



UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

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

MONDAY

Christmas Jumper Day!

2.00pm Violet and UV Classes - Christmas Carol singing at Cecil Court Care Home???

NO Little Voices

NO Virtual Reality Club

NO Unicorn Singers

TUESDAY

8.45am Red and Orange Class' Christmas performance to school

NO Drama Club with Miss Timpson

NO Touch Typing

NO Sew What (Juniors)

WEDNESDAY

8.45am Red and Orange Class' Christmas performance to parents

12.00pm Green Class' trip to the National Archives

NO Karate Club

NO M:Tech Club

THURSDAY

PARTY DAY!

9.30am The Story of Babushka to the infants (and EYFS??)

10.00am The Juniors to go to the Curzon Cinema to watch The Emoji Movie

2.14pm School finishes for Infants

2.30pm School finishes for Juniors

NO Wraparound Club

NO After school clubs

FRIDAY

10.45am Prize Giving Assembly

11.50am Red and Orange Classes pick-up

12.00pm Yellow and Green Classes pick up

12.10pm Blue – Ultra Violet Classes pick up

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR CHRISTMAS!

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:

Arthur (B) and Yura (Y)



You are all welcome to attend the Junior Carol Concert
Tonight, Friday 5 December at 6.30pm
St Anne's Church, Kew

SECRET SANTA GIFT DONATIONS



In keep with tradition at Unicorn, we encourage children to bring in a gift on Party Day, for a child less fortunate than themselves at Christmas time.

The gifts are donated to [West London Action for Children](#), a local charity that provides an invaluable service for families in need in the wide West London area.

The gift should be new and appropriate for any age child (0 - 18 years), ideally wrapped with a label to indicate age suitability; please drop them into the School Office. **The Charity say they are often short of gifts for teens and that vouchers are great for this age group (WH Smiths, Boots, Superdrug, etc) but any gift is much appreciated.**

If you would find it easier to make a donation, you will be able to do so via Zettle in the School office.

Yellow and Green Class' amazing nativity in pictures







Violet Class enjoyed writing Newspaper Reports based on our novel, The Last Bear. Here are a few examples of their engaging articles.

ARCTIC NEWS

Date: Wednesday 26 November


Arctic News

PAWSE FOR CLAWS

In a shocking encounter on Bear Island when eleven year old girl April Woods met a polar bear. The incident happened a few days ago when April was exploring the icy lands her dad was not there as he was working.

"I was astonished to see this colossal creature standing there on it's own!" April said. "I was curious why it was just him on the island and no other bears."

But April noticed the bear was skinny and he had hurt feet because plastic and a net had wrapped around his foot. April realised that due to the ice caps melting the bear was stuck on Bear Island forever. April told us that as soon



by Scarlett Muir

as she had seen his foot she had run back to the cabin and had grabbed a pocket knife. She chanced up the bears paw.

Granny Apples, April's Grandmother commented "Antarctica is melting at an average rate of around 150 billion tons a year!"

This lonely bear is a reminder of why we need to stop climate change.


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Arctic News

A Bear-y Good Friend!!

On Bear Island, eleven year old April Wood came face-to-face with a substantial polar bear. The incident occurred last Sunday as April was braving through the thick snow.

"It was crazy, I was literally standing in front of a gross bear," exclaimed April. "I noticed that the furry polar bear had plastic trapped around his gorgeous paw, so I knew I needed to unravel the plastic." The bear would have typically been in a group so April was concerned about his wellbeing.



April's Grandmother also known as Granny Apples, wanted to share some of her thoughts. "It's so traumatic to see such a wonderful animal being alone in this way, he could not have gone to greener places because of melting ice caps," wept granny Apples. "Poor bears going through climate change."

Antarctica is melting (losing ice caps) at an average rate of 150 billion tons a year. Ice caps could once get as big as 3,000 square miles. This is rapidly decreasing due to global warming and climate change.

The story, however, didn't just end with a vast polar bear. April had said how she had one of the best rides in her life on the polar bear's back as it had given her a lift! Is this story real or is just that magnificent girl's imagination?

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VIOLET'S WONDERFUL WRITING

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Arctic News


UN-BEARABLE climate change

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"When I got up close it was ten times the size of me! I even rode on its back when it saved my life. Polar Bears are now my favourite animal!"

Said April excitedly. April lives with her father on a remote island where the Bear was spotted.

