

UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 238 Kew Road, Richmond, TW9 3JX

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No 926 WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 24 MARCH SPRING TERM 2025

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



Arts Week - Madagascar 24 - 28 March



MONDAY 2.00pm Musical Theatre's production of Finding Nemo Musical to school

TUESDAY 6.00pm Musical Theatre's production of Finding Nemo Musical

WEDNESDAY 9.00am Kew Gardens Workshops for Red to UV Classes

10:00am SEND coffee morning

6.00pm Musical Theatre's production of Finding Nemo Musical

THURSDAY 8.45am Yellow Class Assembly – Yellow Class parents welcome to attend

FRIDAY MUFTI DAY - Madagascan style! Children are welcome to come into school wearing

any colours from the Madagascan flag (red, white and green)

3.45pm **NO** Musical Theatre

4.30 – 5.30pm Infants' Disco (scroll down for details) 6.00 – 7.30pm Juniors' Disco (scroll down for details)

SUNDAY Ski trip leaves for Norway

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@unicornschool.org.uk



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Ayda (I), Arvid (Y), Hugo (O), Sabine (B)



Violet nails Shakespeare! It's quite something when our 10 year olds perform Shakespeare with such panache. Violet Class not only spoke that verse so well but it was clear they really understood what they were saying. They gave it real feeling and drama.

Rani and Charlie had some electric confrontations as they lost their way in the woods as Demetrius and Helena.

Ember was a heartfelt Hermia and funny too. Poppy and Indigo had a passionate cat fight, so comical, as Hermia and Helena. Benjamin and Charlie tried to stop them but just fought each other. All 4 were hilarious.

Luka T was a fabulous Puck to Luka Ks commanding Oberon. Elodie was a spirited and funny Titania with a train of cartwheeling fairies.

We were thrilled to welcome Flo in Orange to our company as the most adorable Indian Prince ever! Her big brother Andy was a very good angry dad, and a great boss of all the lovely mechanicals as Quince. Nicolas was so funny as Bottom. Theo had us in stitches as Flute and the lady Thisbe in dress and wig! Oliver was the best north country Wall!

Violet Class really pulled together to give us a terrific show. The set looked wonderful with Barbara's (Luka T) beautiful flowers and Karen's [Ava (UV)] inspired costumes made in lockdown.

Fairy lights and candles created a magical atmosphere. Emma Daw's lovely art work with the children added another beautifully creative touch. This was creative arts special to Unicorn which we can all be very proud of, with 10 year old Violets at its heart.

Huge thanks to Mrs Timpson, our drama teacher, for directing such a fantastic show.



















Orange Class' trip to Bekonscot Model Village













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

Blue Class Science - Blue Class enjoyed visiting Kew Gardens to take part in a Plant Scientist workshop. Through careful observation and hands-on experience of living plants, they investigated the journey and life cycle of a plant from seed through to flowering.

The children also explored how seeds are formed and dispersed, the importance of bees and how we can care for and look after our plants. They got to see the largest seed in the world – a coco de mer seed!













Yellow Class had a wonderful afternoon yesterday when we went to the National Archives to explore the lives of three 'Significant Women.' The children enjoyed being detectives and looking at some original artefacts. They also used documents and clues to work out details about these women's lives.

The children found out about Lady Nicola de la Haie who defended her castle in Lincolnshire 800 years ago, Amy Johnson a pilot in WW2 and Princess Ademola (daughter of the ruler in Nigeria) who chose to stay in London to work as a midwife during WW2, rather than return home to safety. Yellow Class had to vote on who they thought should be included in a new book about 'Significant Women' and Princess (Omo-Oba) Ademola won the vote.

We all learnt so much and enjoyed being detectives. Thank you to the parents who came and helped us.















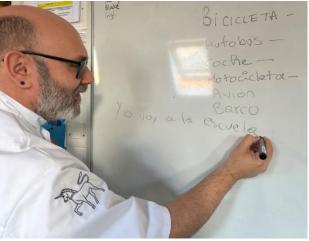
Language of the Term project - International Mother Language Day was celebrated around the globe at the end of February and to mark this, we are excited to launch our "Language of the Term" project. This project looks to highlight our diverse range of cultures and languages spoken by children and staff at Unicorn.

