

# IN-TOUCH @ FRONTIER

May 2013



All P1 children in Frontier Primary School have been issued with a School Smart Card (SCC). Please ensure that the SCC is kept safe.

Should you need to apply for a replacement concession card in future, you may do so at this url:

[https://www.transitlink.com.sg/eservice/econcession/app\\_form1.php?app\\_type=2](https://www.transitlink.com.sg/eservice/econcession/app_form1.php?app_type=2)

Alternatively, you may apply for an immediate replacement at any of the following Concession Card Replacement Offices:

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| (a) Ang Mo Kio Bus Interchange | (d) Choa Chu Kang Bus Interchange |
| (b) Hougang Bus Interchange    | (e) Jurong East Bus Interchange   |
| (c) Pasir Ris Bus Interchange  | (f) Tiong Bahru MRT Station       |

If you are heading down to the Concession Card Replacement Office to apply for a replacement, do note that you will need to bring along:

1. Original Birth Certificate/NRIC/Passport for Singapore citizens; or
2. Original Birth Certificate/NRIC/Re-entry Permit for Singapore Permanent Residents; or
3. Original Student Pass (FIN) for foreign students; and
4. One coloured passport-sized photo that was taken within the last 3 months; or School Smartcard (if applicable).

Please note that the photograph must fulfill the following criteria:

1. Taken in school uniform
2. Taken against a white background, coloured passport size
3. Hair must be neatly combed or tied up
4. Image must show full face from chin to crown of the head

If you would like a proxy to help you apply for a replacement, then he/she will have to present his/her own original NRIC / Passport in addition to the above-mentioned items.

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

Do let us know on our website at 'Our Stakeholders' → 'In-Touch@Frontier'.

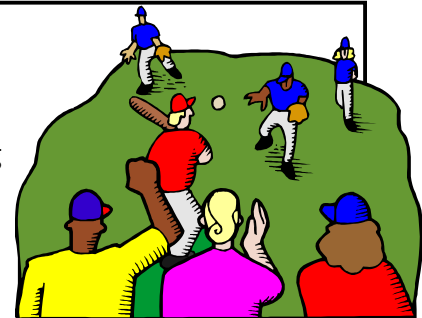
You can also view our past issues at the same address.

## Frontier Sports Carnival 2013

We will be holding a Sports Carnival on **29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 from 8.00am to 11.30am.**

The primary objectives of the Sports Carnival are to:

- Apply and reinforce pupil's learning in motor and sports skills learned during PE lessons.
- Enable every child to enjoy and participate in sports activities.
- Celebrate pupils' participation and strength in sports.



We have planned many interesting physical activities for our pupils to take part in. Pupils will have the opportunity to go through various game stations which will allow them to display their motor and sport abilities together with their peers. We are also collaborating with the Singapore Baseball and Softball Association to conduct a Softball Clinic for the pupils. The clinic aims to expose pupils to the game of Softball. Pupils will be going through different softball stations where they will be introduced to skills such as batting and fielding.

As lessons will be suspended on that day, pupils are only required to bring their water bottles. The school will be providing free flow of MILO® drinks which is served from the MILO® Van. We will also be providing buns for pupils to consume during their break. Do note that only the drinks stall will be opened on that day.

**Please take note that all pupils will report to school as per normal but be dismissed at 11.30 am.**

We hope that this event will bring forth good sportsmanship and enjoyment in our young Frontiers.



## Baseline ICT Skills

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As mentioned in the February issue, our P1 and P2 pupils have been undergoing training for baseline ICT skills since Term 2 Week 1. Each module will last about 8 weeks and takes place during their English and Mother Tongue lessons on alternate weeks. The objectives of each module are listed below:

#### **Touch-IT! (Primary 1)**

At the end of the Touch-IT! module, all P1 pupils should be able to:

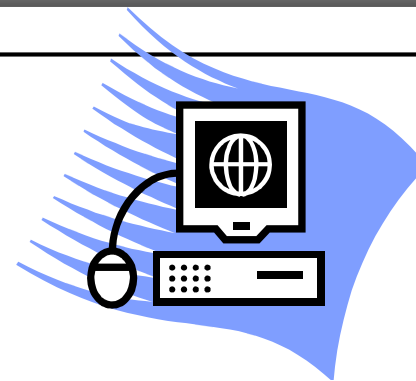
- Know the basics of a mouse: left and right click, scroll and move the cursor
- Find and type all the letters of the alphabet and basic punctuation (such as spacing, comma, full stop and question mark) on the keyboard, using proper fingering
- Use the "Shift" key to type capital letters

During the course of the module, 'paper keyboards' are provided by the school to help pupils practise their fingering. Pupils also log on to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>, for hands-on practice. Pupils are strongly encouraged to access this website from home for additional practice. Pupils will be informally assessed on their typing accuracy and the positioning of their fingers while typing on the keyboard.

