

UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 17 MARCH

SPRING TERM 2025

'We are courageous, reflective and, above all, kind'

MONDAY 8.45am Infant Celebration Assembly – parents of those children being celebrated should have received an email and are welcome to attend
9.15am Orange Class to visit Bekonscot Model Village

TUESDAY 5.00pm Parent Meetings for Red to Violet Classes

WEDNESDAY 8.45am Junior Celebration Assembly – parents of those children being celebrated should have received an email and are welcome to attend

THURSDAY 8.40am Violet Class' performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream to school
9.00am UV's Junior Citizenship at Holly Lodge
1.00pm Yellow Class to visit the National Archives
5.15pm Violet Class' performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream to parents

FRIDAY 10.30am Whole School Assembly – World Poetry Day

SUNDAY 10.00am – 3.00pm Musical Theatre's Dress Rehearsal and photo day

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Solomiia (G) and Mabel (G)



Tuesday's Music and PE with Red Class parents

We ran a lovely session for Red Class parents on Tuesday with Red Class showcasing both their PE and music.

A parent sent in a heart-warming message afterwards which I hope they don't mind us sharing a small part of, that beautifully captures the essence of Unicorn:

"Whenever I do drop-off, I never fail to be impressed with the kindness and politeness of the little people you are developing.

We could not be happier with Unicorn - please keep up the truly excellent work!"

Mad March Hair Day didn't disappoint!

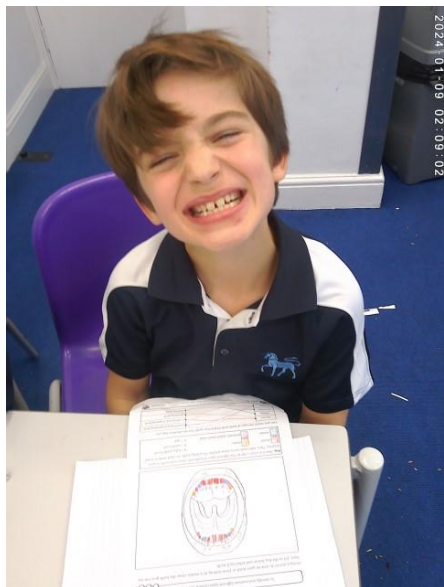




Ramadan and upcoming Eid

Thank you to Mrs Shakir, Ammaara (Y) and Aleena (I) who gave a lovely assembly this morning, presenting about their current month of Ramadan and upcoming Eid celebration at the end of March. It was very informative and interesting.

Indigo Science - Indigo have enjoyed learning about the four main types of teeth and their function - incisors, canines, premolars and molars. They used small mirrors and took photos before drawing their own teeth and labelling these. Indigo also identified baby and adult teeth as well as any gaps.



UV Science - UV have been learning about Charles Darwin and his scientific theory of Natural Selection – where organisms best able to evolve and adapt to their changing environments tend to survive. UV learnt about the finches on the Galapagos Islands and how their beaks adapted to the type of food they ate. Some had thin, sharp beaks for eating insects and the blood of other larger animals whilst some evolved large, sturdy beaks adapted for eating seeds, berries and nuts. UV enjoyed using tweezers and chopsticks to pick up seeds to further understand this scientific theory.



Violet Science - Violet enjoyed investigating the effects of friction. They used a shoe on different materials, attached a newton meter and slowly dragged the shoe across the surface while reading the force measurement from the force meter. Violet recorded their results in a table and bar graph before concluding that sandpaper and carpet had the most friction.



This week's Computing Club continued experimenting with the BBC microbits. We made the microbits show one of three pictures at random to play the rock, paper, scissors game. The microbit program needed a variable to do this and we used velcro and a rubber holder to wear the devices on our wrists.



Class Photos 2025 To View and Order

Please follow this link to view and order your children's class photos for 2025: [Click here](#)

The class photos will be presented in a mount and are also available in frames.

Julie Kaye, The Lemonade Studio, juliekaye30@gmail.com

Mrs Young, our Head of Games, is running the London Marathon ... again!

I am fundraising for The Children's Trust. in the TCS London Marathon Here is my page if you would like to support:

[Barbara Young - London Marathon 2025 donations for The Children's Trust](#)



Old Unicorn looking for an actor, well amateur dramatics more like, to attend a murder mystery party and be the 'guest' that dies. Saturday 22nd March in Teddington. Approx 7:15-7:45pm. In and out job. And paid obviously. Please message Annabelle 07956 970799 if you are interested or know someone that could be.



NEWS FROM 'THE POT OF GOLD'

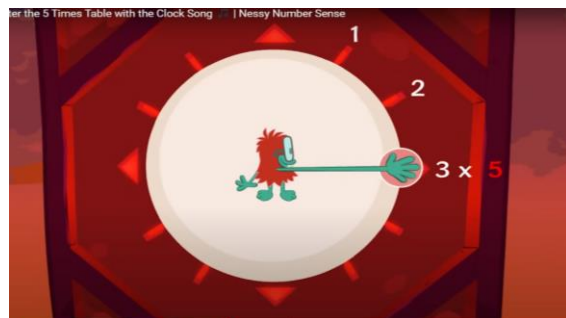


Hello again!

I hope it was useful to read my previous ideas about multisensory learning. This week, I'm returning to the topic of kinaesthetic methods with 3 suggestions of how to incorporate movement when learning maths facts.

