

UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER

AUTUMN TERM 2024

'Unicorn children are courageous, reflective and, above all, kind'

MONDAY 8.45am **NO** whole school assembly – paired reading instead
1.30pm Blue Class safer walking training
2.00pm Violet and UV girls' netball matches v Orchard House (h)

TUESDAY 1.30pm Blue Class safer walking training

WEDNESDAY 8.45am Juniors' Celebration Assembly – parents of those children being celebrated have been emailed and are welcome to attend
1.30pm Blue Class safer walking training

FRIDAY 8.45am Infants' Celebration Assembly – parents of those children being celebrated have been emailed and are welcome to attend



Saturday 30 November 12.00 – 3.00pm

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We look forward to seeing you here!



To book wraparound care, please click: [Richmond Rugby Club \(WAC\) Booking](#)

Breakfast club: Run by school and NO need to book in advance

To report a child absent, please click: absences@unicornschoo.org.uk

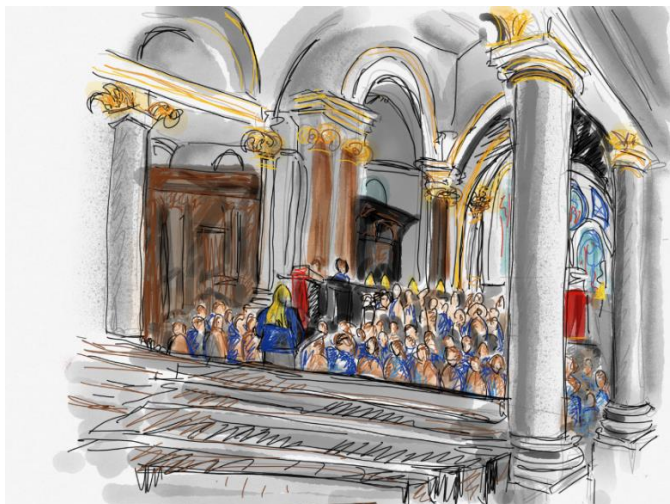


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Bella (I), Jack (I), Leia (G) and Inigo (UV)



You are all welcome to attend the Junior Carol Concert



Tuesday 10 December

6.30pm

St Anne's Church

Kew Green, Kew



Christmas Fair
Saturday 30 November
12.00pm - 3.00pm



The Christmas Fair is fast approaching. Please join us for all the traditional stalls - tombola, Santa's Grotto, Scavenger Hunt, Arts & Crafts, Secret Santa, Face Painting, Christmas Jumpers, decorations and some external stalls selling Christmas gifts and delicious food and drinks.

Plus, our amazing raffle where there are 8 beautiful hampers up for grabs!

For the fair to run and be the success it always is, we do rely on item donations and the kind volunteering of parents from each class to run the stalls. If you are able to contribute any of the requested items below it will make a big difference. Donations can be left in the black boxes which will be out every day on the forecourt next week.

We urgently need:

Nut free Chocolate and sweets
Trinkets/small toys in good or new condition
Games like Pokemon/top trumps etc
Soft, cuddly toys
Children's books
Christmas Jumpers

The **Secret Santa** stall could do with a **BIG injection of donations** (new or unused items suitable for kids to buy for their mums/dads/siblings/friends). Any wrapping paper, gift tags and ribbons etc also welcome.

***** Raffle tickets are available from the office *****
£1 per ticket (Zettle payments only).

And finally, the **Christmas competition** this year is **"Come to the fair dressed as Christmas!"** £2 to enter, you can register your entry on arrival and there will be a prize for Best Infant Costume and Best Junior Costume.

We hope to see many of you there, and thank you in advance for your donations.

The School Committee



Orange Class

Children in Orange Class have been talking about how much fun it is that we are all so different. We look different, we like different things and that's great.

The children chose their skin tone, their eye colour and their favourite colours for clothes. Beautiful!



The "Not so Big" Book Swap!

This term, as the hall is being used for all sorts of lovely things, we are unable to do our "Big Book Swap" in the hall, so we are going to attempt to do smaller book swaps in our library lessons. These will be in the last couple of weeks of term and I will email each class separately as to which day they will have their swap. This is open to all junior classes.

For anyone who has not been part of the Big Book Swap before, all the information will be emailed to you.

In the meantime, this is a great opportunity to ask your children to sort through their books and find any that they have finished with.

Mrs Gladstone



Wagon Plea!

The children would love a wagon (or two) to play with in the playground. If any families have one that is no longer played with, please could you let Mrs Simons know. Many thanks.



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Green Class' Scooter Training

Green class completed a very frosty scooter training on Thursday. They learned to: scoot slowly and sensibly, look where you are going, be polite and share the pavement, stop well before the kerb and walk (don't scoot) across the road. They remembered the 4 Cs: Careful, Concentrate, Control and Considerate. Well done Green!



