

Van Gogh Primary

Integrity, Collaboration, Aspiration, Respect, Exploration, Drive



A positive start to the academic year!

We have had an amazing start to the school year, and wanted to thank you for positive engagement.

The children have told us that they have been enjoying their time at Van Gogh Primary School - the new approach to teaching and learning, a new curriculum, structured playtimes, enhanced student leadership and a positive, shared belief that we can 'create excellence'. If you do have questions, suggestions or queries, please do contact one of the senior leaders (usually on one of the gates) or either of our school offices.

WELCOME COFFEE MORNINGS!

We would love to welcome you to an informal, 'Get to know you' coffee morning where you can meet some of other families and some of the leadership team at Van Gogh Primary.

Tea, coffee and some homemade cookies on offer!

Tuesday 2nd October at 9.00 - 9.45am (Mostyn Site)
Wednesday 3rd October 9.00 - 9.45am (Hackford Site)



Keep up-to-date with the latest news by following our school Twitter account:

@vangoghprimary

Water Bottles

Keeping hydrated is very important to ensure the children's brain is ready to learn.

We would encourage you to send children to school with a water bottle - filled with plain water only. If possible this should have a sports cap to help prevent spills.



School Family Worker

Supporting our school value of COLLABORATION

My name is Ms. Mya Kirrage and I am the new Family Worker for Van Gogh Primary.

I work with the local authority and support families, children and young people with many areas of everyday life. This includes issues such as child health and well-being, first aid and safeguarding.

If you would like any help and advice then please telephone or come to the school office and ask for an appointment. Alternatively, you can contact me via email: kirrage.m@vangoghprimary.org.uk



I look forward to working with the families and children of Van Gogh Primary.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW 'SOFT START'

This week we have introduced a 'soft start' to the beginning of the day. Rather than having the children lining up and waiting to come into school, they will be able to come into school, take off their coats, hang their book bags etc. and be ready for the teacher to take the register from 8.55am sharp.

What does this mean for families each day?

On both sites, the gates onto the playgrounds open from 8.30am. Please note, the school does not provide any supervision from this time and therefore families should not leave their children (Nursery to Year 5) unsupervised.

At 8.45am, the teaching assistants will be opening the doors (the same doors the children having been using from the start of the year) and allowing the children to head to their classrooms. If you have any messages or queries, the Teaching Assistants will be able to help you. Once the children have entered the building, parents are free to leave.

At 8.55am, the bell rings signalling the start of the school day - the teachers will be completing the register, sharing any messages/ notices with the children and preparing them for their first lesson. Children arriving after this time, are late and will need to go to the office to be signed in.

At 9.00am, reading lessons start. Please ensure your children to not miss out on this essential lesson.

At the end of the school day, we are adjusting our timings to allow families adequate time to get from Mostyn to Hackford site. From this week, you will be able to collect Nursery - Year 3 at 3.25pm. Year 4 - 6, will finish at 3.30pm.



Parent Teachers Association



Would you like to be involved in the following?

- * Supporting your child's school?
- * Opportunities to meet and socialise with other parents?
- * Organising exciting events for parents and children?
- * 'FUN-raising' for supplies, equipment, treats and trips?
- * Working alongside teachers to build our community?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then our new Van Gogh PTA
NEEDS You!

My Name is Tolu Edwards, I have been a parent at this school for 14 years and I understand the importance of being involved in my children's school life. I am working with the school to establish a PTA (Parents Teacher Association) to further our opportunities to build our community and strengthen our children's future together.

I would like to invite you to join our Van Gogh PTA which will be a place where parents have the opportunity to get to know one another, support each other, build together and create a strong school community for our children to thrive. If like me you would like to be more involved in your child's school life and you would be interested in joining our PTA then I will be at the Parents' Coffee morning on:

- * 2nd October (Mostyn Site)
- * 3rd October (Hackford Site)

Alternatively you can join our FaceBook group @Van Gogh PTA for more information on upcoming events. I'm looking forward to working with you all to build a school, we love for our children.

Tolu Stedford
Founding Chair of Van Gogh PTA

Upcoming Diary Dates

2nd October: Coffee Morning 9am- 9.45am Mostyn

3rd October: Coffee Morning 9am - 9.45am Hackford

17/18th October: Children's Reward Events

19th October: Last day of term

22nd - 26th October: SCHOOL HOLIDAY

9th November: School Closed - Staff Training

16th November: Children in Need Day

12th December: EYFS Christmas Show 9.15am

13th December: Yr1 Christmas Show 9.15am

14th December: Yr2 Christmas Show 9.15am

18th December: Yr3/4 Christmas Performance (Time tbc)

18th December: Yr5/6 Christmas Performance (Time tbc)

19th December: Fantastic Finish Events (Come in to see your children's learning) 9am and 3pm

21st December: Last day of term

Spring term begins 7th January

