



UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY

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

HALF TERM

MONDAY 17 - WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY 8.20am Back to school!

FRIDAY 11.15am Green Class to the Natural History Museum

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@unicornschooll.org.uk](mailto:absences@unicornschooll.org.uk)



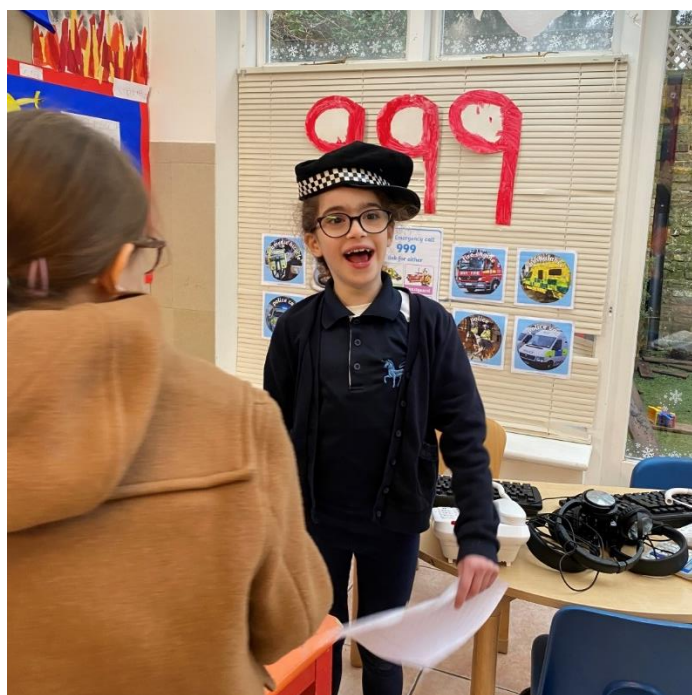
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lyra (B), Henry (B), Tymofii (I),  
George (O), Leon (V), Eve (UV),  
Fordy (B), Lola (R), Poyraz (Y), Feliks (I),  
Reyaan (G) and Loveday (UV)



Never too old for a bit of dressing up and role play!

Amalia, Bea and Rose (all Blue Class) popped into Orange to say hello and very quickly ended up in our emergency call centre!



**Orange Class worked together to make this beautiful heart** They also made bear hug cards for their loved ones too. Happy Valentine's Day! With love from Orange Class ♥



## Ranger Stu visits Yellow Class

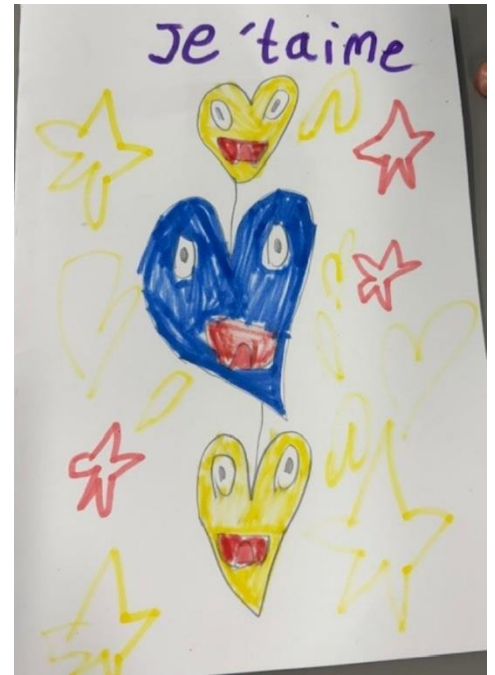
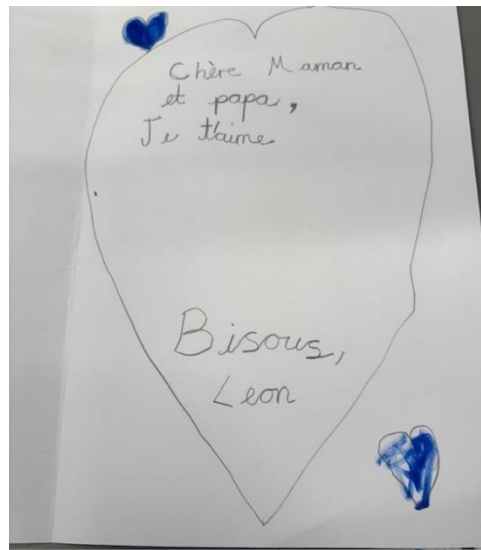
On Monday Yellow Class had Ranger Stu visit us in the classroom and he brought with him some fantastic animals for us to learn about. Most of his animals are rescued from places around the UK and one of his animals (a 'Pancake Turtle') is critically endangered; we were very lucky to be able to see one as there aren't many left in the whole world.

