Image Carousel

A popular way of displaying photos on Frog, whether for a gallery of student work or the highlights from a school trip or event, is to use the Image Carousel.

This widget reads images from either the site's timeline or a folder. It then displays these images as either a horizontally scroll banner or as a set of thumbnails.

Site Assets vs Site Timeline

Let's take a moment to talk about the differences between Site Timeline and Site Assets. Both areas of a site store images as well as files, but the difference comes in how you interact with files and pictures.

Site Assets can only be added to when editing a site, and you would probably be using the Media, Text or Link to File widgets in order to add these images, using the Upload button in the edit panel. As such, anyone adding Site Assets requires Edit and Manage Rights to the site.

Timeline files are added separately to the editing process. Anyone with Contribute rights can add images either by sending from FrogSnap or using the "Send a copy to..." option in FrogDrive or using the Upload button on the page.

A good rule of thumb is that if you're editing, you're adding files to the Site Assets, if you're not editing, you're sending them to the Timeline.

Both Site Assets and Timeline files can be used by other widgets, you can find them in the collapsed Site Assets section in the widget settings.

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You can upload directly to the widget or you can use a folder in FrogDrive. With folders, you can keep updating and even over-writing the images and the image carousel will display these too, without you needing to edit the site. This is really useful if you have multiple places where you want to display the same images.

Make sure you check the sharing settings on any folders you use. If someone does not have viewing rights, they will see a message saying there are no files to view.

There are quite a few options with the Image Carousel. As well as alignments and height settings, you can choose to limit the gallery to just those images with matching keywords, labelled here as Tags. When adding images either via FrogDrive or FrogSnap you have the option to set these, and you can always use the Manage Timeline option in the Site menu and choose Edit to update the information.

The Upload button is part of the header, so hiding the header will hide that too.