

UNICORN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER

AUTUMN TERM 2023

'Unicorn children are courageous, reflective and, above all, kind'



HALF TERM – Monday 21 October – Friday 1 November

TUESDAY Mrs Fraley out on an inspection

WEDNESDAY Mrs Fraley out on an inspection
 3.00pm Yellow Class cake sale

THURSDAY Mrs Fraley out on an inspection
 9.00am Violet Class art trip to Turner's House

FRIDAY 2.00pm Indigo girls' netball match v Twickenham Prep School

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@unicornschoo.org.uk



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Daniel (R), Amalia (B), Tom (UV), Indigo (V),
 Maisie (B), Candice (Y), Savannah (Y),
 and Lorelei (O)



Farmer's Market Our Farmer's Market on Monday was a huge success. Special thanks to the Green and Blue Class reps for organising and also to all those who made, baked, brought and bought. Mrs Chalong made the most amazing Harvest Wheat sheaf (scroll down for photos).

There were 3 traditional games at the market and the winners are:

Guess how many beans in the jar? Answer: 2473 – Joint winners **Charlie (V) and Rani (V)**.

Guess the weight of the pumpkin? Answer: 16.6kg – Joint winners **Rex (I) and Ember (V)**.

Name the scarecrow – winning name was Mr Straw and the winner is **Jack L (I)** There is a £5 book token for each of the winners, which were handed out today.



Harvest Festival Collection - £1,726 Thank you to all who donated – monies collected amount to a fabulous £863 and bearing in mind the **Big Give will match** what's raised, will make a grand total of £1,726. This will be distributed to families in need by the West London Action for Children in the form of supermarket vouchers. Thanks to Mrs Martin, CEO of the charity who came in and gave a very informative assembly to the children and to her daughter, Bryony Martin [Inigo (UV)] for organising.

Second Hand Uniform Sale - £125 Which will be split between our charities. Thank you to Tara Carr [Bo (V)] for organising.

Green Class Science On Wednesday we finished our topic on 'Healthy Bodies' by building a human being to scale! The children had a key to work with which showed the bones and the organs and they had to piece our life-sized model together as a group. It was like doing a massive jigsaw puzzle. They enjoyed labelling our body and then discussing and comparing the finished result. It was quite funny realising that some of the skeletons wouldn't really work very well because certain bones were missing!

It was a great way of reinforcing what we've learnt this term and a slightly spooky way of finishing up our topic. We are all looking forward to what's in store for Science next half term (Materials and their properties).



Violet Class Science Violet enjoyed learning about the parts of an egg and its role in the life cycle of a chicken. They worked practically and made careful observational drawings.



Black History month in the Library

In our library sessions this week, we have been thinking about **Black History Month**, and why it is important that books represent people from different races and backgrounds. The children really thought about it and I was very impressed with their responses.

Here are some of the things the children said:

"Imagine looking at a book and not seeing yourself"

(Indigo)

"It's really important to include everyone" (Indigo)

"Everyone is unique" (Yellow)

We also asked the question, "How would you feel if you didn't see any characters in books who looked like you?"

These are some of the children's thoughts:

"The person who reads the book will feel like the odd one out" (Green)

"It wouldn't make sense and people would feel confused" (Green)

"They would think everyone in the world didn't have black skin" (Yellow)

"If characters who don't look like you are never included, you wouldn't know how to relate to those characters" (UV)