We saw a Blue-tongued skink, a scorpion, snake, tarantula, armadillo and a tenrec, which looks like a small hedgehog, but is in fact more closely related to the African elephant! Miss Botes and Mrs Gentle weren't as brave as Nicky, who held a tarantula in his hand!

This visit was arranged to enhance our learning about Classifying Animals. It was absolutely brilliant and Ranger Stu was so interesting and funny. One of the things Miss Botes learnt is that scorpions are visible under ultra violet light - they glow bright blue!



## Joyeuse Saint-Valentin - our French lessons this week



## Borough Gala

Well done to Inigo (UV), Tiam (UV), Wynn timer (UV), Charlie (V), Ollie (V), Bo (V), Theo (V), Emily (V), Holly (V), Teo (I) and Caitlyn (I), who participated in the Richmond Borough Gala on Tuesday. They should all be very proud of their strong performances in this competition.

Congratulations to:

Tiam (UV) for receiving two 6th place ribbons (backstroke boys and freestyle relay)

Inigo (UV) for receiving two 6th place ribbons (butterfly boys and freestyle relay)

Wynn timer (UV) for receiving a 6th place ribbon (year 6 freestyle girls)

Charlie (V) for receiving a 6th place ribbon (freestyle relay) and 5th place ribbon (year 5 freestyle boys)

Ollie (V) for receiving a 6th place ribbon (freestyle relay) and a bronze medal (breaststroke boys).



## Red Class Music

Thank you to Henry (UV) who delivered a wonderful trombone demonstration to Red Class this week in their Music lesson 🎵

**Well done to Violet and UV for their incredible hockey performances** against Falcons School on Monday. We walked away with three huge wins and one very narrow loss. Go Unicorn!



**Sensory / Fidget toy donations needed** We are looking to create a quiet zone for parties, fairs, discos etc and would like donations of any good/clean condition sensory/fidget toys you no longer need. A black bin will be placed outside for donations after half term.

**Red Class - As part of our All Around the World topic**, Red Class learnt about the amazing, huge statues (moai) on Rapa Nui (Easter Island). And then we had a go at making our own monoliths out of clay!



## Our Wonderful World Competition

Dear Parents

Our wonderful junior librarians (Elodie, Leon, Theo, Oliver and Emily) have had the idea to run a competition to celebrate World Book Day.

They have decided that they would like children to write a story, a chapter or a poem / design a front cover / make a poster etc with the slogan "**Our Wonderful World**".



The junior librarians told the children all about the competition during assembly last week, and they have made posters which are up around the school with all the details on.

The deadline for the competition is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (extended from the original date) and entries can be left on my desk in the library, to be passed to the librarians for judging.

Please ask children to write their names **on the BACK of their entry** so that they can be judged anonymously.

There will be three age categories – Early Years, Infant and Junior.

The prizes will be as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prizes - £5 book voucher

2<sup>nd</sup> prizes – Special Bookmark

3<sup>rd</sup> prizes – Scented bookmark

Everyone who enters will be given a certificate and a clip-on bookmark.

If you have any questions, please drop me an email ([jackie.gladstone@unicornschoool.org.uk](mailto:jackie.gladstone@unicornschoool.org.uk))

Many thanks

Mrs Gladstone  
Librarian



# NEWS FROM 'THE POT OF GOLD'



**Multisensory Learning Activities** Have you ever made up a rhyme or used different colours to help you memorise something? If you have, then you know a bit about multisensory learning. It's a way of using more than one of our senses to give the brain multiple pathways to learn and recall knowledge. Whilst this kind of learning is beneficial for all children, research indicates that teaching which integrates visual, auditory, tactile and kinaesthetic activities is particularly effective for those with different learning needs.