Blue Class Science - String Telephone Blue Class enjoyed making a string telephone to explore how sounds travel over a distance. When one person talks into their cup it vibrates. The sound energy of these vibrations passes along the string quickly because it is a solid object where the particles are close together. The vibrations then pass from the string into the second cup, which also vibrates. These vibrations pass through the air particles into the second person's ear, who can hear the first person's voice – well done!



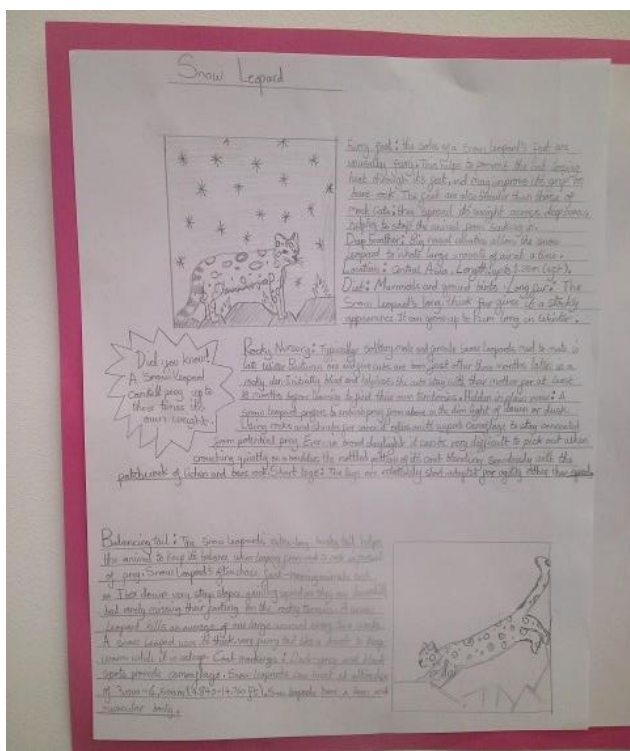
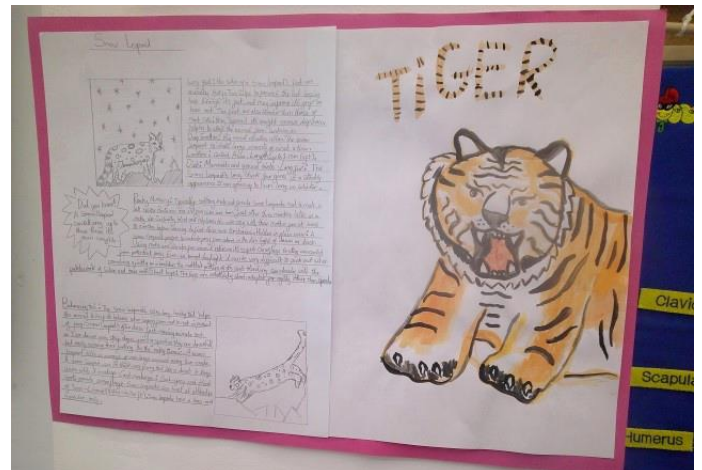
Violet Class Science - Thermal Conductivity Violet Class enjoyed investigating which materials were the most insulating. They made predictions, wrapped plastic cups in different materials (felt, bubble wrap, foil, plastic, tissue paper and cotton wool), poured warm water into each cup and measured the temperature at 10-minute intervals. Violet identified that cotton wool and foil were the best insulators, shortly followed by bubble wrap and felt. We discussed that these materials were more insulating because they conducted heat poorly and were filled with tiny air spaces. Violet also learnt that Insulation reduces the movement of energy in either direction – well done!



Blue Class' netball match Blue class girls played netball against Twickenham Prep School last Friday and were extremely impressive. Well done Blue Class.



Well done to Harriet (I) Having been inspired by our work on Classification, Harriet worked independently at home to create a Fact File on a Snow Leopard as well as beautiful drawings and paintings of a Red Fox, Servel and Tiger.



Mrs Langdon's third novel, *Christmas with the Knights*, was published over half term! A deliciously festive tale of family, romance and Christmas magic, it's not to be missed.

