



UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

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

MONDAY

Mrs Fraley is out all week on an inspection
8.45am Eco Assembly for Just One Tree Day

WEDNESDAY

8.45am Junior Celebration Assembly – parents of those children being celebrated have been emailed and are welcome to attend

THURSDAY

9.00am Flu Immunisations for Orange to UV Classes

FRIDAY

Just One Tree Day – **Come to school wearing Green!**
10.00am Green Class Art lesson in Kew Gardens

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:
Nia (I), Lockie (O),
Viaan (V) and Emilia (I)



Farmer's Market Our Farmer's Market on Monday was another huge success. Special thanks go to the Green and Blue Class reps for organising and for all who made, baked, brought and bought - £552 was raised which will be split evenly between our charities and school's bursary fund. There were two traditional games at the market – Name the scarecrow and guess the weight of the pumpkin. Names, weights and winners will be announced in Monday's assembly.





Harvest Festival

Thank you to Natalie Burge and Georgina Bell from West London Action for Children and for all of the donations from the school community.



Blue Class's Project on The Stone Age

All the children have collaborated well together to produce posters from the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods.



Our electric cooker in the Coach House has finally reached the stage where it has definitely seen better days and is in need of replacement. On the off chance that anyone is currently remodelling, updating their kitchen, or replacing their existing cooker, we would be very grateful if you could keep us in mind before sending the old one away. We are looking for a working electric cooker and would be happy to give it a new home.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have one available or know of someone who does. Many thanks from all in the Coach House.

Orange Class's trip to Garson's Farm What an absolutely brilliant autumnal morning we had at Garson's Farm. There was an abundance of pumpkins, gourds and squashes for us to load onto our wheelbarrows along with some cheeky children!

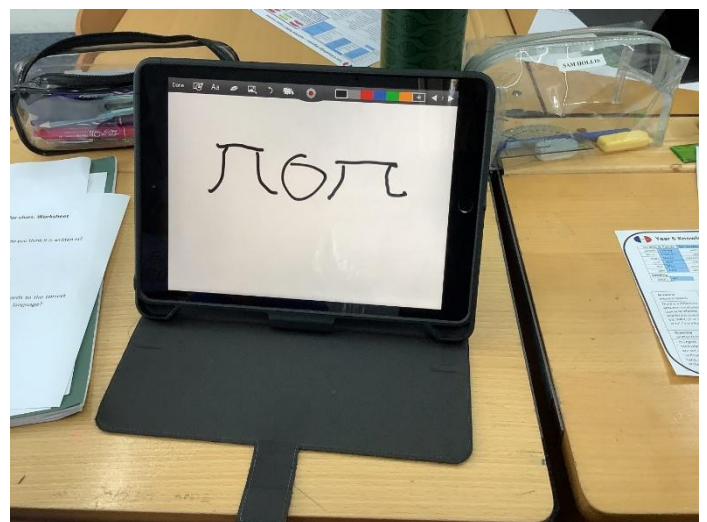
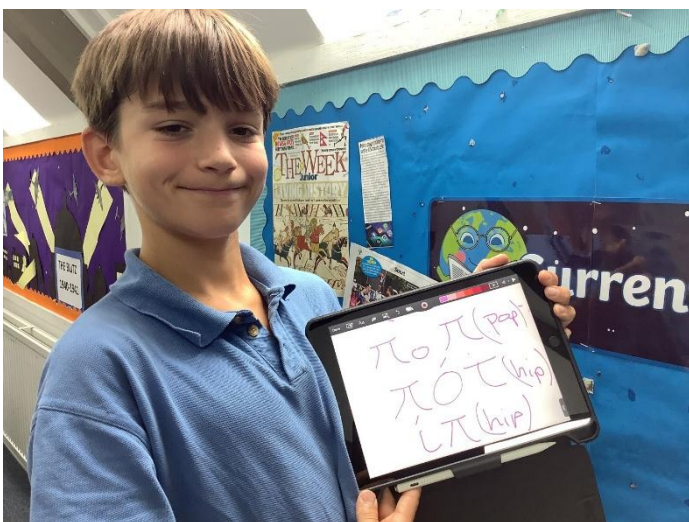
The circus-themed parade was enormous fun and the children were beautifully behaved, as were the grown - ups! The sun shone too - what more could we ask for? Thank you so much to all the parents, nannies and little siblings who came along and helped to make it such a memorable trip. We really couldn't have done it without you.



