



UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 6 OCTOBER

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

SATURDAY 8.40am – 12.00pm Netball tournament. Selected pupils only. Mrs Young has emailed parents of those children taking part

MONDAY 4.30pm – 7.30pm Parent meetings for Ultra Violet Class (15 mins)

WEDNESDAY 8.00am Second Hand Uniform Sale on the forecourt (weather permitting)
8.45am Junior Celebration Assembly – parents of children being celebrated have been emailed and are welcome to attend

THURSDAY 8.45am Infant Celebration Assembly – parents of children being celebrated have been emailed and are welcome to attend
5.00pm – 7.30pm Parent meetings for Red – Violet Classes (10 mins)
5.00pm – 7.30pm Parent meetings for Ultra Violet Class (15 mins)

FRIDAY 9.30am Open Morning in the school hall. **If you know of anyone looking for school places for their children, we would love for them to attend**

SATURDAY 9.00am – 12.00pm U11 Football Tournament at Orley Farm School. Selected pupils only. Email from Mrs Young with more information to follow

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@unicornschoool.org.uk



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Matilda (B)



Violet Class' amazing Isle of Wight residential trip



Last week, Violet Class embarked on an unforgettable 4-night residential adventure to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight — marking Unicorn's first trip to the island in many years.

Blessed with blue skies and sunshine, the journey began with a direct train from Waterloo to Portsmouth Harbour, followed by a scenic ferry ride across the Solent to Ryde. Excitement was high as the children arrived, ready for a week packed with challenges, laughter and discovery.

From morning until night, the days were filled with thrilling activities led by our charismatic team leader, the now legendary Ollie. With his infectious energy, chants and songs, Ollie — along with the rest of his fellow instructors — guided us through each moment, creating a vibrant and supportive atmosphere.

The activities tested both courage and collaboration — from soaring through the air on the Giant Swing and Trapeze, to problem-solving in buggy building and navigating the twists and turns of orienteering. Each challenge brought out the best in the children, encouraging teamwork, resilience and a sense of adventure.

By the end of the week, the children had eaten well and slept soundly — yet they returned home happily exhausted with their minds full of memories. Throughout the trip, they showed incredible bravery, stepping out of their comfort zones and overcoming personal fears with courage and determination. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. Not only did they embrace the challenge of being away from home but they also represented Unicorn School with maturity, kindness and enthusiasm. They were truly fantastic ambassadors from start to finish.





Orange Class' Diwali

We were very lucky to have 2 special visitors in Orange Class on Tuesday. Leo A's daddy and Nani came in to tell us the story of Rama and Sita - the Diwali story. Red Class came too, so it became a real early years' celebration.

Nani had prepared paper plates with Rangoli patterns for us to colour and sprinkle with glitter. We were treated to apples and oranges for our snack too.

Huge thanks for a wonderful morning of learning and fun.



The junior children had great fun in the playground this week. They put the hundreds of pine cones to creative use, and don't they look lovely!



Second Hand Uniform Sale
Wednesday 8 October at 8.00am
on the forecourt

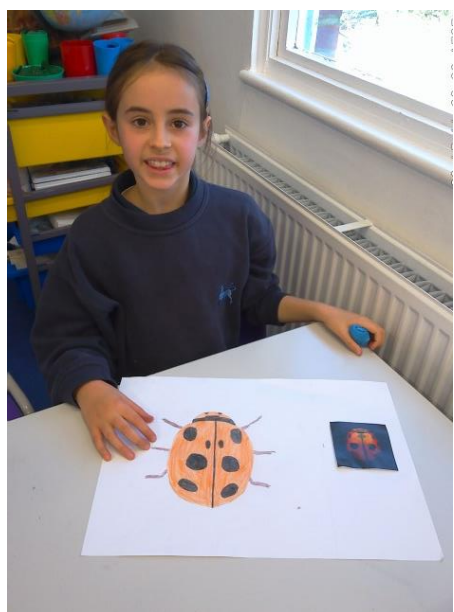


Donations:

Good quality duffle coats, polos, sweatshirts, sports tracksuit bottoms, new style sports jackets, PE tops, skorts, gym shorts, trousers but please **NO** old school sports jackets.

Please bring your clean uniform donations and leave them in the office by **Monday afternoon 6 October**. Please do not bring donations on the day.

Indigo Class Science - Inspired by Levon Biss's amazing macro insect photos, Indigo Class created their own large-scale insect drawings with detailed features—brilliant work!



Biodiversity Challenge

On Wednesday Lizzie Franks, the Sustainability Project Manager from Our Caterer Thomas Franks, came to launch the Biodiversity Challenge with our Eco Warriors Club. The children learnt how many habitats & ecosystems are endangered today. Did you know only 7% of woodlands in the UK are in good condition, and that we have had a 60% decline of all flying insects in the last 20 years.