**Text-IT! (Primary 2)**

At the end of the Text-IT! module, all P2 pupils should be able to:

- Identify the various tabs in Microsoft Word 2010
- Recognize and identify the different buttons in the 'Font' tab
- Recognize and identify the different buttons in the 'Page Layout' tab
- Create, save and open a Microsoft Word document in a specified folder
- Insert a text box and clip art in Microsoft Word
- Apply the proper touch-typing skills (acquired in P1) in typing a given text paragraph (in both English and Mother Tongue)



During the course of the module, P2 pupils are taught the use of the abovementioned tabs and buttons as well as given tasks for hands-on practice. In addition, the Chinese pupils are also taught to access the 'Language Bar' to toggle between English and Chinese.

## Cyber Wellness Week @ FPS

Cyber Wellness Week was carried out in Term 2 Week 4. Its main objective was to increase the pupils' awareness of cyber wellness through fun, meaningful and engaging activities.

An assembly talk on cyber wellness provided pupils with a better understanding of the theme for this year, 'Netiquette'. The 'Netiquette' theme was then incorporated into Art lessons for the week through bookmark-designed activities. During the recesses, we had our very own version of 'Cyber-Wheel' as well as netiquette related online quizzes. Our mascot and tagline design competition created the most buzz! P1 and P2 pupils had to incorporate their creativity and understanding of the cyber wellness messages into their designs. The responses from the pupils were overwhelming. The ICT Department members then compiled a shortlist of entries and are very happy to announce the results of the winners in both levels.

### Primary 1 – CW Mascot Design

- Sorenson Yeo (1 Confidence)
- Atticus Tew (1 Care)
- Carl Joshua (1 Joy)

### Primary 2 – CW Mascot and Tagline Design

- Khaizuran Syahiran (2 Confidence)
- Randolph Liao (2 Joy)
- Yip Sing Zaak (2 Joy)



All the pupils have put in great effort and produced creative works. Congratulations to all our winners! The designs of the winners as well as shortlisted entries will be posted on the school website by the end of the week.

## Reading @ Frontier

### Tips to help your child choose a book

It has been very encouraging to see our pupils forming good reading habits. Many of them are reading quietly during the pre-assembly period. Here are some tips you can use to help your child select appropriate books for his/her reading:

**Five-finger rule:** Choose a book your child likes. Turn to the second page. For each word that your child cannot read, hold up a finger. If there are 5 or more words that your child cannot read, the book is probably too difficult for your child and it may cause some frustration. You can read this book with your child but choose another book for his/her own independent reading. On the other hand, if the book is too easy, there may not be many new words that your child can learn from the book.

**Selecting books for reluctant readers:** Look for simple plots with engaging illustrations and small amounts of text. As they read more, they will be more ready for complex plots with more text. If they have enjoyed a book, look for other books by the same author.

**Include a variety:** Encourage your child to try reading different types of genres – fiction, non-fiction, poetry and rhymes etc. and stories. While graphic novels (comics) are very popular among the pupils, we seek your cooperation to ensure that the contents are appropriate for their age and development.

### Returning of Frontier library(I<sup>3</sup>) books to National Library Board (NLB)

We are pleased to see that our pupils have been visiting I<sup>3</sup> to read and borrow books. We would like to remind all pupils to return the books to I<sup>3</sup>, and not to NLB. To instil the value of responsibility in the pupils, we may need them to collect the books back from NLB to be returned to I<sup>3</sup>.

### P2 Guided Reading Programme

As mentioned in March's In-Touch, the Guided Reading Programme for Primary 2 will start next week. Please ensure that the books are returned on time and in good condition. Pupils will have to pay for lost or damaged books. We hope that the children will continue to demonstrate responsibility and be considerate to other book users.

