



UNICORN SCHOOL

JUNIOR CLUBS

THURSDAYS
1.40 - 3.20

THESE ARE DETAILS OF THE JUNIOR CLUBS ON OFFER.
NOT ALL WILL BE OFFERED EVERY TERM,
BUT IT WILL GIVE YOU AN INSIGHT INTO WHAT CAN
HAPPEN ON A THURSDAY AFTERNOON!

CHILDREN MAY CHOOSE THEIR CLUBS.
ULTRA VIOLET CHILDREN ARE GIVEN PRIORITY
AND WE DO TRY TO GIVE EVERYONE
A TURN AT EACH CLUB.

IF YOUR CHLD CHOOSES AN OFF SITE CLUB, TRANSPORT
ROTAS WILL BE ORGANISED FOR THOSE PARENTS WHOSE
CHILDREN ARE TAKING PART

**SOME CLUBS LISTED NO LONGER TAKE PLACE BECAUSE WE NEED
VOLUNTEERS TO RUN THEM!**

ANY OFFERS OR NEW IDEAS FOR A CLUB, PLEASE SEE MRS RODGERS

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ARTS & CRAFTS

Mrs Nottidge and Mrs MacGregor are running the club hoping to inspire children with lots of fun and wide ranging arts and crafts activities including painting, tie dying, decoupage and jewellery making.

There will be approximately four to six children in the group and boys and girls of all ages are welcome.

We aim to theme projects appropriately, so, how about making an Ewok out of an old sock, decorating an old jewellery box with pictures of your favourite characters so you have something to store your little toys inside, making your own mirror for your bedroom wall? We have lots of fun ideas and we are open to suggestions too.

There is an additional charge for this club.

Mrs Nottidge and Mrs MacGregor
June 2010

BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton Club is held at the Fountain Leisure Centre on two of the courts in the sports hall from 2-3pm. Equipment is provided by school although children are welcome to bring their own rackets. Full PE kit should be worn as the children should wear their tracksuits down to the Centre, but should have shorts on underneath as they will be active for the whole hour.

The children learn the difference between badminton and other racquet games. Skills are taught each week and fun games are played as well as singles and doubles full games. A singles tournament may be played in the second half of the term and sometimes a doubles tournament, depending on numbers. The children learn how to score in both singles and doubles – and the main aim is for the children to have fun, be active and to learn at the same time.

There is an additional charge for this club.

Mrs Little
May 2007

BRIDGE CLUB

This club is run by Unicorn Granny, Mrs Colton. Bridge is a card game played by two players against two other players. One pair tries to win while the other pair tries to prevent them from winning. The game is based on whist. The children learn Mini Bridge which is an easier form of bridge. They will also be introduced to other card games to help them become more familiar with playing cards. Teachers and parents are also welcome to take part!

To learn more about this club please visit the websites listed below:

<http://www.ebu.co.uk/education/minibrIDGE/teachingminibrIDGE.htm>

<http://www.bluechipbridge.co.uk/minibrIDGE.htm>

<http://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/>

Mrs Kay Colton
June 2011

CALLIGRAPHY CLUB

This club is run by Mrs Zofia who has studied calligraphy for three years. Calligraphy is the art of beautiful writing.

It is ideally suited to children in UV and V classes who have good concentration skills and enjoy being creative. I find that small groups work best, and consequently numbers are limited, but don't despair, there's always next term!

We are usually able to learn two writing styles per term. Pens and paper are provided, but most children like to buy their own calligraphy sets.

There is an additional charge for this club.

Mrs Zofia
June 2010

CARPENTRY CLUB

Unfortunately this club is on hold due to Mr Marshall's retirement – we would love to reinstate it – any volunteers?

Mr Marshall (a founder parent of the School!) ran carpentry club for about six years, but it had existed for much longer. It was based in the DT room and, due to space restrictions, could accommodate only four children, usually from UV or V classes.

The club uses adult tools throughout (which are all provided) and the aim is to tackle some simpler projects before half term and a larger one after half term. Some of the amazing things the children made with Mr Marshall's assistance were boot jacks, picture frames, a brush or pencil box with a sliding lid, wooden stools with upholstered seat, a model catamaran, cabinets with hinged doors, a toy fort, a model Chinese junk and a catapult and target! Most projects involved a number of skills - cutting, drilling, screwing, pinning and glueing and even engraving the owners name on the side!

There was plenty to challenge those of a very practical nature, but Mr Marshall catered for the less practical and less patient! There is something for everyone!

