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March 2015



ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Holidays

The March holidays will start from the **16th March to the 20th March 2015**. All pupils are to return to school for Term 2 of the year on the 23rd March 2015. Here's wishing all a very fulfilling holiday ahead.

P1 & P2 KidsExcel

Frontier Primary, in collaboration with Viva Nurture Pte Ltd, is organising the KidsExcel Project for Primary 1 and 2 students. It is a values-driven Sports and Academic Development Programme. Academic enrichment on Mathematics and English are delivered by trained teachers and the sports component is conducted by NCAP trained sports coaches in collaboration with National Sports Associations (NSAs) like Singapore Gymnastics. The programme will begin in Term 2 after the March holidays for the applicants who had applied earlier.

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

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



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P3 & P4 Pupils' Overseas Trip (Hong Kong) - Application Open

This year, Frontier Primary is starting our internationalisation programme. We are looking for thirty P3 & P4 pupils who will serve as good ambassadors of the school and Singapore.

The objectives of this overseas trip are to:

- Provide opportunities for the pupils to be exposed to a different educational system as they visit local Hong Kong schools.
- Provide opportunities for the pupils to be immersed in a different culture other than their own.
- Provide opportunities for the pupils to learn about environment issues related to Hong Kong.

The pupils to be selected have to portray the school vision of being **Confident Thinkers, Adaptable Individuals and Passionate Leaders**. They would have to display the school values of **Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Innovation, Care and Confidence** as well.

There will be 2 rounds to the selection process:

Round 1: Applicants are to do a write-up on themselves through the form '*Application Form for Pupils' Overseas Trip (Hong Kong) 2015*'. The hardcopy of the application forms can be collected from the General Office while a soft copy of it is available in the Frontier website. The application form **must be submitted to the respective Form Teacher by 11 March 2015** for any consideration to take place.

Round 2: Shortlisted applicants will be notified to go through a panel interview by early April 2015.

The tentative dates of the trip are from 26 May to 29 May 2015. The pupils would be expected to pay about \$300 depending on the final cost of the trip. Further subsidy would be available for FAS pupils. The final list of pupils who are selected for the trip would be notified by mid April 2015.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sports Day

Frontier Primary School Sports Day 2015 will take place on **Friday, 27 March 2015**. This year, the event will be held at Jurong West Stadium (Jurong West Sports Complex) and all pupils from Primary 1 to Primary 4 are involved. Staff and pupils will report to school before taking a short walk from the school to the stadium.

The important details to note for that day are as follows:

Event	Sports Day
Day/ Date	Friday, 27 March 2015
Reporting Time at Frontier Primary	7.20 am
Dismissal Time from Frontier Primary	11.30 am
Attire	School PE-Attire (P4 pupils are allowed to wear their
Items to bring along	A water bottle A poncho or small umbrella Small bag to contain the above items

*** Please note that there will be no CCA sessions for the P4 pupils on that day.**

We look forward to the active participation of the pupils on Frontier's annual Sports Day. More details will be provided in term 2.

Request for Parent Helpers for Sports Day

We are looking for parent helpers to assist us for the event. Parent helpers will be involved in various duties such as:

- (i) Parent Chaperones of classes
- (ii) Assistant Competitors' Stewards
- (iii) Assistant Prize Stewards
- (iv) Assistant Equipment Stewards
- (v) Photographers

If you would like to sign up as a parent helper, please register your interest through the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/FPS-SportsDayRegistration>

Registration will close on **11th March 2015**.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother Tongue Fortnight

Frontier is organising the annual Mother Tongue Fortnight from **23 March 2015 to 2 April 2015**. The objective of this programme is to create a conducive environment to promote the learning and usage of Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) outside MTL classes and school.

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

S-eLF (Student-eLF) Investiture 2015

We will be having our S-eLF Investiture on **Wednesday, 25 March 2015**. On this day, all S-eLF will receive their S-eLF Contract as well as the milestone pins* as part of their official appointment.

For acknowledgement of their leadership role at the school level, P1 to P3 S-eLF wear the S-eLF customized lanyard with the personalized S-eLF card while the P4 S-eLF wear the school tie. The S-eLF will recite their S-eLF pledge towards the end of the ceremony, pledging their commitment and dedication to serving the school.

