



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Academic Results Update

We have just received confirmation of our pupils results for academic year 2010-2011. The children's wonderful commitment to and enthusiasm for learning is central to Lowther pupils doing so well. This has been fundamental to the children's successes over time.—for which the progress they make is recognised as outstanding. We want the children to love learning.

Below is a summary of some of the key points. We will add further information to the "How are we performing" section of the website in the coming weeks. Please note that these first tables of results are purely "Attainment" - what the children actually got—they tell no story of the learning journey the child has had and give no indication of the rounded education we try to provide at Lowther—including a child's spiritual, creative, moral and social growth.

Key Stage 1 — Results are very positive and generally on an upward trend.

RAW ATTAINMENT 2011		L2C+	L2B+	L2A+	L3
Reading	School	92	88	48	32
	National	85	74	50	26
Writing	School	88	64	24	0
	National	81	61	33	13
Maths	School	100	84	60	24
	National	90	74	47	20

Key Stage 2 — Results were excellent again.

RAW ATTAINMENT 2011		L4+	L5+
English	School	91	30
	National	80	29
Maths	School	91	48
	National	80	35
English and Maths combined	School	87	22
	National	74	21

Attainment at the end of Key Stage 2 based on average point score over the last 5 years

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
School	29.4	29.5	28.5	28.6	28.8
National	28.0	27.9	27.8	27.4	27.5
Significance	Sig +	Sig +		Sig +	Sig +

(Sig + means pupils have performed significantly above the national average)

VALUE ADDED AT LOWTHER

For us as a school the most important results are the "value added" results—these give a much clearer indication of the progress the children have made and more about their own learning journey.

Added value at Lowther in 2011			
Year	Overall	English	Maths
School	101.8	101.4	102.2
National	100.0	100.0	100.0

These results are all significantly above both the school's expected success rate and the overall national picture.

Our overall added value for 2011 for all subjects combined ranks Lowther in the **TOP 5%** of schools nationally. For the last 6 years we have been in the top 13% of schools for value added. This includes 2 years in the top 1%.

Harvest on Tuesday

Harvest assembly is this Tuesday in the hall at 9.30am. Do come along if you'd like to hear the children sing and perform. Donations are shared with our local elderly community. Please bring any donations to the hall. Also, if you know of someone who'd appreciate a food parcel do let Wendy Wriglesworth know. Many thanks.

NSPCC Stunner!

A HUGE thank you to you all for the wonderful work you have done in supporting the NSPCC. The school has raised a whopping £1021.14 so far. This is truly amazing—a really fantastic effort.

Governor Elections

Governors play a crucial role in the leadership of your school. Please do vote for one of our 3 excellent candidates in the current elections. Closing date 12 noon 11th October 2011.

Building Update

Raouf in Y6 will be updating the progress of the new building via the website each week. Look out for his photos and comments as the site progresses.
www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk/building-progress.php

Sustainable Lowther

It was Barnes Food Fair just over a week ago and Lowther's allotment and cooking project took part. Wendy Wriglesworth and her team of helpers raised a very healthy £55 by selling produce from our allotment. Well done the sustainability team!



DEADLINE EXTENDED!

I have extended the photo competition deadline until this coming Friday (the 14th October 2011). Do enter— there are so many different things that the children could class as special. And don't forget parents, relatives etc can enter too!

We've had about 25 entries so far — let's try and beat the total of 80 entries we received for the colour competition last year. I look forward to seeing your SEPCIAL pictures very soon.

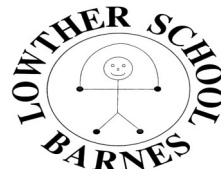
<p>Teaching Assitant Vacancy Teaching Assistant for Year 1 Part Time 3 days per week</p> <p>Maternity Cover</p> <p>Start date 31st October 2011 Fixed term contract until August 2012</p>	<p>Closing date: 14th October 2011 Interviews: 18th October 2011</p> <p>For further information or to request an application pack: Sharon Day Lowther Primary School</p>
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THE LOWTHER FAMILY GOLDEN STANDARD!

Do you know about the Lowther Family Golden Standard? Every week Mr Tuffney, Mrs Colenso and Mrs Webster choose one child that they believe has shone academically, socially or who has just gone that extra mile. Their photos are displayed on the golden standard wall for all to see.

So far this year, these children have made THE LOWTHER FAMILY-GOLDEN STANDARD;

Luca Pajkanowic (Maple), Emiljana Blini (Y6), Keontez Armstrong (Elm), Xavier Mead (Y3), Seana Johanssen-Keys (Y6), Fawz Omran (Y5), Erin Butler (Y4), Christina Stoianov (Maple), Freya Reynolds (Elm), Hanaa Benrahal (Y5), Amanda Alushi (Beech), Shannon Fiddis (Y6), Emily Badu (Beech) Connie Benton (Y4), Yazan Al-Hamri (Y6) and Lottie Russon (Maple). Well done to you all!



New whole school photo coming to the lobby soon!

Work on the Website

Do check your child's class page on the website in the coming weeks—we will be displaying some of their work as well as including photos of trips out. Do let me know if there are other areas of school life that you would like to be able to access via the website.

Trips out

Trips and visitors are a really important part of the curriculum here at Lowther. We want children to experience learning in different ways. We also love taking advantage of all the wonderful opportunities being a school in London offers. We are committed to making these trips as cheap as possible and to provide a variety of enrichment opportunities. Parents are welcome on trips, please check with your child's teacher if you would like to accompany the children on the trip.



Attendance

At Lowther we have a whole school attendance target of 96%. Obviously we would like all the children to aim for 100% attendance. Missing a day, or even a morning off school seriously affects your child's learning. Lot's of lessons are sequential and children can find it difficult to catch up.

Class attendance figures to date are as follows:

Willow	99%
Oak	98%
Beech	95%
Pine	94%
Maple	92%
Elm	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	97%

The Lowther Family League

Have you seen our new board? Each class has a chart to record their running totals for being 'class of the week', having the best attendance for the week and the number of gold certificates they've received from the behaviour target.

So far totals look like this;

Attendance	Gold	Class of the Week
Willow	1	
Oak		
Beech	1	
Pine	3	1
Maple	1	1
Elm	2	1
Year 3	2	1
Year 4	1	1
Year 5	2	3
Year 6	1	

Thank you for your support with this.