Carpentry Club, gave a presentation to assembly, showing off their amazing craftsmanship and often made contributions to the Christmas Fair in the form of a letter rack and such like. The wooden swords in the props cupboard are all home made and our carpenters also helped out Gardening Club on a number of occasions, making beautiful bird and bug nests for use in the Quiet Garden.

There is a great sense of achievement felt by all who enjoy the club when they take home their prize creation at the end of term!

June 2010

COOKERY CLUB

Cookery Club could easily be called Food Club or Tasting Club, because we do just as much trying of new foods as we do cooking!

Each week we make a new recipe and then taste lots of different varieties of that food. For example we make apple crumble and taste lots of different apples, we make something with cheese (like macaroni cheese) and taste cheeses from all over Europe. Sometimes we cook food from different countries and compare their tastes and ingredients.

You will either take your food home or eat it in the club, which is held in the staff room.

You will love cookery club and I hope you will discover something new!

There is an additional charge for Cookery Club.

Mrs Martin , Mrs Gordon and Mrs Arujo
June 2011

CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Here is a flavour of what we will get up to:

- Composing a good photo
- Trips to local venues
- Photographing people, buildings, the outdoors, etc
- Using your photos for various creative projects, eg collage, printing onto different materials and something for Christmas!
- Visits from experts and professionals

This club is for you if you love taking pictures and would like to learn better techniques and use them creatively.

CRICKET CLUB

Summer Term only

This club is for both boys and girls!

On Thursday afternoons we walk down to London Welsh Rugby Club, where we play Kwik Cricket. Kwik cricket is a game designed for maximum involvement by all using lightweight specially adapted cricket equipment.

We also use the nets there to introduce the children to proper cricket equipment in safety. It is open to all junior children and we have a great time!

Mr Gladstone
May 2007

FABRIC & TEXTILE CLUB

This club is for those of you who would like to design and create something a bit different. The work you produce could combine lots of materials such as fabrics [silk, cotton, leather, etc], buttons, sequins, threads, dyes and ribbons.

During the term you'll learn different sewing stitches and how to use a sewing machine as you create your masterpiece. We will also fit in an outing to gather ideas and inspiration and bits and pieces to use on our projects. We will design some beautiful decorations and create an artistic collage using a variety of materials. We will sample different dyeing techniques to create different effects and use of lots of colourful embellishments on fabric.

The only thing you need to bring is your imagination and we will help you create your idea whilst having lots of fun! It could be...

- A customised t-shirt
- A funky cushion for your room
- A cool individual bag
- A fabric collage for you to hang in your room
- Buttons, badges and embellishments
- Character felties from your own design!
- Decorations for Christmas, Valentines and Easter as well as summer bunting
- Small toys and gifts to sell at the Christmas or Summer Fairs.

There is an additional charge for this club.

Miss Botes
June 2011

FITNESS CLUB

This club will be run by Mrs Little.

It is designed to improve the children's general fitness and will include a Variety of activities including circuit training, running, etc.

At times parental help may be needed to transport children to, say, Richmond Park for a run.

Mrs Little
June 2010

FLORISTRY CLUB

It can accommodate four children from Indigo, Violet and Ultra Violet (small numbers because of the amount of one to one work required). It takes place in school and includes 1-2 trips out during the term - one to a wholesalers to get materials, the second to see some natural flower forms (in Richmond Park or Kew Gardens).

The aim of the club is to learn how to appreciate, care for and create floral art and it isn't just for girls! It provides another forum for showing off your creative side!

Art overalls will be required for practical work and all your stunning creations can be taken home for your families to enjoy.

There will be a chance for your work to be displayed in school and the club will aim to produce dried flower arrangements for sale at the Christmas and/or Summer Fairs.

There is an additional charge for this club.

GARDENING AND NATURE CLUB

Gardening Club is for those who like to be outside and who like getting stuck in and muddy!

We spend our time mostly in the Quiet Garden where there are three raised flower beds or “plots” dedicated to Gardening Club. In these, we plant a mixture of flowers and vegetables, ranging from colourful bedding plants, spring and summer bulbs to climbing beans, potatoes and pumpkins, carrots and broccoli! We try out all sorts of extra “containers” to maximise our space including painted dustbins, plastic trugs and even an old water tank!

In addition to our plots, we pot up and care for the various window boxes and pots around the School and look after much of the other flower beds in the Quiet Garden and at the front of the School.

We carry out experiments to see what conditions plants succeed in best and use our own greenhouse to sow seeds either to plant on into the garden or to house those plants which need a bit more protection.