**Milestone pins are awarded to S-eLF who have completed their milestone training sessions in the past year.*



CHARACTER & CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION (CCE) MATTERS

HOT OFF THE PRESS

The inclusion of newspaper articles in the classrooms has taken place through the *Hot Off The Press* initiative. Through providing news related to the pupils' community, national or global issues and desired social norms, the school seeks to nurture a love for the current affairs amidst our young charges.

There will be monthly discussions on articles for all levels. In addition, the P3 & P4 pupils will also do monthly reflections to inculcate critical reading and reflective thinking. The Little Red Dot will be subscribed, fully subsidised by the school, for all P3 and P4 pupils beginning Term 2.

GREEN MOVEMENT

i) 4R's Programme (ReDuce, ReUse, ReCycle, ReFuse)

To teach our children to reduce their wastage, reuse materials whenever possible, recycle what they can to make new products and refuse unnecessary wastage, Frontier will be embarking on the 4R's programme.

On the last Friday of school in Term 1, **13 March 2015**, pupils will be engaged in the **termly Spring Cleaning** of their classrooms. They will be required to bring in **rags** for this task. Pupils will also be tasked to reuse what they can from the waste found in the classroom and recycle the rest in the school's recycling bins.

As a continuity to the programme, we will be encouraging all pupils to join in a **week-long 4R's programme** where they will recycle plastic, metal and paper daily in the recycling bins placed in the school canteen **during the first week of Term 2**. We would like to urge all parents to join us in this programme by allowing your child to bring some of his/her recyclable items to school to deposit them in the recycling bins available.

ii) Donation of School Uniform & PE Attire

As some of our older pupils outgrow their school attires, the school would like to encourage them to donate those school attires that are still in relatively good condition to the school. Collection boxes will be placed in the General Office from March 2015 onwards for pupils to deposit their outgrown uniforms. These uniforms will be kept by the General Office to be used for any emergency situations when pupils require a change of uniform.

iii) Donation of Textbooks at Year-End

The school would like to encourage pupils to take good care of their textbooks so that they could be donated to the school at the end of the year. These textbooks will then be given free to some of our needy pupils or to the wider community, depending on the quantity received.



ICT MATTER

Bringing up children in the digital age

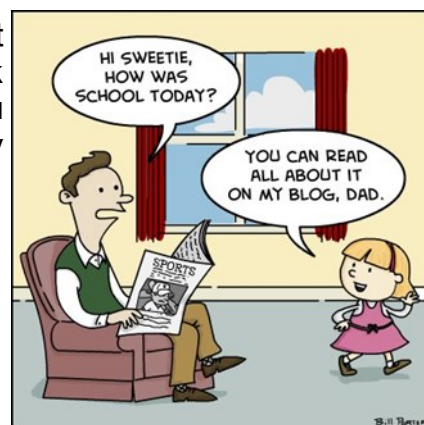
New digital technologies and the Internet provide a wonderful platform for parents to engage and interact with our children. However, this digital parenting journey may also raise new conundrums:-

- When is a good time to introduce my child to the Internet?
- What happens if my child is addicted to the Internet or the mobile device?
- How do I teach my child to be safe and “street-smart” online?
- What can I do to ensure the safety of my child online?

Together, we play a crucial role in shaping how our children perceive and shape their world. We hope that our precious young digital natives will grow up to be discerning participants in a globalized digital world. They are aware of the online “minefields”, able to effectively manoeuvre around them or avoid them, and capable of harnessing the Internet for inspiration and opportunities.

Provided by the Media Literacy Council, we hope that this little handbook, which can be found in the following link <http://tinyurl.com/q2m25zb>, will be a useful resource for you and your child as you embark on an online learning journey together. Have fun!

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Looking Back

A number of events happened in February. We had commemorated **Total Defence Day** and celebrated **Chinese New Year** in school. In addition, as part of SG50 celebration, our Primary 3 pupils had an opportunity to watch **NE Chingay 2015** live at the F1 Pit Building.

Do visit our school blog in the next few weeks in the month of March at <http://blog.frontierpri.net> to see what Frontierers experienced during these events.