We will learn words and phrases in the target language and practice using them. Our first "Language of the Term" is Spanish. Chef Sergio has been teaching the children some vocabulary and children across the school have been busy making Spanish comic strips, practising speaking and learning about where Spanish is spoken in the world.

Below is a picture of some of our Spanish-speaking pupils and members of staff. If your family speaks another language at home, it would be wonderful if you would come and help teach us some words for our next "Language of the term". Please contact Mrs Baghaei if you are interested. mary-ann.baghaei@unicornschool.org.uk









A huge thank you to Miss Sander, Esme (I) and George's (O) mum for visiting Violet Class today to teach us about presentation skills. Your tips on engaging our audience with your '7 P's' will make a real difference. We appreciate your time and enthusiasm and look forward to applying what we've learned in our future presentations!







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@unicornschool.org.uk that you would like to opt out.



Mrs Langdon's latest book Escape to the Country Garden is

now available to buy from Amazon, Waterstones and Barnes & Noble as an ebook, paperback or audio book. A follow on to *Escape to the Country Kitchen*, it can also be read as a standalone.

"Frankie Carlisle finds herself back at Feywood – her family's crumbling manor house – after yet another disastrous break-up. Her sisters Juliet and Martha try to comfort her, but Frankie can't help but wonder why everything always seems to go wrong in her life...

Then a charming stranger arrives on the grounds, and Frankie's world is turned upside down once more. Could this unexpected encounter be the key to mending her broken heart and restoring the faded glory of Feywood, or will old wounds sabotage this last chance at happiness?"

And please do visit Mrs Langdon's website www.hannahlangdon.co.uk and sign up for her newsletter!



Unicorn Sport week beginning 24 March

For Directions to Sporting Venues

<u>Directions to Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Drive, Chiswick, W4 2SH</u>
<u>Directions to Old Deer Park (London Welsh), TW9 2HN</u>

Date	Sports information	Parents information	
Mon 24 March	NO VIOLET OR UV GAMES LESSON DUE TO MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE.		
Tues 25 March	Swim Squad (selected pupils only) 15:45 – 16:30 Pools on the Park Swimming lessons for RED CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	Parents to collect children from Pools on the Park at 16:30.	
Wed 26 March	Swimming lessons for BLUE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00		
Thurs 27 March	Squad for Blue - UV Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:45 - 16:15 Swimming lessons for YELLOW CLASS 14:00 - 15:00	Parents to collect their child from London Welsh at 16:15 or back at school at 16:30.	
Fri 28 March	Swimming lesson for VIOLET CLASS Parents to drop children to the pool for 08:45 Green, Blue and Indigo Games lesson @ Barnes Hokey Pitch 13:45 – 14:50 Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH	 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 24 March

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Mixed Fruit Bread (G, E)	Sushi (G, SE, M, E)	Pain au chocolat (G, D)	Fruit Flapjack (G)	Cheese sandwich (G, D, S)
Mains	Chili Con Carne with Tortilla chips	Pork sausages with Mashed potato (G, SP)	ARTS WEEK WEDNESDAY Selection of sandwiches (D, G, S, F)	Cod fish fingers (F, G)	Beef Bolognese
Vegetarian Option	Three bean chili with Tortilla chips	Vegan sausages with Mashed potato	Fruit, Juice and biscuit In packed lunch for whole school as	Roasted vegetable frittata (G)	Mac n Cheese (D, G)
Sides	Steamed rice, Guacamole Sweetcorn salsa Soured cream + Salad bar	Garden peas, carrots Baked beans Onion gravy + Salad bar	part of Kew Gardens trip for Arts Week	Garden peas, baked beans Cauliflower cheese (G, D) Oven baked chips + Salad bar	Spaghetti (D) Sweetcorn, curly kale Parmesan cheese (D) + Salad bar
Dessert	Chocolate & raspberry Mousse (D) + fresh fruit	Orange & strawberry Jelly + fresh fruit		Mixed berries sponge cake (G, E) + fresh fruit	Plain yoghurt with Mixed berry compote (D) + fresh fruit

Contains: G = Gluten D = Dairy E = Egg F = Fish SE = Sesame

M = Mustard S = Soya SF = Seafood SP = Sulphite