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MRS FRALEY'S END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

We have enjoyed another fun filled and exciting year which, on top of the academics, has been packed with an abundance of sports fixtures, visits and trips.

In sport, the children have participated in matches and tournaments in football, netball, hockey and cricket and all classes have had their swimming lessons. We were lucky with the weather for both of our Sports Days and all the children participated, enjoying the races.

Blue and Indigo had a great stay at Sayers Croft, Violet enjoyed their week in Devon, UV had an action-packed stay in glorious weather in Cumbria and Violet and UV loved their ski trip to Norway. Other highlights this year have included trips to the National Archives, Kew Gardens, Houses of Parliament, London Museum Docklands, Hampton Court, Bocketts Farm, Legoland, Orange Tree Theatre, Tower of London, Turner's House, the Natural History Museum, Gunnersbury Museum, Bekonscot Model Village, Fulham Palace, Junior Citizenship at Holly Lodge and Jeremy King's all-day STEM workshop here at school. All UV completed their Bus and Tube day challenge to get themselves from school to the fountain outside Green Park Station, a quick selfie and then back again!



Art and DT continues to be enjoyed by the children and is truly inspirational, whether paintings, ceramics, charcoal or pottery, it's always of an exceptionally high standard. Our Big Draw's theme was associated with the new playground mural; all the children looked at the work of designer, Josef Frank, then created their own pieces in response. Our Arts Week's theme was all things 'Madagascar'!





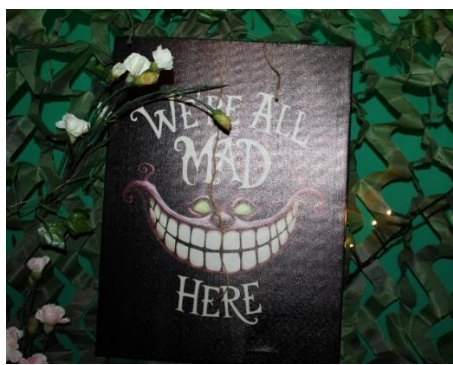
Miss Gresson, Head of Music, has been busy. There have been tea time concerts, try an instrument afternoon, Kew Sparkle, UV and Violet Choir sang at the Cecil Court Care Home, MTB music exams held in school and many other musical delights this year. The Yellow and Green Music Concert was a triumph with Yellow Class demonstrating their first year of learning whole class Violin and the Junior Music Concert was a wonderful occasion, showcasing the brilliant singing and instrumental groups throughout the school. We have had a record number of pupils taking singing exams this year - over 70 exams have been taken with 100% pass rate from Grade 1 up to Grade 6! Many of our singers have been busy auditioning for West End shows and Musical Theatre's Spring term production of Finding Nemo was simply spectacular.



On the Drama front, Violet treated us to a fantastic performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream inspired and directed by Mrs Timpson and the end of year UV play seems to get better and better. This year's production of 'Olivia!', directed by Miss Gresson and Miss Botes, was brilliant. Special thanks go to Mrs Daw who was in charge of scenery and last, but by far not least, to the UV children, who performed so brilliantly over the two evenings. Unicorn really does produce some very capable, confident children! Please scroll down for photos.



I am enormously grateful to all the parents for their unstinting efforts, supporting the school across the year. In particular the Ultra Violet parents, who never fail to amaze with their spectacular transformation of UV's classroom on party day; this year as a fantastic scene out of *Alice in Wonderland's the Mad Hatter's Tea Party*. Mr Gladstone made a wonderful White Rabbit, Janna (Blake) a fabulous Alice and all the children dressed as magnificent Mad Hatters!



School Committee, under the brilliant leadership (again!) of Trudi [Matilda (G)] deserves praise and recognition for all its fund-raising, which has included the Harvest Festival, Farmer's Market, Coffee and Croissants, Second Hand Uniform Sales, Christmas cards and wrapping paper, Junior Christmas Carol Concert, Christmas Fair, Christmas gifts for West London Action for Children, World Book Day, Mad March Hair Day, Infant and Junior Discos, Cake Sales, Mufti Day, Summer Fair and recent Parents' Social, for which our thanks also go to Tara [Bo (V)] and Henry [Fordy (B)] for compering the brilliant evening.

Total monies raised this year is in excess of £12,700, which will be split between our charities: Little Village, The Children's Trust and the School Bursary Fund. Our thanks go to all who helped, donated, attended, baked, brought and bought!

Our heartfelt thanks go to Trudi and all the class reps for everything they have done this year. We are delighted and very grateful that Trudi has agreed to take up the mantle, again, as Chair of School Committee ... this will be her 4th year on the trot! It is a fun and rewarding job to be a Class Rep and we do need more volunteers over Red, Blue, Indigo and Violet year groups. If you are interested in being one this September, please let Cindy in the office know. None of the fabulous events that the children and we enjoy throughout the year would happen without that support.



I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with School Council, discussing in earnest and with great enthusiasm all sorts of interesting topics that arise during our lunchtime conversations. Thank you to the Head Boys, Head Girls and all the other members for their lively contributions to our weekly meetings.

We have a number of fond farewells, as many families, some of whom have long been part of the fabric of Unicorn are leaving, and I wish to acknowledge their commitment towards our wonderful school community.