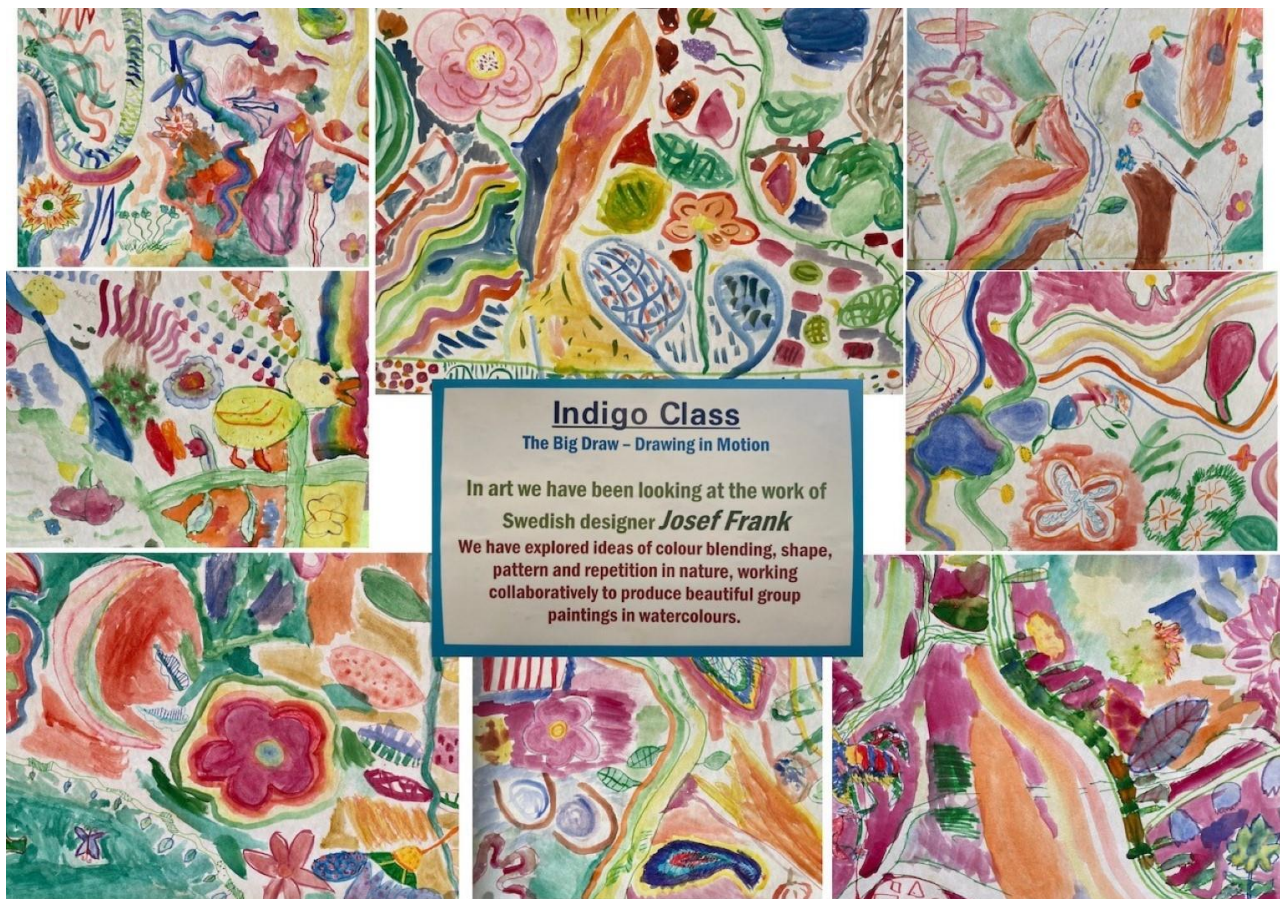
Children in UV also had a great discussion about how black history is represented in books and whether books written a long time ago should be censored or edited. Well done everyone – you demonstrated great thinking skills and sensitivity. Mrs Gladstone

UV Science - Classification UV enjoyed classifying leaves from flowering and non-flowering plants. Their observations helped them to become aware of features on the leaves and they loved making them into animals.



The Big Draw - Drawing in Motion In art this week Blue and Indigo Classes have been working collaboratively for The Big Draw!

Inspired by the Swedish designer Josef Frank, we have enjoyed painting mini murals in watercolours in preparation for painting a very big, colourful mural in the playground this summer.



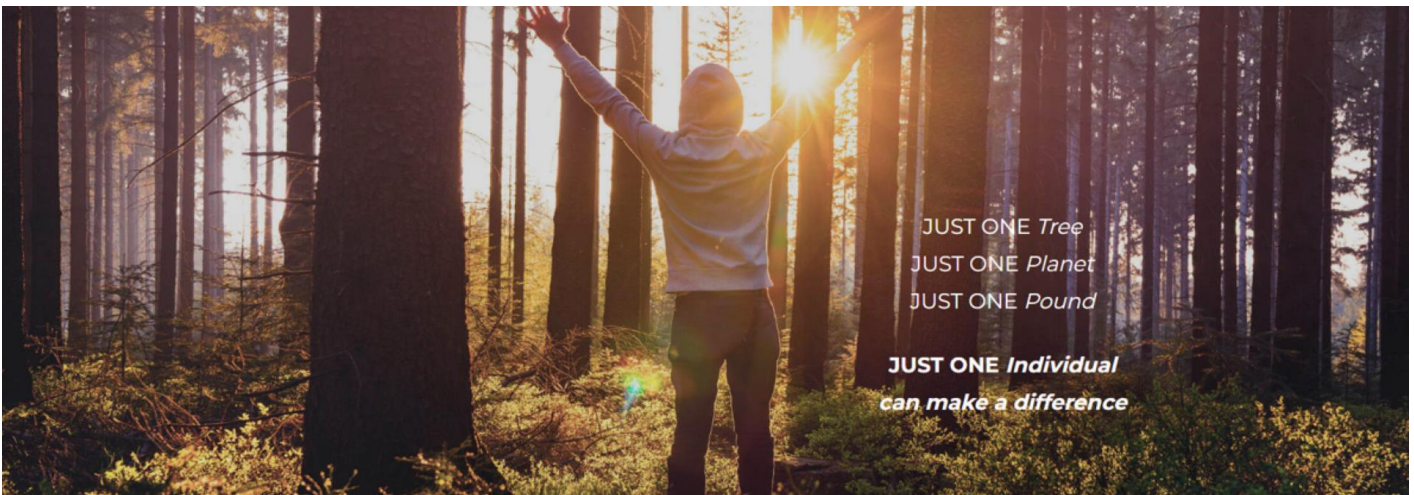
We have been celebrating Diwali in Red Class We made diya lamps and rangoli patterns then had a little party where we danced, listened to music, lit our candles and shared sweets. Happy Diwali!



