



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Quiz night is back!

Last year the PTA held a rather fantastic quiz night. It really was a blast, so much so in fact that they're going to be hosting another one. The quiz is going to be on Friday 24th January at 730pm. There will be drinks available and lots of fun rounds and as last year there will also be a teachers team (for you to beat!) Make sure you get your tickets when they're released as last time it was a complete sell out.



100% attendance week—13th January 2014

So far this year the attendance for our school is 96% - which is our school target for the year. Next week we'd really love every one to try their very best to be at school every single day. There is a little prize for every child that comes in each and every day. Let's see whether we can get 100% for the whole school—that'd be awesome!

Class	Attendance % <i>from September 2013—January 2014</i>
Oak	94% - below school target
Willow	96% - school target level
Pine	95% - below school target
Beech	96% - school target level
Elm	97% - above school target
Maple	97% - above school target
3T	97% - above school target
3S	97% - above school target
4J	96% - school target level
4B	96% - school target level
5	96% - school target level
6	98% - 1st place!

2014— the best year ever!

I'd like to start 2014 by predicting the future! I think 2014 is going to be a special year, perhaps the best ever? My assembly on Tuesday morning was about how 2014 is going to be the best year ever. Just think, it could be the year that your child

- Learns all their timetables
- Get 10 out of 10 on their spelling every week
- Learns to ride a bike
- Represents the school at sports for the first time
- Writes their best ever story
- Bakes their first ever cake

The possibilities are endless.

My challenge to the children is—why not? Why couldn't 2014 be the best year ever? Why couldn't you achieve those marvellous things? So let's get cracking—and make 2014 a year to remember for all of us. I look forward to seeing the children achieve wonderful new and exciting things.

Inter Class Bake off—Lowther Style!

As you may well be aware, cooking is the most popular subject at Lowther and we have lots of very talented cooks. To further encourage this love of cooking we're going to be holding a class competition next week.

At the end of the day there will be the tasting of the cakes—do drop in to try a slice from your child's class if you'd like on the Thursday after school.



Mr. Tuffney's Golden Award



Lowther Family Golden Standard Superstar

Congratulations to the first children to be awarded the Golden Standard in 2014.

Katie (Y5) Rawnaq (Y3)

Sebastian (Y2) Olive (Y1)

All Golden Standards from this school year can be found on the school website.

Term dates

There are lots of things planned for this half term - there is also a school calendar online but here are some of the key dates.

W/c 13th January — 100% attendance week

Wednesday 15th January — Great Lowther Bake off

Thursday 16th January — Y6 Magistrates visit

Thursday 23rd January — Army Museum trip

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th January — Lowther's got Talent auditions

+ PTA quiz night (7.30pm)

Monday 27th January—Y4 Victoria and Albert museum trip

Y5 trip to the National Gallery

Thursday 30th January — Y3 to visit the National gallery

Friday 31st January — Lowther's got Talent (The Final)

Thursday 6th February — Y1 trip to the National Gallery

Y1 and 2 parent workshops

Friday 7th February — Rec to Y2 Drama workshops

Tuesday 11th February — Reception visit the National Gallery

Thursday 13th February — Y3 sharing assembly

+ KSI assembly

W/c 17th February — Half Term

End of year fun

We had a really exciting and fun end to 2013. The Christmas Panto, the parties, Christmas dinner, the wonderful nativity show, the awesome Christmas fair—thank you all so much for helping to make it such a special time for the children. It's wonderful to share such happy times together as a school family.



Important message for Nursery parents

Don't forget that for children born between the 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010 parents need to apply before the 15th January 2014 for a Reception place in Sept 14. Applications should be made via eadmissions.org.uk. Our Reception classes are normally over-subscribed so please ensure you meet this deadline.

Nativity 2013 DVD

A huge thank you to Dr Smith (Lola's granddad) who has very kindly produced a DVD recording of the school nativity. They are now available for collection from the school office for those families that have ordered them. If you haven't ordered a copy and would like one there are still a few left. They're priced at only £5—with all proceeds going to school. Don't forget there's also a free online gallery of photos too.

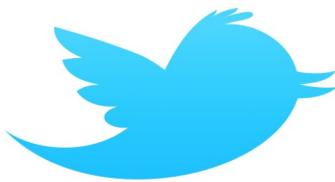


Unblocking the Community Project

Special lids are still available from the front desk for the collection of used cooking oil. Please remember they only want oil stored in tin cans e.g. tin tomatoes/beans no other containers are acceptable for safety reasons. Thank you in advance.

Bring out the Branston!

Did you spot Lowther on the Branston TV ad over the Christmas holidays? If you didn't you can check it out on YouTube. We've now featured in two national adverts over the last few months. This provides a very welcome source of income for the school (as well as getting us on the telly!)



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter—we update the feed pretty regularly—it's an easy way for you to keep in the loop about school events and news.

Free School Meals

Don't forget to claim for free school meals if you are entitled to. You don't actually HAVE to have the school meal. The school receives funding for each free school meal place and so this helps the whole school community. Enquire at the office for further details.

Dad's Messy Play **FREE**

Saturday 25 January 2014
Saturday 22 February 2014
Saturday 29 March 2014
10.00 to 11.00am

Drop in to
 Barnes Children's Centre, Lowther Primary School
 Stillingfleet Road, Barnes SW18 0AE

www.richmond.gov.uk/childrens_centres

Kew, Barnes, Mortlake and East Sheen Children's Centre
020 3021 1990



If you want to have some fun sign up for **LOWTHER'S GOT TALENT!** The deadline for signing up is Monday 20th January.

You have to be aged between 5-11 to audition (Year 1 to 6) ☺



Photos

We take lots of pictures of school events, shows etc. We always put these galleries online or up around the school. If you'd like either an electronic copy or printed copy of any picture then do enquire at the office. There's no charge—however if you'd like to make a small donation to the school that would be very much appreciated.

Staff news

We're delighted to welcome Miss O'Connor as our new Y3S teacher. She replaces Miss Shaw who has returned to her previous role in TV. Miss O'Connor is very excited about working with all the awesome learners in Y3.

You can sing, dance, perform magic, comedy, sports and more.



Auditions: Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th January 2014 from 9.30 a.m

Show: Friday 31st January 2014 from 2-3pm



Fit for Sport

FFS are working hard to really increase the range of activities that happen at after school club. With new leader Marvin now increasing the number of adults at after school club to 4 they're expecting to offer cool activities such as

Street dance, cooking, gymnastics, arts and crafts and more.

All of these activities will be on a regular basis. We've also requested that more resources are purchased for the club such as new board games so there is even more for the children to do. Enquire at the office for further details on any of our extended day care services, including of course our wonderful breakfast club.