Available as an ebook, paperback and audiobook from Amazon, Waterstones and Barnes & Noble - and Mrs Langdon would be delighted to sign your copies. For more information on her writing life, and to sign up to her newsletter, go to <http://www.hannahlangdon.co.uk>



Barbara LT [mum to Luka T (UV)] solo exhibition - 28 Nov - 4 Dec
Koppel Collective Gallery, 1 Adelaide Road, NW3 3QE

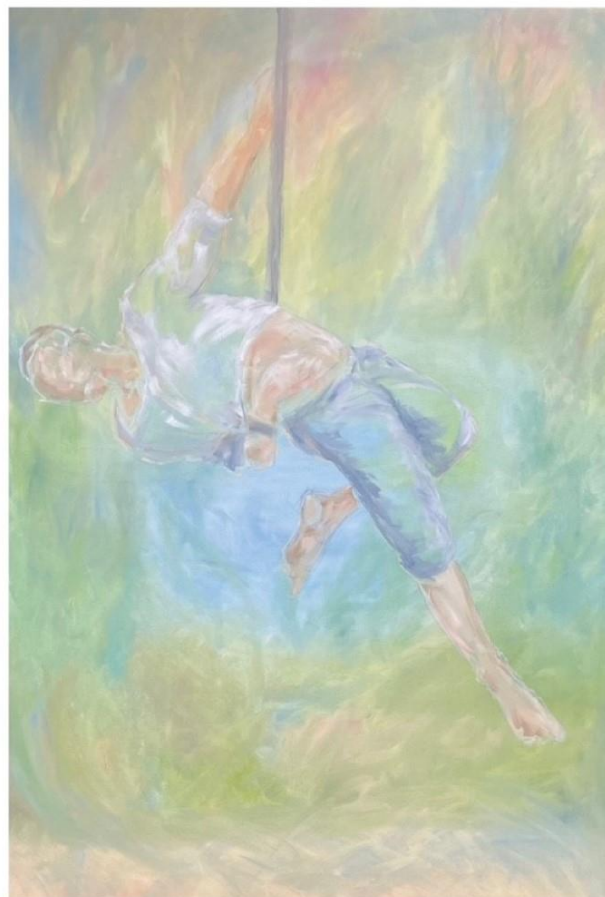
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BY BARBARA LT

SOLO EXHIBITION

28th November – 4th December 2024

Koppel Collective Gallery
1 Adelaide Rd
NW3 3QE London



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There are very kindly donating the below bike as a raffle prize at the Christmas Fair.



AQUA AEROBICS!

Book your free trial now!

We are very excited to introduce our new adult lesson offering at the SwimWay Kew Gardens Pool on Windsor Road, TW9 2EL every Wed at 10:30am or 11:15am.

We're kicking off our new Aqua Aerobics classes with some free trial sessions. It's the perfect opportunity to experience aqua aerobics and see what all the fuss is about.

Please email kewgardens@swimway.co.uk to find more information or to book your free trial.

A promotional poster for SwimWay Kew Gardens Pool. The top section features the text 'LONDON'S LEADING HOME VISIT SWIMMING SCHOOL' and the SwimWay logo (a blue 'S' followed by 'SwimWay' in blue and orange) with 'EST. 2005' to the right. Below this, it says 'Newly-built 15m SwimWay Kew Gardens Pool Windsor Road, TW9 2EL'. The central image shows an indoor pool with a man in a blue shirt and black shorts standing on the pool deck, gesturing towards two women in the water. One woman is wearing a blue swim cap and a red swimsuit, and the other is wearing a white hat. A yellow circular sign in the pool reads 'FREE TRIALS FOR ALL NEW ENQUIRIES'. The bottom section has a dark background with the text 'NEW AQUA AEROBICS CLASSES' in large white letters, followed by 'SWIMWAY KEW GARDENS POOL, TW9 2EL' in orange. Below this, it says 'Mix fun with fitness with SwimWay's new AQUA AEROBICS classes! Available for adults of all ages and abilities. 45-minute classes running Wednesday mornings at 10:30am and 11:15am. Try before you buy! Free trials available for all new enquiries!'. At the very bottom, there is an orange bar with the contact information 'info@swimway.co.uk 0208 871 3972 www.swimway.co.uk'. Below the orange bar are three social media icons: Facebook (swimway), Twitter (swimwayuk), and Instagram (swimwayuk).

Childcare Vouchers Accepted!



Nativity!

The Musical



Join us for our spectacular **'NATIVITY' Christmas Camp!**

**Working towards a filmed performance day with
props, costumes and excitement!**

Monday 16th - Thursday 19th December

Full Days: 9 am - 3.20 pm

Half Days: 9 am - 1 pm (1.30 pm finish on the final day)

Location: Old Vicarage School, Richmond Hill, TW10 6QX

**Age
4-11
Yrs**

In 4 days we will explore and work on various songs, scenes, and dances from Nativity The Musical, working towards a filmed final performance day with props and costumes. The video will be sent out after the camp for children to watch back with family and friends. It'll be an amazing opportunity for children to be kept occupied before the festive holidays by surrounding themselves in Christmas cheer whilst being with friends, experiencing the world of theatre, and building confidence. Children will need to bring a nut-free packed lunch and snacks. Costumes and accessories will be provided by Little Voices.



