

UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

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

WEDNESDAY 9.00am Yellow and Green Classes Computing Workshop
1.00pm Lizzie Archer from our caters, Thomas Franks, is coming in to launch The Great Water Challenge with our Eco Warriors
1.30pm UV Computing Workshop – Secrets of Encryption

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:
Audrey (V), Finley (R) and Ava (UV)

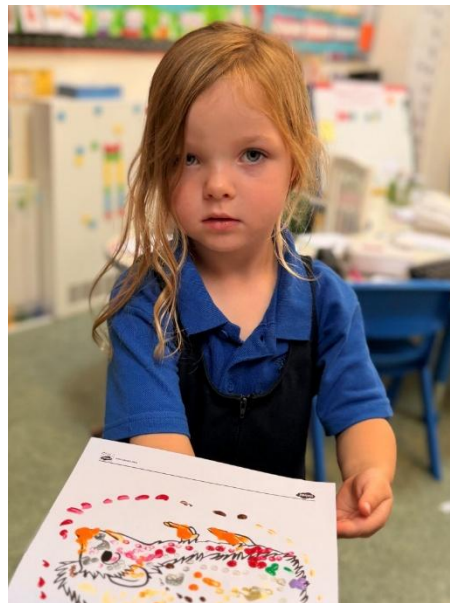


**Orange Class explores Georges Seurat's
'A Sunday afternoon on the island of La Grande Jatte'**

The children discovered his special painting technique, Pointillism – using tiny dots of colour to create a picture.

They then created their own Pointillism masterpieces using cotton buds, experimenting with colour, pattern and detail.





Yellow Class's Autumn Detective's Walk in Kew Gardens Yellow Class went to Kew Gardens and managed to spot oak, beech, chestnut, plane and holly trees, which they could identify their seeds, leaves and bark. The children walked high up in the treetops and were delighted to be exploring in the Gardens. In the Palm house they were excited to spot the names of some of the continents they've been learning about: Asia, Africa, Australasia and the Americas. A brilliant time what had by all and were so happy that they sang an impromptu song to the parents about the seven continents. Thank you to the many parents who joined the trip!





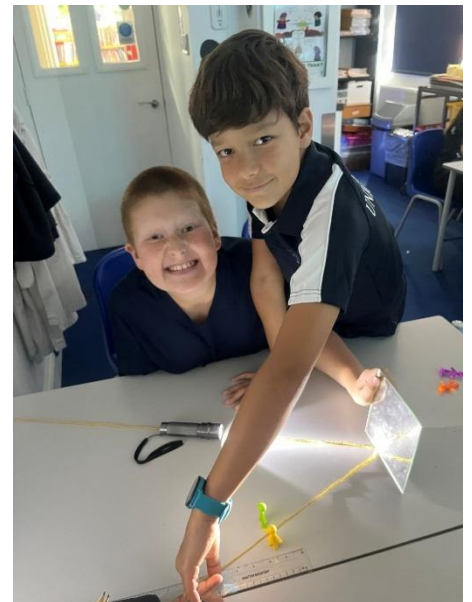
Yellow Class's Colour, Creativity and Golden Success! Yellow Class enjoyed a fantastic collage lesson inspired by the vibrant and colourful artwork of Alma Thomas. The children explored her unique artistic style and used their creativity to produce their own eye-catching masterpieces. They were enthusiastic, thoughtful and fully engaged throughout the activity, sharing ideas, experimenting with colour and supporting one another beautifully. Every child made a valuable contribution and we were so impressed with their creativity, teamwork and effort that each and every one of them received a well-deserved Gold Award. We are incredibly proud of our talented young artists! Mrs Bird & Mrs Lynne



Orange Class playing the drums Some of Orange Class enjoyed playing the djembe drums (a type of African drum) in our music lesson this week.



UV Science UV explored reflection and how light travels in straight lines. They shone a torch onto a mirror to identify the incident and reflected rays, then used yellow string to model the path of light as they moved the mirror until they could see an object's reflection. The children also enjoyed noticing how their pupils change size to let more or less light into their eyes.