Red and Orange had a wonderfully autumnal walk in Kew Gardens with Red Class spotting and collecting autumn colours and Orange Class identifying the leaves of different trees and ticking them off on their clipboards. A big 'Thank You' to all the mummies and daddies who came along and helped make the morning so special.

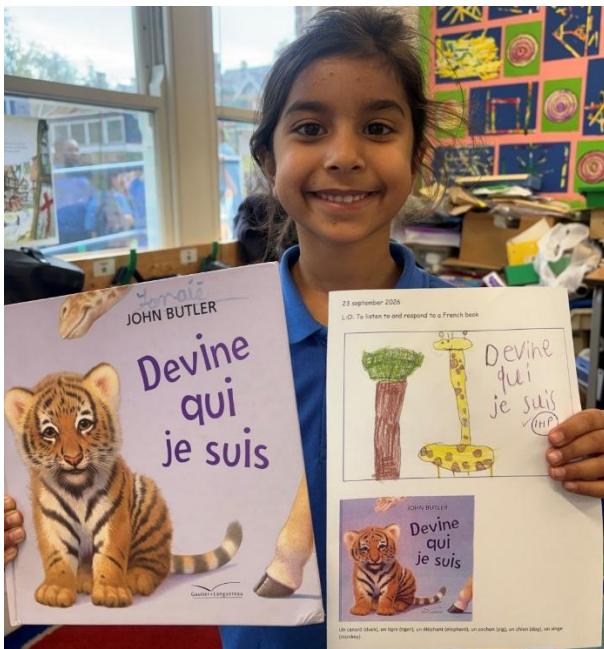


World of Languages Children in UV have begun their exciting brand new World of Languages (Wollow) curriculum. Wollow teaches children about the history culture and development of all languages. We kicked off with Greek and moved on to an exploration of the rich variety of languages spoken by children within the class. We were proud to make a list of all the languages spoken by children in the class. These include Bulgarian, Russian, Ukranian, Thai, Serbian, Romanian and Cantonese!



Red Class have begun learning French

with their new friend "Camembear" who travelled all the way from France with his magic bag. Bravo!



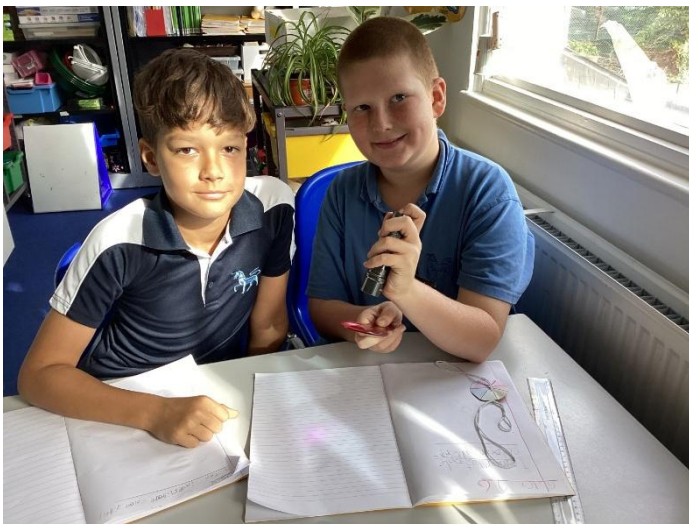
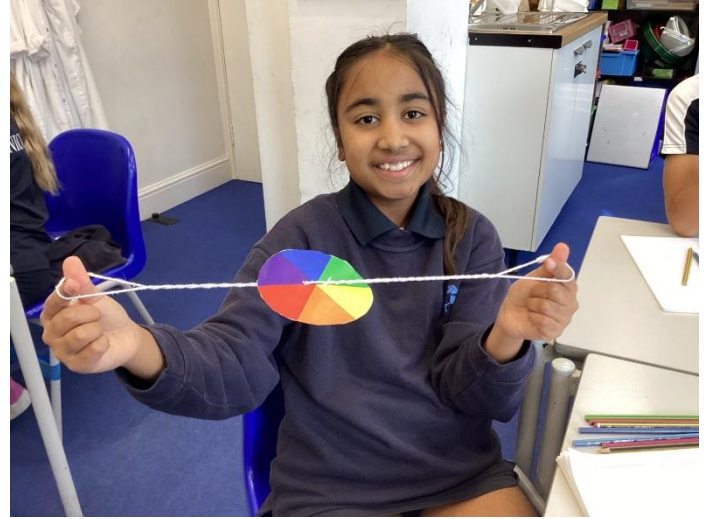
Blue Class have started their new French topic on animals and have been enjoying listening to and joining in with the French book, Devine Qui Je Suis. Here is one of our pupils proudly showing her version of the front cover. C'est fantastique.