Just One Tree Day!

Today many of the school dressed in green and then joined together at Assembly time to celebrate Just One Tree Day. The amazing Eco Warriors told everyone some amazing facts about how important trees are for our planet. Did you know one large tree emits enough oxygen for 4 humans to breathe?

Thank you for all your donations of £1 per child, which we will send to the organisation "Just One Tree" initiative to plant trees around the world. We, with many, many other schools have now enabled over 4 million trees to be planted around the world!



Three student violins for sale all in very good condition (pre-owned by an ex Unicorn)

Good quality 1/4 violin, Eastar 1/2 violin and Eastar 3/4.

£40 each or offers welcome.

Please call Natalie on – 07960 972376

Forest School - Orange Class were very spoilt this week at Forest School. Sam, our Leader, prepared a camp fire and toasted popcorn for us to enjoy. The sun shone on this warm autumnal day which made it even more special. There were lots of climbing trees, swaying in the hammock, digging in mud and discovering all the wonderful things that nature brings us.





**For Sale: Spring Free Trampoline –
the UK's safest trampoline**

Large Oval Spring free trampoline – 8 ft by 13 ft jumping area

Specification;

- 2 independent jumping areas
- Full height side netting
- No springs – flexible mat rods which eliminate pinch points
- Hidden frame
- Large vertical and horizontal entry zip
- Wheel attachment for ease of movement/positioning
- Entry ladder
- www.springfreetrampoline.co.uk

Assembly required – very straightforward. Can deliver locally to Kew/Chiswick/Richmond areas

£250.00

Contact: Catherine Taylor (Old Unicorn parent) 07788 723330





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Family run sports shop for over 16 years

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Sports Equipment for All Year Groups

We stock a vast range of equipment for a variety of sports, including rugby, football, cricket, tennis, hockey, and general PE.

New: Printing & Embroidery Service

We now offer a custom printing and embroidery service. Whether it's for a small order like individual shirts or larger orders.

Personalised Orders

We offer personalised items such as t-shirts, hoodies, bags, beanies, and caps.

Leavers Hoodies

We are already taking orders for next year's Leavers Hoodies. If you'd like to discuss designs or see more options, we'd be very happy to hear from you.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Chris Giffen

Managing Director
Sheen Sports
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FREE
VOLUNTEER
COURSE

JOIN HOME-START'S VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Do you have parenting experience and a few hours spare each week? Local charity Home-Start is offering a free volunteer training course to provide emotional and practical support to parents with pre-school children facing challenging times.

Interested? Contact Erin Laybourne
erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161.

Registered charity no: 1108975.



Beavers Children Centre, Hounslow



**Tuesdays: 25th Feb, 4th, 11th, 18th,
25th March & 1st April 2025**



9:45AM - 2:30PM

Young Writers' Festival Competition - Arts Richmond 2024 - age 9+ - scroll down for entry form



Please visit our website for more information and to submit your work: ArtsRichmond.org.uk



Submissions close Friday 6th December 2024

Anthony Horowitz writes:

I am very happy to be working with Arts Richmond and their Young Writers' Festival. I have recently moved to Richmond and love the area... in fact my recent book is set here.

More to the point, I'm always keen to encourage young people to develop their creative skills and if they're living in this area, there's plenty to inspire them. Just walking along the river, in the park or on the green, we're surrounded by history and enchantment and there are stories everywhere. Good luck. And get writing!