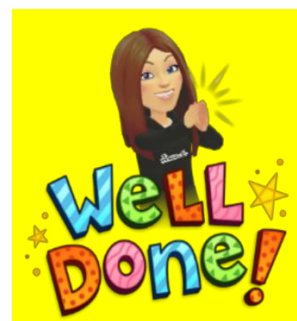


Congratulations to the following children who have received their certificate for reading

10 books from the **100 book challenge!**

Mabel (I)

We are very proud of you!



Second Hand Uniform Sale on the forecourt

Tuesday 29 September at 8.20am

Donations: Good quality and clean 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 morning 28 September**. Please do not bring donations on the day.

Unicorn's Farmer's Market

Monday 5 October from 8.00am on the forecourt

Donations needed please!

Unicorn Farmer's Market is coming up and we'd love your help filling our stalls with lovely homemade and home-grown goodies

Fresh produce veg / fruit / herbs / flowers / plants / bulbs

and anything else from the garden or allotment

Homemade jams / chutneys / preserves

Bags of flour / lavender bags / dried herbs



Homemade crafts and other non-perishable garden or Farmer's market treats

Non-perishable donations: Please bring to school by Friday 2 October

Fresh produce and flowers: Please bring to school on Monday 5 October morning

Whether it's a jar of homemade chutney, a bunch of garden flowers or a handful of home-grown tomatoes, **every donation helps!**



Donations for Harvest Festival Monday 5 October



Alongside our Unicorn Farmers' Market, we will also be collecting food donations for our **Harvest Festival on Monday 5 October**, supporting **West London Action for Children and local families in need**.

We would be incredibly grateful for donations of:

-  **Tinned food** - vegetables (sweetcorn, tomatoes etc.), soup, baked beans, kidney beans, chickpeas, lentils, fish and tinned puddings
-  **Pasta & rice** - any type, including microwaveable rice pouches
-  **Dried pulses** - lentils, split peas and soup mixes
-  **Breakfast cereals** - wholegrain cereals, porridge oats, Weetabix etc.
-  **Drinks** - small packs or jars of tea, coffee or hot chocolate
-  **Long-life milk** - UHT milk or alternatives such as oat, soya or almond
-  **Long-life fruit juice** - cartons or bottles
-  **Biscuits** - sweet or savoury
-  **Cupboard staples** - jam, honey, Marmite and cooking oil

Please check that all donations have an expiry date of at least three months ahead.

As this is a collection of store-cupboard essentials, **please do not donate fresh or refrigerated food.**

Donations can be brought into school on the morning of **Harvest Festival on Monday 5 October**.

Beautiful day for Riding Club!



Thursday Clubs in Action



Science Club is new for this term and we are so grateful to Olga Nikolaeva (mother of Yura in Green Class) for sharing her passion and enthusiasm for science with our children and inspiring a new generation of young scientists at Unicorn.

This week, the children explored the fascinating process of filtration. They designed and built their own filters using natural materials and put them to the test in a friendly engineering challenge. They then became real scientists, using professional filters to investigate and compare dust samples collected from different windows around the school.

Thank you Olga for giving your time so generously and for making science such an exciting and engaging experience for the children.

Donations for our Charity please

LITTLE VILLAGE DONATION DRIVE

Help to give more children the things they need.



We're hosting a collection of clothing and items for children under 6.

Little Village makes a big difference to families with babies and young children living in poverty across London. Via their network of baby banks they pass on pre-loved goods from one family to another - clothes, toys, and equipment - so that many more children have the essential things they need to thrive.

Please donate

For ages 0-6:

- Clothes & shoes
- Toys and books
- Baby equipment
- Feeding equipment

Please ensure all pre-loved items are in great condition for their new family.

Visit littlevillagehq.org to find out more about their work as a baby bank.



SLEEP TIGHT Appeal



Make a financial
donation here

Help give every child a safe place to sleep

At Little Village, we are seeing more families than ever who cannot afford the essential sleep items their children need.