Little Voices
Drama & Singing Lessons of Distinction

To book, please fill out the booking
form by scanning the QR code

Or Email: swl@littlevoices.org.uk

Call: 0208 088 0113

www.littlevoices.org.uk



Full Days, Four Day Camp: £260 per child. Half Days, Four Day Camp: £220 per child

(Sibling discounts are available). Option to pay over direct debit instalments available.

*Terms and conditions apply. You must apply via our application form to book a Little Voices camp. Please wait for Little Voices to contact you to confirm a place. If a child is sick and cannot attend our camp we will offer a credit for the future or will offer a credit for the days they can no longer attend. We do not offer refunds. We have a strict 2-week cancellation period. All Little Voices tutors are fully enhanced DBS checked and hold Level 3 First Aid Paediatric Training. Prices may vary subject to location. Subject to application and consent for your child to be filmed for the final performance.

Unicorn Sport week beginning 25 November

For Directions to Sporting Venues

[Directions to Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Drive, Chiswick, W4 2SH](#)

[Directions to Old Deer Park \(London Welsh\), TW9 2HN](#)

Date	Sports information	Parents information
Mon 25 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violet and UV (girls only) Netball matches v Orchard House (HOME) • Games as normal for the boys. 14:00 – 15:00 <p>Match address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violet and UV to WEAR KIT TO SCHOOL: trainers, long navy socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, FULL Unicorn tracksuit, SHIN PADS and water bottle. • CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHIN PADS AND A JACKET. • Violet and UV parents to collect their child from school at 15:35 OR from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 15:00.
Tues 26 November	<p>SWIM SQUAD FOR INDIGO, VIOLET and UV 15:45 – 16:30 Pools on the Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Swimming lessons for ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00 	<p>SWIM SQUAD: Parents to collect their child from Pools on the Park at 16:30.</p>
Wed 27 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Swimming lessons for INDIGO CLASS 14:00 – 15:00 	
Thurs 28 November	<p>SQUAD for Blue, Indigo, Violet and UV 15:15 – 16:15</p> <p>Squad address: Old Deer Park (London Welsh), Kew Rd, Richmond TW9 2AZ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Swimming lessons for YELLOW CLASS 14:00 – 15:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SQUAD - Parents to collect their child at 16:15 from Old Deer Park or back at school at 16:30 • CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHIN PADS AND A JACKET.

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Fri 29 November

❖ **Swimming lesson for UV**
09:00 – 10:00

- **Green, Blue and Indigo Games lesson**
13:30 – 14:50

Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH

UV parents to drop their child to Pools on the Park at 08:45. If unable to, please email Mrs Young the day before so they can be shuttled.

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- **Green, Blue and Indigo to WEAR KIT TO SCHOOL:** trainers, long navy socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, **FULL** Unicorn tracksuit, **SHIN PADS** and water bottle.

- **CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHIN PADS AND A JACKET.**

Green, Blue and Indigo parents to collect children from school as normal at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 14:50.

Lunch Menu

Week commencing 25 November

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Fruit flapjack (G)	Banana bread (G, E)	Sushi (G, SE, E, M)	Carrot, cucumber and Rice cakes	Cheese and crackers (G, D)
Mains	Mini beef burger slider In a Brioche bun (G, E, D)	Sweet and sour chicken (S)	WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY	Roast loin of pork With gravy	Cod fishfingers (F, D)
Vegetarian Option	Mushroom and red Kidney burger in a Brioche bun (G, E, D)	Tofu stir-fry with ginger And garlic sauce (S)	Italian Day Beef lasagne (D, G) Mixed vegetable and Lasagne (D, G) Parmesan cheese (D) Garlic focaccia (G) Cavolo Nero Rocket salad + Salad bar	Vegetable meatloaf With gravy	Oven baked aubergine Parmigiana (G, D)
Sides	Sweet potato wedges Corn on the cob, peas Crunchy slaw + Salad bar	Steamed basmati rice Green beans Chinese cabbage + Salad bar		Herby new potatoes Roasted carrots & parsnips Yorkshire puddings (D, E, G) + Salad bar	Fries Peas, baked beans Mushy peas + Salad bar
Dessert	Beetroot brownie (G, E) + fresh fruit	Seasonal fruit salad + fresh fruit	Strawberry cheesecake (G, D) + fresh fruit	Apple & rhubarb crumble (G) with custard (D) + fresh fruit	Yoghurt served with Berry compote (D) + fresh fruit

Contains:

G = Gluten

D = Dairy

E = Egg

F = Fish

SE = Sesame

M = Mustard

S = Soya

SF = Seafood

SP = Sulphite