

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

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No 929 WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 28 MARCH SUMMER TERM 2025

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

MONDAY UV Cycling course all week mornings

3.45pm Tea time concert for selected instrumentalists – everyone is welcome to attend

7.00pm Zoom for Indigo parents – a gentle introduction to the 11+

TUESDAY 8.00pm School Committee meeting in the school hall

WEDNESDAY 7.30am Running club with Mrs Fraley begins

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: Sam (I), Bo (V) and Polina (O)



Unicorn's Future Schools Evening - Tuesday 13 May, 6.00 - 7.30pm

Attendance is highly recommended

We have run many of these popular forums which parents over all year groups have found very informative and **we highly recommend you attend**; the presentation should be finished by approximately 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to listen to this panel of senior school heads talk in the School Hall

Please rsvp lisa.jones@unicornschool.org.uk so we have an idea of numbers

6.00pm drinks and canapés will be served and the following senior school Heads will start their talks at 6.30pm

Francis Holland (Girls)

Ibstock Place (Co Ed)

St James Boys' (Boys)

St John's Leatherhead (Co Ed / Boarding)

Thomas's College (Co Ed)

Alexandra Haydon, Headmistress

Chris Wolsey, Headmaster

Rick Clarke, Headmaster

Ben Peart, Asst Head Boarding & Pastoral

Will le Fleming, Headmaster

Each head will talk about their respective school for approximately 5 minutes and field an open Q&A session at the end.

We welcome the following children and their families to Unicorn It's lovely to have them here and the children all seem to be happy and settling in really well. Emilia to Green Class (top left), Alice to Indigo Class (top right) and RJ (bottom left) and Lockie (bottom right), little brother to Lola (I) and Kit (G) to Red Class.



Violet Science – Violet Class enjoyed investigating with water resistance. They found that the cone sank the fastest because it was more streamlined with its point, generating less water resistance. The cube sank the slowest because it had a greater surface area with its flat faces and therefore generated greater water resistance – well done!









Many thanks to Max (B) and Alice (Yellow) for kindly donating their gorgeous pod to the Coach House. And to Luka (O) and Alec (R) for donating their super climbing frame. As you can see, photos also on the previous page, they love them both.









Earth Day - This week Orange Class learnt all about Earth Day and what we can do to look after our Earth. We talked about the 3 R's - Recycle, Reuse and Reduce and discussed what we can recycle and reuse and how we can reduce our waste.

Here are just a few of the things we talked about and did:

- We looked at the recycling bin and the children immediately noticed that the label says paper and card and doesn't include plastic. So we found a cardboard box and decorated it, perfect!
- We talked about planting trees and how they look after the Earth. We discussed how trees have
 to be cut down to make things, but another tree must always be planted to make up for the tree
 that was lost.
- We're going to use newspaper instead of copier paper when we're painting. We tried, it, and the children were pretty satisfied that it looked ok ①
- We made mono prints of the Earth using paper plates and black paper. Then reused the paper plates to make to make our 'whole world in our hands' creations - aren't they gorgeous □
- We sang 'We've got the Whole World in Our Hands' while we worked https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=ODftYTD3Rbs
- We're going to go on a litter pick next week and the following week, the Eco Warriors are going to join us for a special Earth project, more about that soon.

We've had such a happy first week back.

Have a lovely week and don't forget to reduce waste, recycle and reuse \(\mathbb{S} \)









PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

PAGENT Social

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Friday 16th May 7pm - Late

Drinks, BBQ, Pudding Auction & Quiz by our very own hilarious Tara Carr and Henry Fleet!

Plus entertainment by the amazingly talented Piano Animal!

£45 per ticket, please sign up to a table in the office ASAP (payment via Zettle) or be a very disappointed Unicorn!

Riding Club enjoying a lovely sunny Thursday afternoon









Urgent appeal for one of our charities, Little Village Donations needed by Friday 2 May

They are critically low on high-quality pre-loved clothing and shoes for children aged 3-6. Without these essential items, they are struggling to fulfil many of the referrals they receive. Demand is incredibly high, and we urgently need help to restock.

They are in desperate need of:

Jumpers, long-sleeved tops, t-shirts Pyjamas, trousers/joggers, dresses

Shoes (sizes 5 - 12), pants, socks, and tights

They will also take any other donations but not car seats or used mattresses

There will be a black box on the forecourt from Monday for donations

URGENT appeal Please donate pre-loved clothes for 3-6 year olds

Our stock for this age group is running desperately low.

We specifically need the following items to pass on to children across London:

- Jumpers
- Long sleeved tops
- T-shirts
- Pyjamas
- Trousers/joggers
- Dresses
- Shoes (sizes 5-12)
- Pants, socks and tights





Please make sure that items are in brilliant condition. Visit littlevillageha.org/donatestuff for information on how to donate.