Arts Richmond, Room 21, ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham TW1 2AR.
Registered Charity in England and Wales No 251359



Childs Full Name

Home Address

Telephone Number (parent)

Email parent

Date of birth

School year

School name and contact

Title of Work

Please attach this to the entrants work. The entries must be in typed format, handwritten pieces will be disqualified. By completing this form I confirm this is my own/child's work.

Names or contact details must **not** be entered on the work itself.

If emailing please send to YWentries@artsrichmond.org.uk

For full details and rules please go to www.artsrichmond.org.uk

Disclaimer -Arts Richmond do not check for plagiarism, so the responsibility lies with the entrant, parents, carers and schools to do so. Plagiarism is the use of another's work, words, or ideas with attribution and is illegal if it infringes an author's intellectual property rights, including copyright or trademark. There are many – Free Online Plagiarism Checkers and entrants, parents, carers and schools are encouraged to use them before submitting their written piece.

Unicorn Sport week beginning 4 November

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
<p>Mon 4 November</p>	<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. • Violet and UV parents to collect their child from school at 15:35 or at Barnes hockey pitch at 15:00.
<p>Tues 5 November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INDIGO, VIOLET and UV SWIM SQUAD (selected pupils) 15:45 – 16:30 <p>Pools on the Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Swimming lessons for ORANGE CLASS 14:00 – 15:00 	<p>SWIM SQUAD: Parents to collect their child from Pools on the Park at 16:30 or back at school at 16:45.</p>
<p>Wed 6 November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Swimming lessons for INDIGO CLASS 14:00 – 15:00 	
<p>Thurs 7 November</p>	<p>SQUAD for Blue, Indigo, Violet and UV (boys football matches) 15:30 – 16:30</p> <p>Squad address: Old Deer Park (London Welsh), Kew Rd, Richmond TW9 2AZ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Swimming lessons for GREEN CLASS 14:00 – 15:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SQUAD - Parents to collect their child at 16:30 from Old Deer Park or back at school at 16:45. • CHILDREN MUST HAVE SHIN PADS.
<p>Fri 8 November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Swimming lesson for UV 09:00 – 10:00 • Green (all), Blue (all) and Indigo (boys) Games lesson 13:30 – 14:50 	<p>UV parents to drop their child to Pools on the Park at 08:45. If unable to, please email Mrs Young the day before (Barbara.young@unicornschoool.org.uk)</p>

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Games address: Barnes Hockey Pitch, Dan Mason Dr, Chiswick, London W4 2SH

- **INDIGO GIRLS NETBALL MATCHES VS TWICKENHAM PREP SCHOOL**
14:00 – 14:50

Match address: 43 High Street, Hampton, TW12 2SA

- **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 14:50.
INDIGO GIRLS to be collected from school at 15:35 or at match address at 14:50.

Lunch Menu

Week commencing 4 November

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Break	Seeded flapjack (G)	Chocolate and coconut Energy balls	Crudites carrot, cucumber, Peppers and rice cake	Orange cake bites (G, E)	Mini cheese and ham Parcels (G, D)
Mains	Beef meatballs in a Cherry tomato and basil Sauce (G)	BBQ pulled pork with Roasted peppers	WORLD FOOD WEDNESDAY	Haddock fishfingers (F, G)	Salt and pepper chicken Stir fry (S)
Vegetarian Option	Potato gnocchi and Butterbean in green Pesto sauce (D)	Three cheese and Chive quiche (G, E, D)	India Theme Day Chicken korma (M) Potato, spinach and Lentil curry (M) Steamed rice, lime pickle Mango chutney Kachumber salad Roasted cauliflower Mini poppadoms + Salad bar	Mixed beans stuffed Sweet pepper	Garlic tofu, broccoli And mushroom stir fry
Sides	Penne pasta (G) Curly kale Runner beans + Salad bar	Baby new potatoes Corn on the cob Savoy cabbage + Salad bar		Chips Minted peas Baked beans + Salad bar	Egg fried rice (E) Stir fry vegetables Sweetcorn + Salad bar
Dessert	Coconut and cherry cake (G) + fresh fruit	Fresh fruit salad + fresh fruit	Mixed berry cheesecake (G, D) + fresh fruit	Bread and butter pudding With custard (G) + fresh fruit	Mixed very berry cake (G) + fresh fruit

Contains: G = Gluten

D = Dairy

E = Egg

F = Fish

Se = Sesame

M = Mustard

S = Soya

SF = Seafood

SP = Sulphite