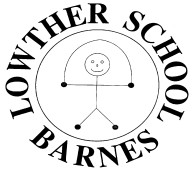


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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Great first 4 months of 2018!

We've loved the first few months of 2018—the children have been awesome and achieved so much already this school year. Apologies for the delay to the release of this newsletter, it was originally due on the last day of term. I hope you had a fantastic Easter break with the children, we're all focused, excited and ready to have our best term of the school year. Bring it on!

Barnes Primary Expansion Update

At the end of last term a group of Lowther parents met to discuss the proposal to expand Barnes Primary School. As you will remember, previously the school objected on statistical fact based evidence, most importantly on the potential financial impact the plans would have on both our school and other local schools. Lowther parents have been very proactive in now setting up a group to formally object to the proposals. As a school, governors and myself are continuing to try and work with the council to ensure that decisions are made that are in the best interests of the whole community. If you'd like to get involved with the group of parents leading the objection then please do let the office know and they will put you in contact.

Community Day

Thank you all for such a fantastic day back in March. The costumes and hair styles were truly awesome. We raised nearly £500 for Sports Relief too—so a very successful day all round—and a lot of fun too! We hope to have a gallery of photos on the website soon.



Sporting News

What a match! Lowther took part in an incredible football match at the end of term in the semi-finals of the cup. With the scores locked at 1-1 after extra-time a penalty shoot out beckoned. Lowther triumphed 3-2 in the shoot-out and progress to the final! Well done to all of the squad.

The Basketball squad battled valiantly to defend their championship title, winning their opening four matches, but succumbed in the semi-finals by just 1 basket, with their final shot in the closing seconds bouncing off the rim. Their results this year have however have been excellent and have seen them qualify for a chance to represent Richmond at the London Youth Games.

Really fantastic work by both squads.



Safe Parking

Thank you to those of you that park carefully in the mornings and at pick up. This is so important as it concerns the children's safety. Please note there is NO parking on the zig zags during any part of the school day. Also please don't park dangerously or on road corners. The local authority are sending more ticket inspectors to check in the mornings and afternoons. Thank you in advance for your support



Y4's Rocking Show!

If you didn't see it then you missed a treat! The Y4 show "Shakespeare Rocks" was an extremely well acted and beautifully performed show. The children delivered a polished and professional show, with all the fun of a production by children. A real triumph, well done Year 4!

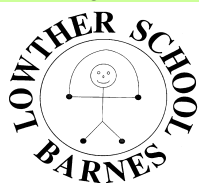


Our Website

What changes would you like to see? What do you use the website for? How easy do you find the current site to navigate. I'd be really interested to hear parents opinions on the school website and what developments they would like to see in the future. Do come and talk to me or get in touch if you have some ideas and feedback,

Richmond Singing Festival

Mr Gradidge took the school choir to the Richmond Singing festival. I have been reliably informed that they smashed the concert and did Lowther proud. We were all lucky enough to get a glimpse of the quality with their two songs at the Spring Breakfast—talking of which, wasn't that a marvellous morning? Y3 provided a superb centre piece to a highly enjoyable morning of songs and poems. Well done children—and thank you all for your fantastic support in attending our school events. We love performing to a big appreciative audience.



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Special feature on life in Year 6 and life after Lowther for our pupils

Parents often ask where children go on to from Lowther, when they leave in Year 6? In this feature you'll be able to see the range of schools that children move on to when they "graduate" Lowther. Children at Lowther do very well and so go on to a wide variety of secondary schools. Most stay in the state sector but many sit entrance exams for selective schools.

Children from Lowther have gone on to the following state schools over the last few years:

Richmond Park Academy, Christ's, Grey Court, Wes London Free, Burlington Danes, Chiswick, Richmond upon Thames School, Ark Putney and Lady Margaret's.

In the selective system, children from Lowther have either gone on to, or had offers from, the following schools: Ibstock, Harrodian, St Paul's Girls, The Oratory, Emmanuel, Latymer and Godolphin, Putney High, Latymer Upper, Wimbledon Park, Lady Eleanor Holles, Tiffin and Kingston Grammar amongst others. These places include ones offered as full scholarships or bursaries as well as fee-paying places.

At Lowther we believe our job is to ensure children are well set up and prepared for the next step in their education, wherever that may be. Our children are successful because they work hard, have a fantastic attitude, enjoy school and are well taught. Feedback from parents indicates that pupils from Lowther leave in Year 6 as confident, socially adept individuals with a positive attitude to school and to learning.

Please do come and talk to me if you'd like to know more about secondary schools and where our children go on to.

KS2 data summary with the local and National context.

| Measure | Kingston 2017 | Richmond 2017 | National 2017 | LOWTHER 2016 | LOWTHER 2017 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| RWM Expected Standard | 64% | 76% | 61% | 60% | 66% |
| Reading Expected Standard | 76% | 86% | 71% | 87% | 91% |
| Writing Expected Standard (TA) | 76% | 84% | 76% | 62% | 71% |
| GPS Expected Standard | 85% | 89% | 77% | 80% | 91% |
| Maths Expected Standard | 82% | 86% | 70% | 75% | 93% |
| Science Expected Standard (TA) | 87% | 89% | 82% | 84% | 83% |

How well do children do at Lowther?

At this time of year secondary school offers are being made and children in Year 6 prepare to take their SATs tests. Consequentially, I thought it would be helpful for parents to share how well pupils at Lowther do academically.

The table to the left shows the academic results from last year (2017) for pupils in Year 6—the children's last year of primary school. As you can see, pupils from Lowther achieved very well and our results were higher than the national average in all areas.

In Richmond, the primary schools are of an exceptional standard, so much so that Richmond normally tops the charts nationally for the performance of their primary schools. Each of those schools is different in its make up and Lowther is certainly quite different in its demographic to most Richmond Schools. A simple example of that difference is the percentage of children that speak another language. Nationally it is 20% in Richmond it is 20%, whilst at Lowther it is 38%.

Lowther more than holds its own with the high-performing schools as you can see from the set of 3 graphs. These graphs show the average scaled score of pupils at Lowther compared to their peers in other Richmond schools. Lowther children perform very well and we sit comfortably in the middle of the 65 primary schools in Richmond and Kingston.

We're very proud of how well our children perform academically and this year's Year 6 are currently working super hard to ensure they get the results they deserve (And of course try and beat last year's Year 6!).

Do come and talk to me if there's any aspect of the school's academic data that you'd like to discuss in more detail. You can also find out more via the "How are we performing" section of the school website. I hope you find the information interesting and useful.

Average Scaled score Reading

Average scaled score Maths

Average scaled score GPS