In alphabetical order: The **Bailey** family, Henry and Oliver [8 years], our thanks also go to Mr Bailey for all his technical help throughout the years on sorting the downloads of all filmed productions; the **Dudley** family, Eve [8 years], the **Dunne** family, Addie [8 years]; the **Gourley** family, Tiam [8 years]; the **Hack** family, Tom [5 years]; the **Hardcastle-Jones** family, Olivia and William [8 years]; the **Martin** family, Casper, Theo, Elodie and Inigo [17 years], Mrs Martin also attended Unicorn as a child and has helped enormously over the years as Chair of School Committee on more than one occasion; the **Morrison** family, Miel and Gigi [13 Years]; the **O'Connor** family, Sam and Wynn timer [12 years]; the **Russell** family, Archie and Maisie [5 years]; the **Thijs** family, Marlow, Anouk and Loveday [14 years], Mrs Thijs also attended Unicorn as a child; the **Whyte** family, Coco and Ava [11 years]; the **Willescroft** family, Sophia and Coco [4 years]; and the **Williams** family, Autumn and Blake [10 years].

As we say goodbye to some, we extend a warm welcome to our new families joining in September. In Red Class, the **Bebbington**, **Lourie** (big brother Max left a couple of years ago), **MacAndrew**, **McCall** and **Newbury** families. Elsewhere in the school we welcome the **Shekar-Smith** family to Orange; the **Campos Neuding** family to Yellow, the **Owusu-Ansah** family to Green and the **Kelm** and **Bebbington** families also to Blue Class.

Moving to staff who are leaving, we say farewell to **Mrs Timpson** in her role as Drama Teacher, however, she will still be teaching the flute and running an afterschool drama club. Mrs Timpson has taught drama at Unicorn for the past 12 years; **Miss Franklin**, Teaching Assistant for the past 4 years; **Mr Wong**, Estates Manager for the last 3 years and **Miss Islay**, Gap Year Student for the last year, who also attended Unicorn as a child. All a cheerful presence in school and hugely popular with the children and staff alike. We will be sad to see them go and wish them every happiness for the future.

To the Governors who are leaving, we say farewell to **Stephen Lehec**, Chair of the Education and Staffing Committee for 4 years; **Aidan McLaughlin**, Education and Staffing Committee for one year; and **Selin Kudret**, governor for 2 years. We thank them for their support and invaluable contribution over the years.

Unicorn is unashamedly a creative school and we have maintained the breadth of what we offer right through this academic year. We are a small, non-selective school, and so the range of schools that current UV have been offered places to is testament to their hard work and the outstanding teaching they have received over the years. They deserve huge congratulations for their results and even more praise for the calm and mature way they have conducted themselves throughout the 11+ process. For a cohort of 16 children, they received 54 offers, including 7 scholarships and accepted places to:

Chiswick Community
Latymer Upper

Hampton
Orleans Park

Kingston Grammar
St John's Sidmouth

Lady Eleanor Holles
Thomas's College

Class Teachers for September:

Red Class	Mrs Langdon	Orange Class	Mrs Maher	Yellow Class	Mrs Palmer
Green Class	Miss Engelmann	Blue Class	Mr Gough	Indigo Class	Miss O'Gorman
Violet Class	Mr Jones	UV Class	Mr Gladstone	Violet & UV English	Mrs Bird

My thanks to the UV parents for their very generous leaving gift of fish tank - we really have missed having one in the foyer where the children love to see and name the various colourful occupants!

I am also grateful to all parents, governors and colleagues for their exceptional contribution to school life, and it just leaves me to wish you all a very happy summer break. Fingers tightly crossed the sunshine continues!

Polly Fraley

POLLY FRALEY
Headteacher

House Points: The final scores on the Summer term doors are:

Griffin	Phoenix	Centaur	Pegasus
1753	1741	1752	1740

Congratulations to Griffin for winning this term's house point shield, pipping Centaur to the post by just one point! Also, only one point splits Phoenix and Pegasus! All children should be very proud of their contributions with a total of 6986 house points being won.



Summer Birthday Wishes to:



REX (I), LEO (R), ANTON (O), ENIOLA (Y), ALICE (Y), ESME (I), RANI (V), MAX (B),
HENRY (UV), LILA (UV), GEORGIE (Y), JACK (B), BENJAMIN (V), POPPY (V),
WILLIAM (B), LEO (R), MATILDE (R), DELPHINE (R), EMILY (V),
WILLOW (NEW TO GREEN IN SEPTEMBER), CORA (B), HARRIET (I), AVA (Y),
ALEENA (I), KIT (G), ALICE (I), CLEMENTINE (G) AND JACK C (V)

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

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

WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

AUTUMN TERM 2025

SEPTEMBER

Mon 1 Sept	9:30 All staff inset day - First Aid 18:30 - 19:30 Parent briefing for Red, Orange, Yellow & Green Classes
Tues 2 Sept	18:30 - 19:30 Parent Briefing for Blue, Indigo, Violet & Ultra Violet Classes
Weds 3 Sept	7:30 - 8:20 Breakfast Club begins (no need to book) 8:20 - AUTUMN TERM BEGINS 8:45 - 9:15 Junior Assembly 15:15 - 18:00 WAC begins (need to book)
Thurs 4 Sept	12:45 - 13:15 Tutti Fluti begins 13:30 - 14:50 Junior Clubs begin 15:15 - 16:30 Blue - UV Classes Squad begins at Old Deer Park
Fri 5 Sept	13:30 - 15:35 Games for Green, Blue & Indigo Classes at Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Drive, Chiswick W4 2SH - parents to collect from pitch at 14:50 or back at School at 15:25 (Green Class), 15:35 (Blue & Indigo Classes)

Class of 2025