## Pupil's Portfolio

In Frontier Primary School, we believe that portfolios can help to capture and provide a comprehensive picture of your child's learning experiences. The teachers will soon be putting in new content into your child's portfolio. To better differentiate the process and progress of learning for our Primary 2 pupils from their Primary 1's work, we would like your child to purchase a new set of divider and plastic folder at \$2.00 for both items. Please remind your child to pass the \$2.00 to his/her form teacher by 7 May 2013. Primary 1 pupils NEED NOT pay \$2.00.

## A Greener Frontier

On 22 May 2013, our school will be planting the Belinjau trees to celebrate Green Wave 2013, a global campaign to educate youth about nature and biodiversity. This year, the event takes on a special meaning as 2013 marks 50 years of greening Singapore. National Parks Board (NParks) has lined up many exciting activities suitable for everyone, such as 'Playsets of Yesteryears' and '1963 Commemorative Tree Planting'. Find out more and how you can take part in the various activities here: <http://www.nparks.gov.sg/50years>



## School hours

The school conducts a range of programmes to enrich our pupils' learning every morning. These programmes begin at 7:45am.

We would like to remind parents/guardians to send your child/ward to school by 7:45am so that he/she can fully experience and enjoy our morning programmes.

## Neatness and Positive Self-Image

We believe in inculcating in our pupils the habit of maintaining a smart appearance as it helps to reinforce a positive self-image and builds self-confidence.

We would like to request the help of parents/guardians in facilitating the following:

- For boys: Hair is above the eyebrows, ears and at least 3cm above the collar
- For girls: Fringe covering the eyebrows is pinned up and hair longer than shoulder-length is tied neatly; only black-coloured hair accessories are used

## Blog updates

We have updated our blog with pictures of our Aesthetics Splash Week! Do view them at [frontierpri.blogspot.sg](http://frontierpri.blogspot.sg)

## Upcoming School Events

There are some changes to the calendar in Week 10, Term 4. The events that are affected by the changes are the Parent-Teacher Conference, Sports Carnival and Trekathon. Details of the Sports Day and Parent-Teacher Conference will be made available to parents at a later date. The events in Week 10, Term 4, are reflected below. The calendar here supersedes the one issued in March 2013.

Date	Programme/Activity	Remarks
29 May 2012 (Wed)	Sports Carnival	Last Day of School for Pupils
30 May 2012 (Thur)	Parent-Teacher Conference	Only Parents Need to Attend. Pupils need not report to school. Details will be provided closer to the date.
31 May 2012 (Fri)	Trekathon	Pupils need not report to school
1-30 June	June School Holidays	
1 July	Start of Term 3	School reopens

You may also view the updated calendar of events in Term 2 at the school website here <http://www.frontierpri.moe.edu.sg/stakeholder/calendar-of-events>

## Travel Declaration

If your child is travelling overseas in May and/or during the June vacation, please provide us with the travel details online via your child's Learning Management System (LMS) account between Mon, 6 May & Friday, 17 May . **A nil return is necessary**. The instructions can be found below.

For pupils who do not have computers or internet access at home, please inform your child's Form Teacher who will then give you a hard copy of the form. It is important that the information you provide is accurate. If there is any change to the travel plans, please contact the General Office at 65789555.

Instructions for log-in:

1. Log in to the LMS using your child's log-in details.

URL: [http://lms.asknlearn.com/frontier\\_ps/](http://lms.asknlearn.com/frontier_ps/)

Username: **Your Child's BC No.**

Password: **Your Child's BC No.**

2. Go to "*My Tasks*" and click on "*June Holidays Travel Declaration*".

3. Select "Yes" if you are travelling. Proceed to fill up the rest of the form (especially the boxes marked with asterisks\*). Click on "Save" once you have completed the form.

4. Select "No" if you are not travelling. Proceed to click on "Save".

For any technical assistance, please call the LMS helpline at **6777 9661** or email [lmssupport@wizlearn.com](mailto:lmssupport@wizlearn.com)

### Achievements

We are proud to announce:

Sayed Haris (2 Innovation) and Alif Danial (2 Joy) both achieved the Gold Award in the Story-telling competition, Juara Tok Selampit, organised by EDN Media.