ICT Blog Instructions

1. Type in the web address of the blog.

Go to the address bar of your internet browser and type in the following address.

http://www.smlps.edublogs.org

You may like to save this in your **Favorites** list for quick access in the future.

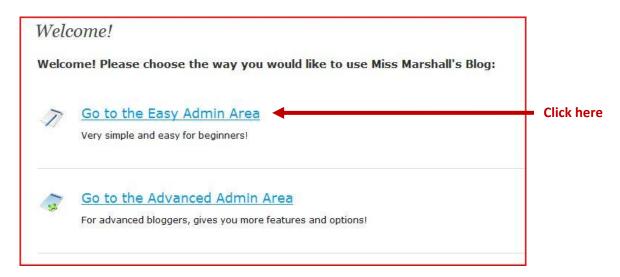
2. Log in to the blog.

Enter the username and password that you received in your e-mail invitation and then click the **Log In** button.



3. Set up your dashboard.

The first time you log in you may be asked whether to use the **Easy** or **Advanced** Admin Area. We suggest you select the **Easy** option.



4. Set up your profile.

When you enter the **Easy Admin** page you will see your account **profile**. There are many settings here, but the only ones you need to enter are:

Nickname Enter your name the way you'd like it to be displayed

Display name publicly as Select the name you entered in Nickname from the list

New Password If you would like to change your password, enter the new password

in this field and confirm it in the following field.

Press **Update Profile** when you have completed your changes.

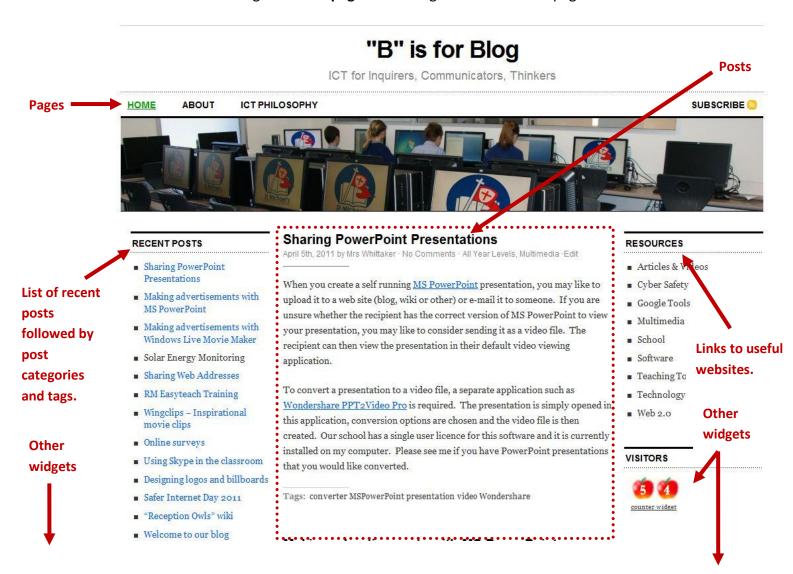
5. Visit the blog.

Return to the top of the Easy Admin page and select Visit Site.

** Please note that 3 to 5 should only be required the first time you access the blog. On subsequent visits you should be taken directly from step 2 (the login page) to step 6 (the home page).

6. Look at the blog.

You will now be viewing the **home page** of the blog. Scroll down the page to see all the content.



Home Page

The home page consists of a series of **posts** that are displayed in reverse chronological order. Each post contains text and/or photos relating to a given topic and is assigned a **category**. You can look at all posts for a particular category by selecting the category from the **Post Categories** widget further down the page.

Widgets

Down both sides and the bottom of the blog are a series of **widgets** that include post categories, links to other blogs and websites, recent posts, archives and admin tools. These may change over time – feel free to click on them and see what happens.

Other Pages

There are other **pages** on the blog that appear to the right of the Home page button. These pages do not contain posts, but contain one page of information relating to the page title. These are updated from time to time but not as frequently as the posts on the home page.

7. Subscribing to the blog.

You can **subscribe** to this blog by **email** so that you automatically receive new posts when they are posted. This way you don't have to keep on visiting the blog to check for new content. When you subscribe by e-mail you will be sent an e-mail message each time a new **post** is added to the blog. To read the post you simply click on a **link** in the e-mail and this takes you to the relevant post in the blog. To subscribe by e-mail, simply enter your e-mail address in the **Subscribe by email** widget at the bottom of the page and press the **Subscribe>>** button.



8. Log out.

When you have finished viewing the blog, press the **Log out** option in the **Admin** widget on the right hand side of the blog.