Nearly **7 in 10 families** do not have a safe or adequate place for their children to sleep. Many are living in temporary or overcrowded accommodation, with children sleeping on sofas, floors or in shared beds.

Families are doing everything they can to give their children the best start in life, but when you're facing poverty and housing insecurity, even providing a safe place for a child to sleep can feel impossible.

That's why we're asking you to support our **Sleep Tight** appeal this September by collecting the sleep essentials that families urgently need. By getting involved, you can help ensure babies and young children have a safe, warm and secure place to sleep.

Together, we can help ensure no child goes without a safe place to sleep.

Get involved by hosting a collection of items

We are particularly in need of high-quality:

- Moses baskets
- Cots and cot bed sheets
- Large blankets
- Baby sleeping bags (0-6 months)
- Sleeping suits (3-6 months)
- Pyjamas up to age 6
- Baby comforters
- Baby books



Get involved by making a financial donation to help us provide safe sleep essentials:

£30

Could help provide a **mattress & bedding** for a child



£60

Could help fund a **newborn** with their first safe place to sleep



£100

Could help provide everything a **child** needs for a good night's sleep



**Baby things,
big impact.**

Scan the QR code above to donate or visit littlevillagehq.org/sleep-tight for more info.



Marymount

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LONDON

Upcoming Open Events

Open Morning

Friday, 2 October 2026

Open Morning

Thursday, 12 November 2026

All-Girls | Day & Boarding | IB | Catholic



Register here:



Unicorn Sport week beginning 28 September

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 28 September		
Tues 29 September	Violet and UV Games lesson 13:30 – 14:30 Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH SWIM SQUAD (selected pupils) 15:45 – 16:30 Swimming lessons for ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00	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 bottles for all. Violet and UV parents to collect their child from school at 15:35.
Wed 30 September	Swimming lessons for BLUE AND INDIGO CLASSES 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 1 October	SQUAD for Blue – UV Old Deer Park (London Welsh) 15:30 – 16:30 Swimming lessons for YELLOW AND GREEN CLASSES 14:00 – 15:00	SQUAD - Parents to collect their child at 16:30 from Old Deer Park or back at school at 16:45 All children should have trainers, long navy socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, FULL Unicorn tracksuit, SHIN PADS and water bottle.
Fri 2 October	Swimming lessons for VIOLET & UV - Parents to drop children to the pool for 08:45 Green, Blue and Indigo Games lesson 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, long navy socks, navy shorts/skorts, navy polo top, FULL Unicorn tracksuit, SHIN PADS and water bottle for all. 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 September

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Cheese sandwich on Wholemeal (G, S, D)	Homemade cheese puff (G, M, D, SE)	Selection of sushi (G, S, SE)	Cucumber & cream cheese sandwich (G, D, S)	Pork and vegan sausage rolls (G, M) – (G)
Mains	Jacket Potato Bar	Pork Sausages (G, SP)	WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY Mexico	Mini beef burger	Oven baked fish fingers (G, F)
Vegetarian Option	Tuna Mayo (F) Grated cheddar (D) Sweetcorn Crispy Onion (G)	Vegan sausages	Chilli con Carne Mixed bean and pepper chilli Steamed rice Tortilla chips Corn on the cob Guacamole	Spicy bean burger	Mozzarella, black olives and sun-dried tomato Frittata (D, E)
Sides	Broccoli Curly kale Baked beans + Salad bar	Penne pasta (G) Steamed carrots Green beans + Salad bar	+ Salad bar	Mini brioche (G, E, D) Sweetcorn Chilli green beans + Salad bar	Garlic roast potatoes Garden peas Baked beans + Salad bar
Dessert	Strawberry cheesecake (G, D) + fresh fruit	Red and green grapes + fresh fruit	Greek yoghurt, granola Mixed berry compote (D, G) + fresh fruit	Mini fruit salad + fresh fruit	Lemon drizzle sponge cake (G, E) + 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