April's grandmother, Granny Appleby, phoned for her amazing apple pies said "I told them not to go to that island because



it was dangerous. I never knew polar bears could be that kind."

Ice caps could once get as big as 2000 square miles. This is rapidly decreasing due to global warming and climate change.

Date: Wednesday 26 November

Arctic News

UN-BEARABLE climate change

In a shocking encounter on Bear Island 11 year old April met the behemoth polar bear. She came face to face with this astonishing bear with first glass. She was scared and ever so frightened and this incident happened last Monday.



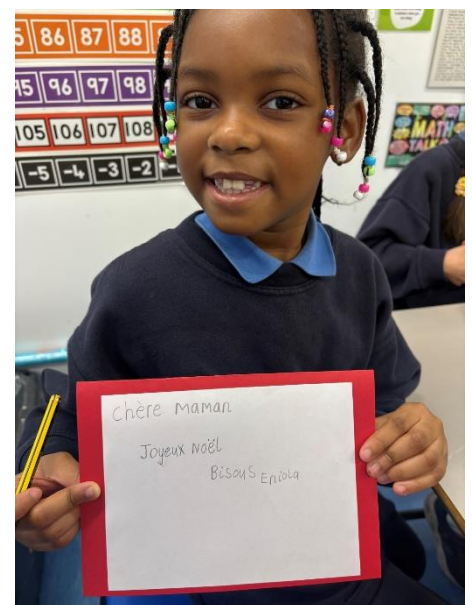
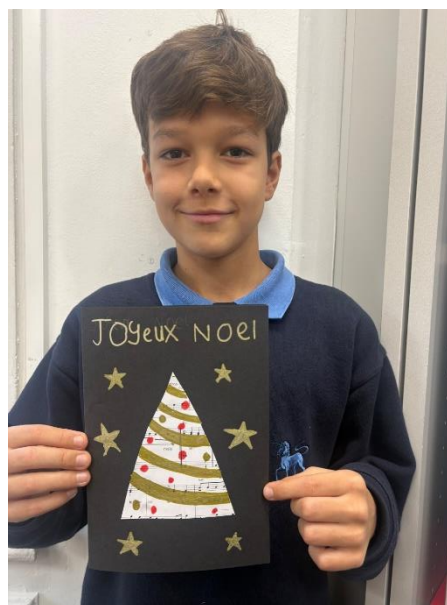
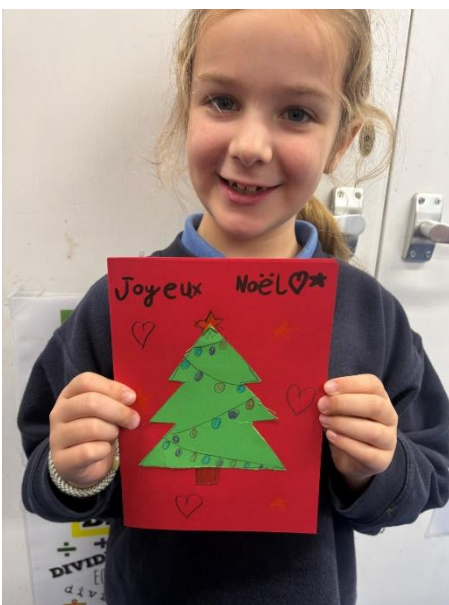
I interviewed April and she said "it was spectacular. Everything was amazing at first sight of this magnificent bear. I thought it was dangerous but when it said 'I trust you' I felt happy. When I sprain my ankle it wrapped me up in the fur and went rapidly fast like a cheetah but was so gentle!"

I asked granny Appleby on what she thought about this. She said "I told her father not to go but what did he do, take her and what will happen to April who meet a bear. Hopefully she will be OK."

Now let talk about climate change. Antarctica is melting causing ice mass at average rate of around 150 billion tons of ice which is absolutely horrific. Antarctica is warming at nearly 3°C (5°F). This threatens to unique wildlife like Emperor penguins. Climate change is the biggest threat in the Arctic. Hopefully it will change.

