b>	Primary 4 to 6
<b>Attire</b>	PE attire, black school shoes or sports shoes
<b>Items to bring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small bag</li> <li>• A filled water bottle</li> <li>• Mother Tongue storybook</li> <li>• Pencil Case</li> </ul>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mother Tongue Fortnight

Frontier Primary will be organizing our annual Mother Tongue Fortnight from **19 March to 29 March 2018**. The objective of this programme is to create a conducive environment to promote the learning and usage of Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) outside MTL class and school.

Your child will be engaged in a series of Language and Cultural activities throughout these two weeks. It will be an exciting learning experience for your child. You can be involved in this event too by getting your child to relate to you the activities that he/she has taken part in school. We look forward to your support in the event.

### P5 and P6 English Writing and Comprehension Workshop

The English Language Department will be conducting a Comprehension and Writing workshop for parents of P5 and P6 pupils.

The workshop will cover the following areas:

- Types of comprehension questions
- Strategies for answering comprehension questions
- Strategies for planning and developing a story
- Short sharing on Situational Writing

The details of the workshop are as follows:

Date/Day : Friday, 23 March 2018  
Time : 2.30pm – 5pm

Due to space constraint, we apologise that we can only allow one parent per child to attend the workshop. The workshop is also limited to the **first 100 registrants only**. Please go to the following website <https://goo.gl/sWnKVj> to **register your attendance by 9 March 2018, Friday**.

QR Code:



We hope that this workshop will provide you with some ideas on how you can support your child in his/her learning. Thank you for partnering us as we work together to help the pupils succeed in their academic pursuits.



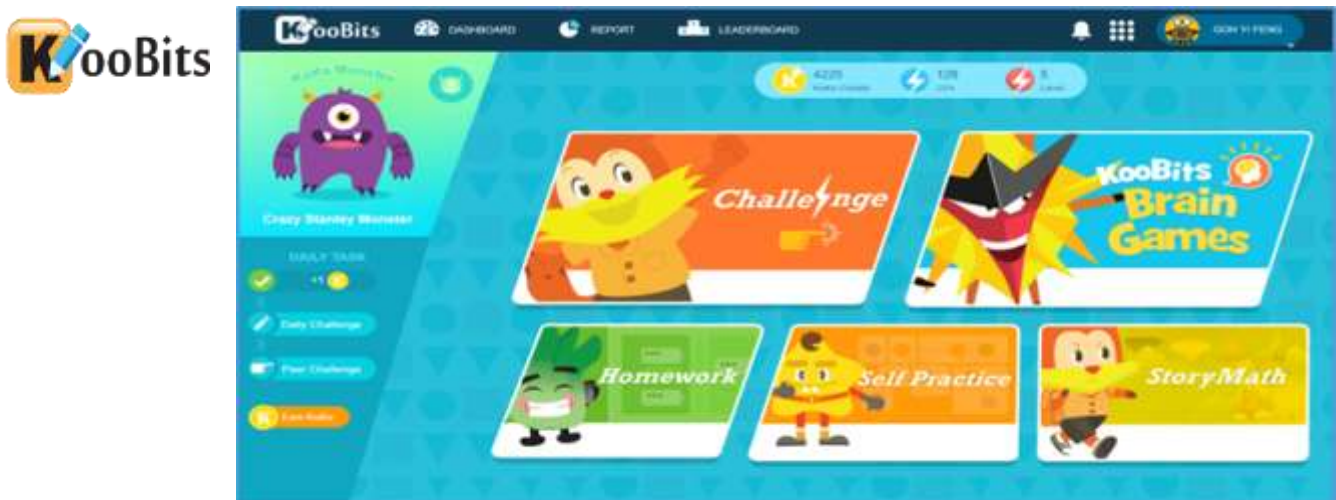
## ICT Matters

### Koobits

Fancy a portal to challenge your child to solve word problems in an engaging way? Koobits has the answer!

Koobits is an online mathematics learning portal for primary school pupils. This year, Frontier has subscribed to Koobits for all pupils to access regularly at home. After login to Koobits, pupils will see a dashboard to access the different sections such as challenge, homework, Koobits brain games and more! With each question that pupils attempt, they will accumulate points and koko credits which can be used to play the KooBits Games.

Koobits is accessible via iPads and laptops. Through this portal, we hope Frontierers will enjoy solving word problems much more!



## LOOKING BACK

### Chinese New Year

“As this is my last year in Frontier Primary School, I am glad that I am given the opportunity to perform as part of the Chinese New Year celebration with other P6 Chinese Dance dancers. It is a dance item specially choreographed by my teacher, Mdm Dorcas. It is really exciting!” exclaimed Ho Yan.

Do visit our blog at <http://blog.frontierpri.net> to read about the views of some of our P6 pupils on the recent Chinese New Year celebration. The blog post will be up from March onwards.



## 5 Questions To Encourage Your Child To Ask in Class

09 FEB 2018

As parents, how can you help your child be engaged in their learning in school?

We hope you and your child have been talking. But what if he tells you he doesn't know what to ask the teacher when the subject is a tough one? Here are five questions to start him off on this journey.

Teacher, can you help me understand...?

Encourage your child to clarify with the teacher during lesson or after. He may feel shy raising his hand in class itself to ask questions. Assure him it's okay to ask for help when he needs it, and this is part of the learning process. Steer him towards taking charge of his own learning and developing an inquisitive mind.

Teacher, can I help you with ....?

Whether it's helping the teacher with small tasks such as setting up the projector or distributing worksheets, remind your child to be helpful to the people around him and contribute positively to his environment. Plus, this way, he's learning about how teamwork works. He can try taking the initiative to sweep the classroom floor when it's dirty, even when he's not scheduled to do that – or better, getting his friends to help out at this task.

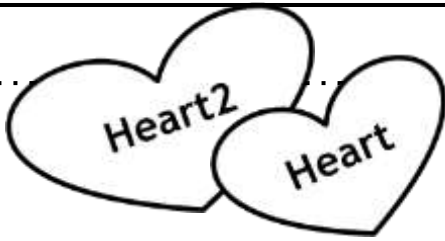
Can we agree on this?

When everyone in the group has different views, what should your child do? If he is older, he can identify the problem statement, and get the group to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Try and guide the discussions towards reaching a consensus. In this way, he learns to exercise good facilitation and problem-solving skills. For younger children, remind them to listen and respect different opinions. If the situation escalates, ask the teacher for help.

Don't you find the questions useful? Do read more about the other two at <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/5-questions-to-encourage-your-child-to-ask-in-class>







## 5 Questions to Ask Your Child Over Dinner

24 JAN 2018

It is the end of a busy day at work and you're settling down to dinner with your child. Maybe you're already wondering – has she finished her homework? When is her next test? How did the top student in her class do in the last test?

While it is natural to want to know these things, dinner is also a great opportunity to learn everything else she does in school. You probably have some idea of her grades already from report cards, circulars and the consent forms you've seen. You know terms like FTGP, VIA, PAL, and know what they stand for (Form Teacher Guidance Period; Values-in-Action; Programme for Active Learning). But what do they really mean to her?

Read the full article at <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/5-questions-to-ask-your-kids-over->