Blue and Indigo's beautiful Christmas Cards – your completed forms for Cauliflower Cards should have been in by end of play today.

Indigo class Christmas Cards



UV Science - UV enjoyed making Newton's Discs to see how the colours of the rainbow combine to make white light. Using coloured filters and torches, they investigated the primary colours of light: red, green, and blue. The children learned that filters absorb some colours of light and only let certain colours pass through. They also discovered that mixing the primary colours of light can create new colours, such as yellow, magenta, and cyan, and can also make white light. Well done, UV Class!



Blue Class Science - Blue Class enjoyed looking at a variety of peat, clay, sand, loam, silt, and chalky soils to identify what they contain and compare the size of their particles. They were amazed to discover that a handful of soil contains more micro-organisms than there are people on Earth. Well done, Blue Class!





Great Water Challenge Last week we were very lucky to have Lizzie Archer, the Sustainability Officer from Thomas Franks, come in to speak to the Eco Warriors about the Great Water Challenge that we will be participating in this year.

The children learnt about how important water is to our survival and for the planet. The children found out about our usage of water, and also how much is used for different foods. Over the year the Eco Warriors and the school will be learning all about water, and how we can use it more responsibly, how lack of water affects plants, animals and communities ... and so much more!



Just One Tree Day! Friday 16 October

During this Monday's assembly the Eco Warriors will be letting the school know all about the importance of trees for our planet, and reminding them that the school will be supporting Just One Tree Day on Friday 16 October. As usual every child is being asked to support the charity by donating £1 (via the school bill), as for every £1 given, a tree will be planted somewhere in the world. Also, to celebrate the day, everyone will be asked to dress in **GREEN!**



Thank you for your support!

To learn more about Just One Tree just click on this link:

[JUST ONE Tree - £1 plants 1 Tree](#)

This week's Stars of the Week



Unicorn Sport week beginning 12 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 12 October		
Tues 13 October	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 14 October	Swimming lessons for BLUE AND INDIGO CLASSES 14:00 – 15:00	
Thurs 15 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 16 October	Swimming lessons for VIOLET (UV will be helping with Open Morning) 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 12 October

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Cheese sandwich on Wholemeal (G, S, D)	Homemade cheese puff (G, M, D, SE)	Chocolate cookies (G, E, S, D)	Cucumber & cream cheese sandwich (G, D, S)	Pork and vegan sausage rolls (G, M) – (G)
Mains	Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayo (F) Grated cheddar (D)	Cumberland Sausages (G, SP)	WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY Portugal Peri Peri chicken Vegetable and bean stew Steamed rice Peri Peri sauce Corn on the cob	Mini beef burger	Oven baked fish fingers (G, F)
Vegetarian Option	Sweetcorn Crispy Onion (G)	Vegan sausages		Spicy bean burger	Mozzarella, black olives and sun-dried tomato Frittata (D, E)
Sides	Broccoli Curly kale Baked beans + Salad bar	Mash potato (G) Cabbage Green peas + Salad bar	+ Salad bar	Mini brioche (G, E, D) Sweetcorn Chilli green beans Coleslaw + 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