

Van Gogh Primary

Integrity, Collaboration, Aspiration, Respect, Exploration, Drive



**THANK YOU FOR
HELPING US HAVE A
FANTASTIC FIRST TERM
AT VAN GOGH
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH READING - FAMILY WORKSHOP

We would love to welcome you the first, of what will become more regular, family workshops. This first family workshop has the focus of helping your child with their reading. We will look at some strategies you can use to help your child with unfamiliar words, questions you can ask and reading for pleasure. Refreshments will be served.

Friday 2nd November: 9.00-9.30am

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

@vangoghprmry

Please ensure your children look smart each day. Push ties up and put in the top button on shirts!

Parent Teacher Consultations

By now, you should have received confirmation of your parent, teacher consultation.

This is an important time for you to review your child's progress so far this year, ask questions and share any information.

If you have not received your appointment time, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Year 1 and Year 2 - Review of learning this term

Year 2

In English Yr2 have been learning about **Jim and the Beanstalk** and have had some great surprises this term. We found a beanstalk growing into the classroom through the window and even found a giant's footprint on the playground. In our lessons we have learnt about dialogue and have used our knowledge of the story to infer characters may be feeling or thinking. We used role play to help us explore this before we started writing.

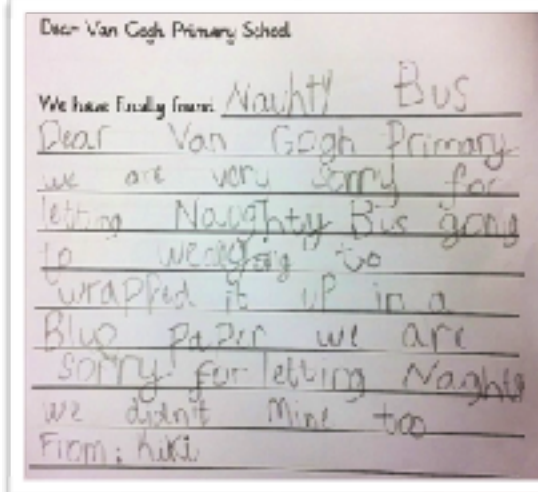
In Math's Yr2 have been learning about **measure** and had great fun measuring the beanstalk after Jim had axed it down and ourselves so we could make some glasses for the giant who is 10 times our size. We have also been working on our **understanding number by pictorially representing them** and physically sharing objects for division.

In Topic Yr2 have been learning all about **maps** by finding treasure using a compass for direction and mapping out the school taking photographs of the points of interest.

In Science Yr2 have been learning about **everyday materials**. The children used hoops to separate man-made and natural materials and after they used them to make collages.

Year 1

Year 1 found out that a '**Naughty Bus**' had been causing a lot of mess in classrooms and around the school when they have gone home. Last week the children carried out an investigation where they interviewed teachers, created 'Wanted' posters, asked some questions and wrote a 'Sorry' letter for all the mess it has caused. You will be glad to know that 'Naughty Bus' has finally been found in the staffroom and has been put away safely!



Family Reading Fridays

'You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.'

Dr. Seuss



Reading together is a joyful and fun experience for everyone. Creating a love of books is an essential part of our school development and therefore we are spending considerable amounts on new books, developing a new library and ensuring that the teaching of reading is highly effective. We use a variety of incredible, inspiring books to stimulate the children to write in their English.

To further support this ambition, we would like to invite families (mums, DADS, grandparents) to join us:

**Friday 16th November until Friday 14th December
9.00am until 9.30am**

SCHOOL MEALS:

Mon 29th Oct to Fri 21st Dec 2018: £78.00

To register for online payments please contact the office to request a code.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you need to purchase extra school uniform, you may purchase it from: www.stitchdesign.co.uk

OPEN MORNINGS

We will be conducting open days for new parents each Wednesday morning until Christmas. 9.15am at Mostyn Site

Upcoming Diary Dates

22nd - 26th October: SCHOOL HOLIDAY

5th November - 8th November: Parent Teacher Consultations

9th November: School Closed - Staff Training

15, 16th November: YrR & Yr6 Height and Weight

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 (Time tbc)

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

19th December: Fantastic Finish Events

(Come in to see your children's learning) 9am & 3pm

21st December: Last day of term

Spring term begins 7th January

Another win for Van Gogh Primary!!!

Our football team started new season in Lambeth Primary Football League. After three weeks of preparations boys finally could start competing against 22 best primary schools in Lambeth. In first game they were playing against reigning champions and despite dominant performance we narrowly lost the game 1:2, Marcus score great team goal. The boys played very well and were very unlucky in that match. After first game, the boys worked extremely hard to improve their skills and their hard work and dedication had payed off. They won two games in the row.

We won 3:0 against Granton, Marcus scored 2 goals and Brandon 1. Then we won 3:1 against Ashmole and Brandon scored first hattrick of the season. The boys showed great attitude and very good teamwork during both matches - defending very well and always looked strong when attacking. We all cannot wait to the next game after half term.

Future events

16th October - Tag Rugby at Southwark Tigers RFC

7th December - Sports Hall Athletics at St Martins

Well done team. We are all very proud!

Mr Teska