Look out for more news about how the school, led by our Eco Warriors, will be improving biodiversity around the school grounds!



Little Village, one of the charities we currently support is in need of donations - please drop them into the office.

The items they are particularly in need of are:

- Warm blankets
- Socks
- Coats & pram suits
- Boots & waterproof shoes
- Pyjamas

If parents don't have access to these lovely items, then things like nappies, wipes, baby toiletries are always in high demand and would be greatly appreciated.

They hear every day from parents who are anxious about keeping their children warm. As one mum recently told them:

"Receiving a winter coat for my little one was more than just clothing – it was peace of mind."

UV Art - Sculptures



Old Unicorn, Cecily Green, Lacrosse World Games Congratulations to Cecily on being one of 12 players selected to represent Great Britain at the World Games in China this August.

She is also a senior England team member and has represented England at U19, U23 and senior level. Cecily was part of the senior squad which won the European Championships in Portugal last year.

Babysitter / after school help available Aldenis de Paula (Dana) one of Unicorn's chefs is available to babysit Fridays to Mondays and Wednesdays or offer after school help Monday to Friday. Has 3 years' babysitting experience with children aged 2 and above. Please call Aldenis on 07842 425430.

WINTER WARMERS COLLECTION

Give your child's clothes a new lease of love and help make sure babies and children across London have the things they need to keep warm this winter.

We particularly need the following items for 0-6 year olds:

- Warm blankets
- Pyjamas
- Socks
- Coats and pramsuits
- Boots & weatherproof shoes
- Warm clothing

Donations will be collected, sorted by our village of volunteers and carefully passed on to children who really need them.



"[She] was wearing the jacket that we came with from Ukraine, but it was not a winter jacket.

Now she's got the warm jacket for the winter and she wears it all the time when we go to nursery or when we go out."

-Family support by Little Village

littlevillagehq.org
Charity number: 1169735



Unicorn Sport week beginning 6 October

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 6 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violet and UV Games lesson 13:30 – 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 and water bottle. CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHIN PADS. <p>Parents to collect their child from school at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 15:00.</p> |
| Tues 7 October | <p>Swim Squad at Pools on the Park (selected pupils only) 15:45 – 16:30</p> <p>Swimming lessons for ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00</p> | Swim Squad to be collected from Pools on the Park at 16:30. NO RETURN SERVICE TO SCHOOL. |
| Wed 8 October | Swimming lessons for INDIGO CLASS 14:00 – 15:00 | |
| Thurs 9 October | <p>SQUAD for Blue, Indigo, Violet & UV Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:15 – 16:15</p> <p>Swimming lessons for YELLOW 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 10 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming lesson for UV 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. Green, Blue and Indigo parents to collect children from school as normal at 15:35 or from Barnes Hockey Pitch at 15:00. |
| Sat 11 October | <p>U11 Football tournament at Orley Farm School – 09:00 to 12:00.</p> <p>Selected pupils only. Email from Mrs Young with more info to follow.</p> | |

Lunch Menu

Week commencing 6 October

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| Morning Break | Seeds and fruit flapjack (G) | Chia, date and soy seed Energy balls (G, S) | Selection of Sushi (G, SE, E, M) | Beetroot falafel with Hummus (S, E) | Banana and raisin Bread (G, E) |
| Mains | Vegan “meatballs” in a Rich tomato sauce | Chilli con Carne | WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY Japan | Chicken, olive and Peppers tagine | Oven baked salmon Fishcake (G, F) |
| Vegetarian Option | Pan fried Gnocchi in Green pesto sauce and Butter beans (G) | 3 bean chilli with Roasted vegetables | Chicken Katsu nuggets (G) Sticky rice Broad beans Teriyaki jack fruit Chilli broccoli Katsu sauce | Chickpea and vegetable Tagine | Mozzarella and tomato Frittata (E, D) |
| Sides | Penne pasta Roasted aubergine and Courgette, sweetcorn Rocket & Sundried tomato salad + Salad bar | Wholegrain and White rice Curly kale, guacamole Tortilla chips | | Warm Quinoa salad Honey carrots Hispy cabbage | Roasted new potatoes Garden peas Green beans Baked beans |
| Dessert | Yoghurt with strawberry Or mango coulis (D) + fresh fruit | + Salad bar Rainbow jelly + fresh fruit | + Salad bar Mixed berry cheesecake (G, D) + fresh fruit | + Salad bar Banana pudding (G, E) + fresh fruit | + Salad bar Pancakes with mixed Berry compote (G) + fresh fruit |

Contains:

G = Gluten

D = Dairy

E = Egg

F = Fish

SE = Sesame

M = Mustard

S = Soya

SF = Seafood

SP = Sulphite

C = Crustasean