We usually make a trip to Richmond Park and Kew Gardens each term to forage for things which can be used to make nature mobiles and collages and, in the colder/wetter weeks of the year, we make posters for the Gardening Club notice board and garden calendars and make things to sell at the Christmas Fair.

As well as a small stall at the Christmas Fair, we have a stall at the Summer Fair which our Gardening Clubbers help us man and we put together a display of home grown produce for Harvest Festival. We also carve out some of our pumpkins for Halloween and team up with Cookery Club whenever we can.

The equipment requirement is limited to a pair of wellies, clothes that you don't mind getting dirty (and which are warm in winter!), and a pair of gloves. You are always welcome to bring in anything you want to have a go at planting!

We have a lot of fun and a bit of a laugh and feel very proud when we can take home some produce or

Mrs Walwyn
June 2010

GERMAN CLUB

German Club was run by a parent who has now left Unicorn, so if anybody would like to take it on or, run a Spanish Club, please let Mrs Rodgers know.

The aims of German Club are – first! – to have fun, and, second, to introduce the children to some basic words and phrases of this wonderful language, which in fact has many similarities with English. Each week we watch an episode of ‘Muzzy’, the BBC language course for children, in German. It’s cartoon-style and fun, with zany graphics and silly songs. We learn some key words from each episode, and by the end of the term they can say their names, where they live, what they like etc and they can count to twenty. They jot down what they are learning in a little notebook which they keep afterwards. It’s not hard work, there’s no homework and the children seem to enjoy getting to grips with German pronunciation!

We do lots of really fun German things too. The children have home-made cakes and a soft drink (the kids’ version of ‘Kaffee und Kuchen’) every week; sometimes we have a sausage-tasting session; one week we cook and eat delicious ‘Kaiserschmarren’; we visited the German School in Ham and had lunch there; we have a look at different regions of Germany; at Christmas we invited Mrs Linehan and Madame Theakston to tea and sang carols in German; and at Easter we had an Easter-egg hunt in the garden. We also welcome visiting native speakers!

May 2007

GOLF CLUB

Golf Club takes place at Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club, Richmond.

The children are taught by a PGA golf professional, and they make very good progress through the term.

They learn to hit, drive on the range, pitch, chip and play bunker shots on the short game area and putt on the putting green.

They have a lot of fun in a happy atmosphere.

They will be set challenges which are part of a National Skills Competition and will be able to compare themselves with children around the country.

Everybody really enjoys Golf Club, out in the fresh air in lovely surroundings, and there is a great sense of achievement from hitting a good shot or holing a putt.

There is an additional charge for this club but equipment is provided if children don't already have their own.

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Mr Livesey
June 2010

HOCKEY CLUB

This club also needs a volunteer to run it!

Hockey Club is a club for those of you who like to run around and the chance to hone their hockey skills while having some fun. It is open to all abilities from complete beginners to those who have played a little.

Each session will include an explanation of a different basic skill, a chance to practise it in a fun drill, with a small sided game to finish. There will be round robin tournament in the final session of each term.

The Club will be run on the astroturf pitch at Dukes Meadow just over Chiswick Bridge,. Anyone participating **must** bring a mouthguard and shin pads every week – without these you will not be allowed to play. Sticks will be provided. The club will be run whatever the weather, so a waterproof (and smile) is also essential!

Parents: there will be a small charge to cover the hire of the pitch and an ability to help out in a car rota is essential.

June 2009

ICE SKATING CLUB

Skating club takes place at Slough Ice Arena in Slough. A rota of parents to transport the children will be organised.

The children leave at 1.30pm and go to the rink and spend around one hour on the ice, 30 minutes of this is in a class of their own with an extremely qualified instructor.

She teaches them the basics of skating and they work towards the NISA (National Ice Skating Association) learn to skate' certificates. They then have 30 minutes to practice before they are DRAGGED off the ice to come home. (A friendly Kit Kat helps in this process!)

They arrive back at school around 3.45pm.

The girls have to be dropped off at Old Deer Park for Netball/Rounders Squad, so it is important that they take all their kit with them to Ice Skating.

There is nothing special required as skate hire and the lessons are included in the cost of the club. Some children wear gloves, but it is fairly warm at the arena, so other than long trousers, nothing else is needed.

There is an additional charge for this club.

May 2010

ICT CLUB

When? Spring Term

Where? ICT Room (basement)

What is needed? no equipment necessary

What happens?