Kinaesthetic comes from the Greek 'kinein' to move and this week, I want to show 3 activities from the Pot of Gold which combine movement with other senses to create a multisensory learning experience for the children.

1. Some words are really difficult to spell so saying the sounds or letters while stepping on them can be really helpful. I use footsteps for this activity but pieces of paper would be fine. You could try putting them on the stairs to give even more movement to the activity!



2. Writing some individual letters needs more practice than others so saying them while writing them with arms outstretched, either on a surface such as an easel or in the air, develops their motor memory. Try with eyes closed too!



3. Combining the kinaesthetic with the tactile sense provides another route for remembering visual information and writing in a sand tray always goes down well. You could try using a baking tray with salt – fun but not tasty!



Hope you all have a great half-term!

Jennifer Renna

We are delighted that Camp Beaumont will be returning to run holiday clubs here at Unicorn in the Easter holidays

# WE ARE BACK THIS EASTER!

Day Camps from **£40** per day



 **Camp Beaumont**

**Book Now!**

LIMITED TIME OFFER

Our host school discount code is **UNICORN25** and can be added at checkout giving **10% off**.

<https://www.campbeaumont.co.uk/our-camps/unicorn-school>

# Unicorn Sport week beginning 24 February

## 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 24 February	<p>SPORTS CAMP 09:00 – 14:00 Orange – UV welcome</p> <p>THIS WILL ALSO BE RUNNING ON 19<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY. EMAIL MRS YOUNG IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND. <a href="mailto:Barbara.young@unicornschoo.org.uk">Barbara.young@unicornschoo.org.uk</a></p>	
Tues 25 February	<p>SPORTS CAMP 09:00 – 14:00 Orange – UV welcome</p> <p>THIS WILL ALSO BE RUNNING ON 19<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY. EMAIL MRS YOUNG IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND. <a href="mailto:Barbara.young@unicornschoo.org.uk">Barbara.young@unicornschoo.org.uk</a></p>	
Wed 26 February	Swimming lessons for <b>BLUE CLASS</b> 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 27 February	<p><b>SQUAD for Blue – UV</b> <b>Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:30 – 16:30</b></p> <p>Swimming lessons for <b>YELLOW CLASS</b> 14:00 – 15:00</p>	SQUAD - Parents to collect their child at <b>16:15</b> from Old Deer Park or back at school at <b>16:30</b>
Fri 28 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming lesson for <b>VIOLET</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents to drop children to the pool for <b>08:45</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Blue and Indigo Games lesson</b> 13:30 – 14:50</li> </ul> <p><b>Games address:</b> Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Blue and Indigo to WEAR KIT TO SCHOOL:</b> trainers, long navy socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, <b>FULL</b> Unicorn tracksuit, <b>SHIN PADS</b>, and water bottle.</li> <li><b>CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHIN PADS and MOUTH GUARDS.</b></li> <li><b>Blue and Indigo</b> parents to collect children from school as normal at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 14:50.</li> </ul>

# Lunch Menu

Week commencing 26 February

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	H	H	Cheese straws (G, E)	Crudités and rice cakes	Cheese and crackers (D, G)
Mains	A	A	WORLD FOOD DAY – Italy	Roast loin of turkey With gravy	Oven baked cod fishfingers (F, G)
Vegetarian Option	L	L	Beef lasagne (D, G) Mixed vegetable and Lentil lasagne (D, G) Parmesan cheese (D) Garlic focaccia (G) Cavolo nero Steamed carrots	Vegetable and kidney bean Meatloaf with gravy	Oven baked aubergine Parmigiana (G, D)
Sides	F	F		Herby new potatoes Roast carrot and parsnips Yorkshire puddings (D, E, G) + Salad bar	Oven seasoned fries Peas, baked beans Mushy peas + Salad bar
Dessert	T	T	Strawberry cheesecake (G, D) + fresh fruit	Apple rhubarb crumble (G) custard (D) + fresh fruit	Yoghurt with mixed Berry compote (D) + fresh fruit
	E	E			
	R	R			
	M	M			

Contains:

G = Gluten

D = Dairy

E = Egg

F = Fish

SE = Sesame

M = Mustard

S = Soya

SF = Seafood

SP = Sulphite