SchoolBag



Every parent, a supportive partner

Parent volunteers and teachers worked together to start a new co-curricular activity in the school, football.

At MOE's Work Plan Seminar (WPS) 2014, Minister Heng Swee Keat emphasised the important role of supportive parents.

If a teacher has touched your heart with his or her dedication and passion, how about showing your appreciation through a note or by saying a word of thanks? This will go a long way in cheering teachers and school leaders on. It motivates them to do better in their task of developing the full potential of a student. When providing constructive feedback, use the right tone and approach, focus on the problem rather than the person, and solve it together as partners.

Teachers hope that parents will trust them and believe that they want the best for their students.

Parents can support teachers in these ways:

1. **Spending quality time with children**

Talking to your children makes you aware of what they are experiencing in school so as to be better able to support the teachers.

2. **Reading to or with children**

Reading is a proven method of learning, so developing a love and habit of reading will help them to learn.

3. **Supervising their studies**

If children are in primary school, support the teachers by ensuring that they do their part at home, such as learning their spelling or multiplication tables.

4. **Monitoring their character development**

Support the school's holistic approach by encouraging your children to participate in co-curricular activities (CCAs). Make sure they do their part, such as practising music instruments if they are in the Band or Chinese Orchestra.

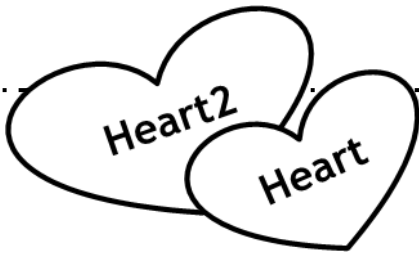
5. **Being part of the Parent Support Groups (PSGs)**

By doing so, you will go beyond supporting your own child and contribute to a larger group of pupils in the school. Parent volunteers also have the opportunity of building rapport with teachers



South View Primary School benefitted from a strong partnership with the PSG. For example, working with Tamil teachers, the parents organised cultural events and learning journeys to share about Indian dance and music, reinforcing students' learning and piquing their interest in the language. Parent volunteers and teachers also started the Football CCA. Despite not having a professional coach, the team clinched the title of National Soccer Champion within three years! It is testament to what we can achieve with strong support from a PSG.

We are all here to build the next generation. Parents and schools are key building blocks, so let us work hand in hand, strengthen this partnership and support each other as we help our children to be confident and useful citizens of tomorrow!



Bullying and Children

Most kids have been teased by a sibling or a friend at some point. And it's not usually harmful when done in a playful, friendly, and mutual way, and both kids find it funny. But when teasing becomes hurtful, unkind, and constant, it crosses the line into bullying and needs to stop.

Bullying is intentional tormenting in physical, verbal, or psychological ways. It can range from hitting, shoving, name-calling, threats, and mocking to extorting money and possessions. Some kids bully by shunning others and spreading rumours about them. Others use social media or electronic messaging to taunt others or hurt their feelings.

What you, as a child do?

Are you being bullied? Do you see bullying at your school? There are things you can do to keep yourself and the kids you know safe from bullying.

- Treat Everyone with Respect
- What to Do If You're Bullied
- Protect Yourself from Cyberbullying
- Stand Up for yourself and others
- Get Involved
- Treat Everyone with Respect
- Stop and think before you say or do something that could hurt someone.

Nobody should be mean to others.

- If you feel like being mean to someone, find something else to do. Play a game, watch TV, or talk to a friend.
- Talk to an adult you trust. They can help you find ways to be nicer to others.
- Keep in mind that everyone is different. Not better or worse. Just different.
- If you think you have bullied someone in the past, apologize. Everyone feels better.

You can be a leader in preventing bullying in your community.

- Find out more about where and when bullying happens at your school.
- Think about what could help. Then, share your ideas. There is a good chance that adults don't know all of what happens. Your friends can go with you to talk to a teacher, counselor, coach, or parent and can add what they think.

It's important to take bullying seriously and not just brush it off as something that children have to "tough out." The effects can be serious and affect kids' sense of safety and self-worth. The scars and their effects are too long lasting for bullying not be addressed.

Source:

www.stopbullying.gov/kids/ and <http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/behavior/bullies.html>