1.40 – 2.10 Demonstration / explanation of a particular program or skill
2.15 – 3.00 Children use the program / skill
3.00 – 3.20 Free time to experiment with network programs or educational games.

Activities may include:

- Taking digital photographs
- Learning how to use floppy disks.
- Importing photos into a graphics program and changing the digital image
- Learning about the more advanced tools in Colour Magic
- Making a page for the school intranet accessible through RM Explorer
- Using Publisher to make greetings cards
- Using PowerPoint and experimenting with possible animation and sound effects.
- Using Movie camera and software.
- Using Sound Recorder and associated software

This list is not exhaustive and is subject to change!

Mrs Walcot
May 2010

ICT FILM MAKING CLUB

When?: Autumn Term
Where?: ICT Room
What is needed?: No equipment necessary

Activities may include:

- Making simple animations using websites, software and multiple digital still pictures.
- Using storyboards to plan film clips and animations.
- Recording narrations and sound effects.
- Downloading free sound effects for use in their movie.
- Using a camcorder to film short sequences.
- Using MovieMaker to join clips, add titles and effects in order to make a short film.
- Using USB Flash Memory Drives and burning CDs of the final product.

This list is not exhaustive and is subject to change

Mrs Walcot
June 2010

KNITTING CLUB

Mrs Reynolds is running this club to teach both boys and girls this very popular handicraft.

There is space for four children so that everybody gets lots of attention and masters the art of knitting quickly and easily.

You will learn the four simple steps needed to become a knitter. It really is that easy! Then you go on to combine these to make small things to wear. You may make a scarf, fingerless mittens, leg warmers, a hat or maybe a purse or some very cute and cuddly toys.

We may also try experimenting with unusual yarns, such as string.

Once you have learned how to read and follow a pattern there is no limit and you will be a knitter for life!

Mrs Reynolds
June 2011

LEGO ROBOTICS

This club will not run in the Autumn 2010 as Mr Koczur will be on paternity leave!

This club is being resurrected by popular demand! It is run by Jason Koczur (Mrs Koczur's husband!).

This club is for those of you who are practically minded and will give you the chance to make your very own moving robot! It will also give you an insight into what robots can do, why we use them and the advantages and disadvantages of robots. We're not talking about the Lost in Space type robot but robots that exist in everyday life from the robotic function of an electronic gate to robotic manufacturing systems. To that end we will use the LEGO Dacta Robotics System to design, assemble, program and operate simple actions that a "real world" robot would carry out. As an introductory level club no prior knowledge of robotics is required but familiarity with LEGO would help.

Some of the principles that we will cover are the operations of gears, pulleys, levers and arms and if we get the opportunity, we will also have a look at electronic sensors such as limit switches and optical sensors. Using the LEGO software (ROBOLAB) you will be able to look at designs and programme the control units for your robots. To help you visualize how robots work, and what they are used for, we will look at short pieces of video footage of robots in action.

So if you fancy creating your own R2D2 or C-3PO come and have some fun!

There is an additional charge for this club.

Jason Koczur
June 2010

MOSAIC CLUB

You will learn the ancient art of mosaic making but with a contemporary feel. We explore how to use colour and patterns in the objects you make.

If you enjoy doing jigsaws, are patient and like detailed work, we're sure you'll have a fun time in this club.

You'll learn how to design, cut, glue and grout your project.

We'll also take you on an outing to see examples of mosaics for inspiration!

Things you might make:

- Plaque for wall
- Pencil holder
- Photo frame
- Candle holder

The club is held on-site and there is a small charge for this club.

There is an additional charge for this club.

Mrs Jennings and Mrs Stone
May 2010

PAPIER MACHE CLUB

Unicorn children are not only inherently creative but also like to get a bit mucky!! With that in mind Papier Mache club was formed.

We work with both traditional papier mache and mod roc to model, sculpt and create a variety of artistic and fun pieces.

The children will design and make a variety of fun sculptures, all very useful.

We all have heaps of fun as well as having something to take home at the end of term.

There is an additional charge for this club.

Mrs Maher
June 2010

POTTERY CLUB

In Pottery Club we make things from clay! The first part of the term is spent making a variety of things using different methods and techniques to familiarise the pupils with the materials available and the possibilities and limitations of working in clay. There are, in fact, very few limitations as clay is a very versatile medium and most things are possible if approached in the correct way. Later in the term the children suggest their own projects. We discuss suitable methods of carrying out their work and they may work on individual projects or in small groups or as a whole class.

