

Victory Park Academy

News

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Update from the Head Teacher

A warm welcome to all. I just wanted to share a few things new and exciting things. The first thing I would like to share with you all is our new 'BELIEF' vision. Our vision is a summary of our intentions and commitment to you our pupils, parents and staff. It is focused on helping and supporting all our pupils achieve their best. We all believe that our pupils have the potential to achieve fantastic things. This 'BELIEF' is celebrated in our Vision. (For full Belief Vision please see link below https://files.schudio.com/victorypark/files/documents/Vision/Belief_Vision.pdf).

Another new development is the use of our new Slogan 'B-SMART'. The B relates to our 'BELIEF' vision. The SMART part relates to our pupils ability to use the skills knowledge and understanding they have gained with us day to day and in life. To B-SMART is more than just being clever. It is about an awareness of one's self, environment and future plans. It's about going with the flow and taking full advantage of the opportunities provided by the Academy.

Also wanted to tell you that our new Curriculum is awesome. We have listened to our pupils and have designed a curriculum that meets the needs of our pupils. Personal development is a strong feature throughout the offer. We have

Therapeutic interventions and academic extension is built in to support and stretch pupils. There is also a strong focus on literacy and numeracy ensuring pupils gain the skills needed for College, training and employment.

Finally, I would just like to wish you all a fabulous summer and look forward to working with you all in September.

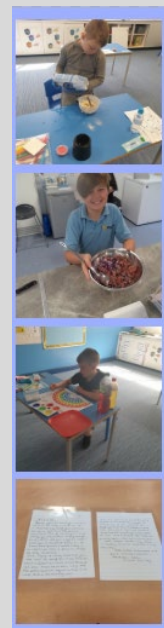
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In The Classrooms

Primary

In primary we have been completing some exciting activities on our return to school. As well as doing some academic activities we have been doing a lot of sensory activities such as: making peppermint salt dough, cloud dough and sensory bottles.

We have created some fantastic art work using canvas and painters tape and also cotton buds. We also created a banner to remind people how to stay safe. One of our primary students wrote a letter to a local care home resident and even received a reply!!



I hope your okay. I am writing to tell you some of the things I have been doing during lockdown.

I have stayed indoors because lots of people are sick. I have been playing games on my phone. I have visited my dad who lives in Chelmsford he picks me up in a jaguar, I went in the front seat once it was really scary. We played basketball and watched lots of TV. We went to a gym park and I had to swing on a swing and it took lots of strength, I did it for eight minutes and I didn't stop. It started to really hurt! Then I got £5 for finishing it!

I flew kites in Chelmsford it was really hard! I gave up after 20 minutes and played basketball instead. I won!

I went to the beach with my mum and sister and walked around on the rockpool rocks with a couple of friends. It was fun. I saw police cars who were checking people were staying safe. I went into the sea with my friends for 2 hours, I swam



Food Technology

In Food Tech we have been cooking a variety of dishes to promote personal development. We have been focusing on the soft skills involved e.g. time management, organisation, following instructions and creativity. Here is a photo of a student making a delicious fruit salad.



Google Classroom

The successful launch of the online learning platform has meant that staff have been able to continue to teach pupils who are unable to attend school during this time. We have developed a weekly virtual learning timetable which consists of live lessons for Primary pupils, Food Technology, Occupational studies, Science, P.E. and Media Studies. Pupils attending school are also engaging really well with the platform and are completing work set during school and at home. This has enabled us to bridge the gap in learning during Covid-19 and stay in touch with our pupils. Pictured are the Google Classroom live Food Tech and Construction resources packs, which were delivered to our students.



Wellbeing

Our student's mental health and wellbeing has been a big focus during this term. Students have been learning ways to manage any mental health difficulties and also researching people and places to access support. Here is example of some great stress balls made by our pupils.



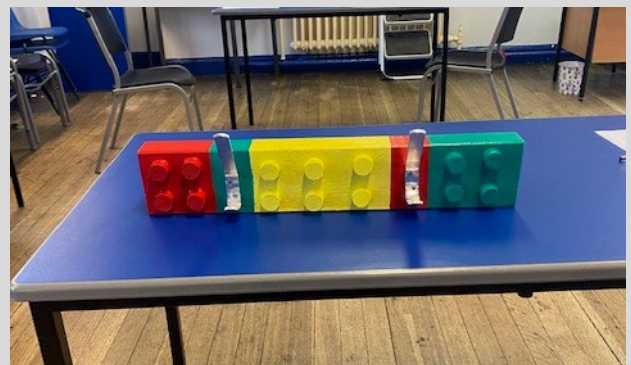
English

This term pupils have been completing a mini project on Theme parks; designing their own theme park ride as well as using Jurassic Park as a stimulus to write a piece of creative writing. Additionally, some have completed work using Google classroom which has various clips uploaded about Egypt. Included in Google classroom are literacy; topic quizzes; reading comprehensions; small writing tasks and an opportunity to collaborate all their learning into a travel brochure style information leaflet.



Construction

In construction this term we have been working on some really exciting woodwork projects. With the aim of pupils learning to follow instructions, use a wide range of tools safely and to work more independently, the students have shown great ability in this area. From Lego themed coat racks to hand crafted bird boxes the students have really enjoyed taking part in these activities and are keen to do more in the future.



Personal Development

This term for personal development we have been designing our own comic books and computer games. The pupils have produced some excellent work with excellent ideas. We have also had a go at doing our own self-portraits. This week we have started a photography project, with pupils deciding on a theme to take pictures around school as well as the local area.

Meet Fudge!

Say hello to the adorable fudge, the newest member of Victory Park Academy.



Community News

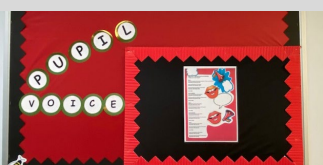
We were over the moon to receive a response from one of the amazing postcards sent out by a primary student to the local residents.

“I would like to take this opportunity to express my great thanks to the pupils within the Victory Park Academy for the lovely postcard that we received earlier today. The colourful picture and kind words brought a feeling of warmth to our household, which is often hard to come by during this difficult time. Please could this message be relayed to those concerned, and ensure that they are aware that their tremendous efforts did not go unnoticed.”



Pupil Voice

This September we will be running an exciting new project called the Pupil Voice. Pupils from each year group will be able to nominate themselves to stand as an Academy Ambassador and play an active role in decisions being made around the school. If selected, pupils will meet throughout the year and come up with different projects they would like to run, including fund raising, choosing resources and having an active hand in how the school works. This will be a great opportunity for pupils to push themselves and develop some excellent life skills along the way.



Globetrotters – Personal Development

The 20/21 academic year will see us build the personal development of our KS4 student's through a new scheme called Globetrotters. The scheme will run every Wednesday afternoon and will involve a wide range of activities based around careers, talents, health, life skills and much more. As the pupils complete the activities they will earn 'air miles' which will contribute towards gaining certificates and prizes throughout the year.



Exam Results Day

Results for Year 11 students will be available to collect in person from Victory Park Academy, Wentworth Road, Southend on Sea, Essex. SS2 5LG on Thursday 20th August 2020, between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Please use the Victory Park entrance, situated on the right as you look at the building.

Key Dates

Exam results day – 20/08/2020

Back to school 20/21 – 02/09/2020

Helpful Numbers

We understand that the summer holidays can provide certain challenges for families. Here are a few numbers that may be useful if you come across any difficulties before we start school in September.

Samaritans – 116 123

Southend Food Bank - 07456 426203