1. Trampolines

A trampoline can be a fun and impactful learning tool for reciting times tables as it provides a rhythm for chanting. It can also be used to combine the 5 times table with telling the time by turning the trampoline into a clock! Write the numbers of the clock face on the trampoline in chalk and explain that each number represents a 5-minute interval. Your child could then jump around the clock saying, "5, 10" etc. or ask them to visualise a clock face on the wall and move their arms clockwise. To get some more ideas, try watching the 'School of Clock 5 x table' video on Nessy You Tube.

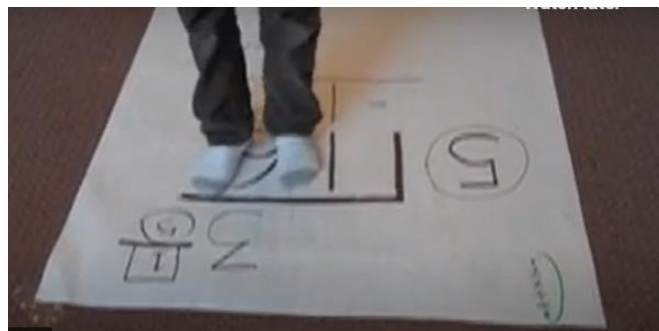


2. Playing Catch

Choose a times table to practice with your child and ask them to write a few factors on a ball, such as: 1, 2, 5 & 10. Start the game by catching the ball yourself and saying a maths fact, using the first number closest to your thumb e.g. $2 \times 3 = 6$. Swap roles and when your child is confident saying the facts, you can reply with a related one e.g. $3 \times 2 = 6$ or 6 divided by 3 is 2. When you feel your child is ready, reverse roles and have them repeat the related facts. Finally, write the remaining factors on the ball: 3, 4, 6, 7 & 9 and continue practising the rest of the times table.

3. Division 'on the ground'

Long division or the Bus Stop method can be tricky for children as it involves multiple steps and carrying numbers, remainders etc. One way to help them is to draw the calculation on the ground and have them 'walk' the various steps, stepping on the numbers as they talk through what they're doing.



Infants' Disco 4.30 pm - 5.30pm

£7.50 per ticket and includes a snack/treat & glow stick

Juniors' Disco 6.00pm - 7.30pm

£10 per ticket and includes a sweet bag & glow stick

Disco fee will be added to your school bill unless you inform the Bursar's office
susie.unsworth@unicornschoool.org.uk that you would like to opt out.



Spring Sale - Easter holiday childcare with Camp Beaumont

For bookings made by end of play on Sunday 16 March



**Marching into spring
with 15% off
all camps!**

Available for this week only.

Prices are as low as £40 per day when you book for the entire week or £45 for individual days! Please ensure that you quote our host school discount code at checkout (UNICORN25) and receive a further 10% off these prices!

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity and secure your place now on

www.campbeaumont.co.uk.

Unicorn Sport week beginning 17 March

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 17 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violet and UV matches @ Barnes Hockey Pitch 14:00 – 15:00 <p>Games 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, water bottle. CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHIN PADS and MOUTH GUARD. <p>Violet and UV parents to collect their child from school at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 15:00.</p>
Tues 18 March	<p>Swim Squad (Selected pupils) 15:45 – 16:30</p> <p>Swimming lessons for ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00</p>	
Wed 19 March	<p>Swimming lessons for INDIGO class 14:00 – 15:00</p>	
Thurs 20 March	<p>SQUAD for Blue – UV Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:30 – 16:30</p> <p>Swimming lessons for GREEN CLASS 14:00 – 15:00</p>	<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
Fri 21 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming lesson for VIOLET CLASS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents to drop children to the pool for 08:45 Green, Blue and Indigo Games lesson 13:30 – 14:50 <p>Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 MOUTH GUARDS. 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 17 March

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Sausage rolls (G, D) / Vegan sausage rolls (G)	Mini croissants (G, D)	Cheese straws (G, E) WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY Blue Zone World Food	Crudites and rice cakes	Cheese and crackers (D, G)
Mains	Mini beef burger slider in Brioche bun (G, E, D)	Peri Peri chicken thighs	Grilled lemon, oregano & Garlic chicken (Sardinia) Roasted butternut squash & lentils (Costa Rica) Zatar roast chickpea, feta, (D) Pea, radish & mint (SE) (Ikaria) Garlic & herb Potatoes (Sardinia) Chipotle roasted corn on The cob (Costa Rica) + Salad bar	Roast loin of turkey With gravy	Oven baked cod fishfingers (F, G)
Vegetarian Option	Mushroom & red kidney Bean burger in a Brioche bun (G, E, D)	Butter bean and Roasted vegetable stew		Vegetable & kidney bean Meatloaf with gravy	Oven baked aubergine Parmigiana (G, D)
Sides	Sweet potato wedges Corn on the cob Peas, crunchy slaw + Salad bar	Steamed carrots Green beans Fruit couscous (G) + Salad bar		Herby new potatoes Roasted carrots & parsnip Yorkshire pudding (D, E, G) + Salad bar	Oven seasoned fries Peas, mushy peas Baked beans + Salad bar
Dessert	Beetroot brownie (G, E) + fresh fruit	Seasonal fruit salad + fresh fruit	Tres Leches (Sardinia) (G, D, E) + fresh fruit	Apple rhubarb crumble (G) With custard (D) + fresh fruit	Yoghurt served with (D) Mixed berry compote + fresh fruit

Contains:

G = Gluten

D = Dairy

E = Egg

F = Fish

SE = Sesame

M = Mustard

S = Soya

SF = Seafood

SP = Sulphite