The work is treated professionally and fired twice in an electric kiln. The first (bisquit) firing dries and hardens the clay. Glaze is then applied and the work is refired to a temperature of 1060 C. The finished piece is relatively durable and if made for a domestic purpose may be used as such.

We have made a huge variety of things in pottery club and the easiest way to give an idea of the possibilities is to come up to the art room and look around.

There is an additional charge for this club.

Regina Heinz
June 2010

RIDING CLUB

This club takes place at the stables in Ham. The children do not return to school until 3.45pm so the girls must make sure they take their kit for netball squad and everything else with them to riding club as they will be dropped off at Old Deer Park.

The equipment needed is as follows: a riding hat (which can be supplied by the riding school), gloves, Wellingtons or riding boots (but not trainers!), a water/windproof jacket for bad weather and long trousers are recommended, even in the summer term.

There is half an hours riding for the children with a fully qualified instructor and half and hours stable management which includes grooming, mucking out and the cleaning and care of tack.

It is an excellent club for building confidence across all ages and for learning about all aspects of care of these majestic animals.

There is an additional charge for this club.

June 2009

SAILING CLUB

Summer Term only

Sailing Club has been established for a number of years. In Summer 2010 we moved to Datchet Sailing Club which has proved extremely popular. For more information, do look at their website: www.datchetwatersports.co.uk.

We currently use their facilities and coaches to run Sailing Club which has principally been offered to Ultra Violet children with a few Violet children making up the numbers. The children work towards their RYA qualifications and are provided with a log-book to record their achievements as they work through the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme requirements, which are recognised by sailing clubs throughout the country.

Most children achieve Stage 2 or higher and are able to crew and steer confidently a small boat such as a Pico by the end of the course. The more experienced sailors are able to develop their skills further. It is generally a very popular activity - wet-suits, cagoules and buoyancy aids are provided, and once the dreaded capsizes have been experienced the instructors have to work hard to keep everybody from deliberately seeking to try it out - just to check the skill has not been lost of course!

The children need to bring shoes they intend to get wet - Millets does a good inexpensive range of quick-drying neoprene diving shoes which are ideal, but old trainers will do. They wear swimming costumes/trunks and a t-shirt or rash vest under the wet suit to stop chafing, and of course they need a towel to dry off.

There is an additional charge for this club which usually only runs in the Summer Term.

Diana Waha
June 2010

SELF DEFENCE CLUB

This is run by Chris Brown, our Karate teacher, and is held in The Victoria and St John's Working Men's Club, 275 Sandycombe Road, Kew.

Our self defence class is based on the traditional Japanese martial arts. Students will learn situation awareness, how to stand, strike, grip and strangle releases, and how to use their own body weight to their own advantage.

A rota of parents (one per week) is set up to walk the children to and from the venue. They are also required to stay with the children during the club.

There is an additional charge for this club.

Chris Brown
June 2009

SQUASH CLUB

Squash Club takes place at Cannons Health Club and is run, presently, by Mrs Rau. She transports the children to and from the Club. If necessary, a parent rota will be organised to help with the transport.

Children of all ages and abilities are welcome and they have the opportunity to develop their skills with the club's professional coach.

As pupils progress, they play matches against one another and, over the years, several have entered the Surrey Schools Under 11 tournament, which is held at Epsom College.

The school only has a few racquets, so if you have your own it would be a good idea to bring it in on Thursdays.

There is an additional charge for this club.

Mrs Ailsa
June 2010

TENNIS CLUB

Tennis Club takes place at Pensford Tennis Club and is run by Lulu Williams who is an old Unicorn parent.

The group ranges from four to six children of varying ages and abilities. As it is mixed ability they do not play games and sets etc, instead they play lots of fun games including 'round the world, kings and queen, texas tennis and coffee pot'. Your children will have to do it in order to find out what these are! They also cover the basic strokes of forehands and backhands and an introduction to serving. It is a really fun session and a great way to start or develop your children's tennis.

The children need to bring their own tennis rackets. If there are four people Mrs Williams can transport them to and from the courts herself, but, if there are more than four, then parents help with a rota system. No previous experience is required, so come and give it a go!

There is an additional charge for tennis club.

Mrs Williams
June 2010

TRAMPOLING CLUB

Trampolining Club is held at Osterley Sports and Athletics Centre, 120 Wood Lane, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7 5FF from 2-3pm. Full PE kit should be worn and the children should wear their tracksuits down to the Centre, but should have shorts on underneath as they will be active for the whole hour.

Different skills will be taught each week.

June 2011