Cinema night for Blue - UV Classes - Friday 9 May - 5.00 - 7.00pm

£5 per child will be added to the parent bill of Blue to UV classes unless you email Susie Unsworth on susie.unsworth@unicornschool.org.uk or Kevin Guy on kevin.guy@unicornschool.org.uk to opt out.



We still have places for both infant and junior Sew What? Club



Sew What? Sewing Club at Unicorn School

At Sew What? we turn after school into a creative and social place where children bring their ideas to life and gain a sense of achievement with every stitch.

Lunchtime Club - £95 Thursdays

After School Club - £110 Tuesdays

Years 1 & 2 12.20 - 12.50 Years 3 - 6 3.15 - 4.00

Starts Thursday 24th and Tuesday 29th April To find out more and to book visit: sew-what.online



MAGICAL MUSICAL STORIES

A double-bill for children and families

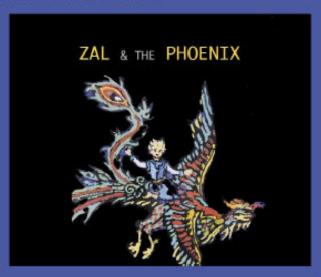
PETER AND THE WOLF LIVE

The Oscar-winning animation film directed by Susie Templeton of Sergei Prokofiev's immortal story and music Performed by the concert-pianist Parvis Hejazi

ZAL AND THE PHOENIX

An adaptation of Ferdowsi's 1000 year-old Tale, narrated by Tony Palmer, celebrated film director, illustrated by Annabel Sebag-Montefiore and Cristina Martin, projected on screen to an original soundtrack of Persian music by Adib & Mehdi Rostami





SATURDAY 17th MAY 2025 @ 2:30pm & 4pm (Two 1-hour Shows)
ST MARY'S, BARNES, SW13 9HL

TICKETS £20 Adults £15 Children £5.00 off each ticket with the discount code FAMILY when booking

Visit - uk.emma-live.com/magicalstories or scan the QR code below

In aid of





DNSPCC 2020 National Society for the Prevention of Ouelty to Children (NSPCC).
Registered charity number 216401 (Bigland and Males), 384 (British) and 50037777 (Sootlan).

Unicorn Sport week beginning 28 April

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 28 April	Violet and UV Games lesson 13:30 – 15:00 Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH	Violet and UV to WEAR KIT TO SCHOOL: trainers, white socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, FULL Unicorn tracksuit, cap, water bottle Violet and UV parents to collect children from school as normal at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 15:00	
Tues 29 April	Swimming lessons for RED CLASS 14:00 – 15:00 Swim Squad (selected pupils only) 15:45 – 16:30 Pools on the Park		
Wed 30 April	Swimming lessons for BLUE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00		
Thurs 1 May	Squad for Blue – Violet Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:15 – 16:15 Swimming lessons for YELLOW CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	Parents to pick up after Squad from the field at 16:15 or back at school at 16:30.	
Fri 2 May	Swimming lesson for VIOLET Parents to drop children to the pool for 08:45 Green, Blue and Indigo Games lesson – Cricket and Athletics 13:30 – 14:50 Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH	 Green, Blue and Indigo to WEAR KIT TO SCHOOL: trainers, white socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, FULL Unicorn tracksuit, cap and water bottle. 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 28 April

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Sausage rolls (G, D) Vegan sausage rolls (G)	Cheese and tomato Muffins (G, E, D)	Protein energy balls (S, G)	Crudites, rice cakes and Chickpea humus	Ham/cheese sandwiches On wholemeal (G, D, S)
Joun	vegan sausage rons (d)	Widinis (G, E, D)	(3, 4)	спіскрей пипиз	on wholemear (d, b, 3)
Mains	Salmon and broccoli	Jacket potatoes	WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY	Turkey meatballs in a rich	Oven baked cod
	Pasta bake in a creamy	Savoury mince		Tomato and oregano sauce	Fishfingers (F, G)
	White sauce (F, D, G)	Tuna mayo (F)	PORTUGAL		
Vegetarian	Potato gnocchi and	Baked beans	Peri Peri chicken	Spanish omelette with	Chickpea and spinach
Option	Butter bean in green		Vegetable & bean Estufada	Stuffed sauteed mushrooms	Curry (M)
	Pesto (G, D)		Smoked paprika rice	(E)	
			Roasted vegetables		
Sides	Green beans	Curly kale	(peppers, courgette,	Penne pasta (G)	Basmati rice
	Cavolo nero	Garden peas	Aubergine, onion)	Steamed honey carrots	Oven seasoned fries
	Green beans	Sweetcorn		Savoy cabbage	Peas, baked beans
	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar
Dessert	Vegan chocolate mousse	Seasonal fruit salad	Orange cake	Yoghurt with mixed berry	Lemon drizzle cake
			(G, E)	Compote (D)	(G, E)
	+ fresh fruit	+ fresh fruit	+ fresh fruit	+ fresh fruit	+ fresh fruit

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

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