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Joyeux Noel from the children in Green Class



Elodie (UV) makes the BBC news on Wednesday – click on the link below to watch (fast forward to 5.06)



Congratulations to Polina (Y) on being awarded Karate Club's student of the Year



Unicorn dad, Dan Tambling (Esme UV and Bowen I) has just had the second book in the series Andy Magic Maker in the Making published. If you would like to purchase either/or/both, please use the following link: www.bethetortoise.co.uk

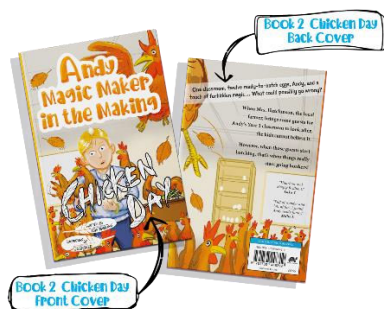
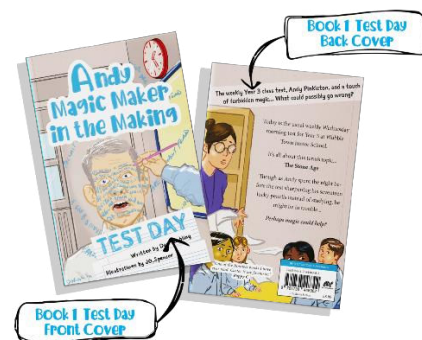
Book 1 - Test Day - Funny Magical adventure aimed at 6-9 year olds.

The weekly Year 3 class test, Andy Pinkleton, and a touch of forbidden magic... What could possibly go wrong?

Today is the usual weekly Wednesday morning test for Year 3 at Wubble Town Junior School.

It's all about this term's topic... **The Stone Age**

Though as Andy spent the night before the test sharpening his seventeen lucky pencils instead of studying, he might be in bit of trouble... *Perhaps a spot of forbidden magic could help Andy?*



Book 2

Chicken Day - Funny Magical adventure aimed at 6-9 year olds.

One classroom, twelve ready-to-hatch eggs, Andy, and a touch of forbidden magic... What could possibly go wrong?

When Mrs. Hutchinson, the local farmer, brings some guests for Andy's Year 3 classroom to look after, the kids cannot believe it. However, when those guests start hatching a quicker than expected, that's when things really start going bonkers!

Old Unicorn Babysitter available - Hi! I'm Alice Hinton, ex-Unicorn student, and I am now in sixth form at LEH. I'm based in Kew and available for babysitting. I'm reliable and fun-loving. Please email me at: ahinton@lehs.org.uk or WhatsApp on 07842678438.

Unicorn Sport week beginning 8 December

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 8 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO Violet and UV Games lesson	
Tues 9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swim Squad @ Pools on the Park (selected pupils only) 15:45 – 16:30• Swimming lessons for ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	Swim Squad to be collected from Pools on the Park at 16:30. NO RETURN SERVICE TO SCHOOL.
Wed 10 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming lessons for INDIGO CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 11 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO SQUAD AND NO SWIMMING AS PARTY DAY	
Fri 12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO SWIMMING• NO Green, Blue and Indigo Games lesson	

Lunch Menu

Week commencing 8 December

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Pork Sausage Roll (G) Vegan Sausage Roll (G)	Cheese and cucumber Sandwich (G, D, S)	Crudités with hummus And rice cakes (S, E)	Cheese bites and Crackers (D, G)	Double choc chip cookies (G, D)
Mains	Honey Roast Turkey OR Maple Glaze Gammon	Beef Bolognese	Chicken nuggets (G, S, CE)	PARTY DAY!	SCHOOL'S OUT
Vegetarian Option	Roasted veg and sun dried Tomato quiche	Cheddar and leek Mac 'n' Cheese (G, D, M) OR Pasta bake (G, D)	Roasted paprika tofu with vegetables (S)	Selection of Sushi (G, S, E, M) Selection of sandwiches (G, D, S, F) Pork sausage roll (G, SP) Vegan Sausage Roll (G) Crudités with hummus (S)	FOR CHRISTMAS!
Sides	Roast potatoes Parsnips, carrots Brussel sprouts	Spaghetti Sweetcorn Parmesan cheese (D, E) Green beans	Wholemeal and white rice Curly kale Garden peas		
	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar	+ Salad bar		
Dessert	Vegan pancake with Chocolate sauce (G, S) + fresh fruit	Mini fruit salad pot + fresh fruit	Selection of jellies + fresh fruit	Chocolate chip cookies (G, D) + fresh fruit	

Contains:

G = Gluten

D = Dairy

E = Egg

F = Fish

SE = Sesame

CE = Celery

M = Mustard

S = Soya

SF = Seafood

SP = Sulphite

C = Crustasean