



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Final Newsletter of the Year

It's that time already! Thank you all for a truly memorable year at Lowther. It really is a privilege to be working with such a fantastic group of people. The strength of our school is the way that parents, the school and children all work together — it really is something I believe to be very special. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September for another year of awesome learning at Lowther.



School Journey News

Year 6 had a great time in the Isle of Wight last week experiencing all sorts of different things such as surfing, go-karting, ice skating and lots more. They were all superbly behaved and brilliant fun. Well done Year 6 on a really ace school journey.

Assessment Results 2013

The children in Year 2 and Year 6 did very well in their recent assessments. The SATs as they are commonly known are an important part of school life. For us as a school the most significant part of these are the progress the children make and how many of their personal targets they smash. I will share this progress data towards the start of next year as it is not available yet. Below are what I call "the raw scores on the doors" These are the actual results, and whilst we are very pleased with how well the children have done they do not tell the full story of the children's academic progress and their social and emotional growth. In addition attitude to learning is not indicated in "raw scores" and I believe this underpins what Lowther is all about. If you want to know more about assessments and data please do come and talk to me. Well done Year 2 and 6 on some cracking raw scores on the doors!

Key Stage 1 Results

Year 2	2012 - 2013		
	2B+	2A+	3
Reading	88%	57%	37%
Writing	80%	56%	29%
Maths	88%	64%	35%
Science	100%	100%	8%

Key Stage 2 Results

Year 6	2012- 2013			
	Lowther Level 4+	Typical National average L4	Lowther Level 5	Typical National average L5
Reading	92%	86%	60%	48%
Writing	92%	81%	24%	28%
Spelling, grammar and punctuation	96%	n/a	72%	n/a
Maths	92%	80%	60%	35%
Science	100%	92%	68%	43%

Typical national averages at Y6 are indicated though these may change, official data has not yet been released.

Recycling Success

Miss Treble and Eco-Team were delighted with the response to the Wastebusters challenge—we had a total of 900kg of recycled materials and electronics—a remarkable success. Thank you all for getting so involved.



What a show!

Well done to Year 6 who put on a truly fantastic performance of "The Wiz" A gallery of snaps will be online soon.

Barnes Fair Success

Wow! What a success the Barnes fair was for Lowther. So many children from the lower school took part in the parade. Their fantastic efforts resulted in them scooping the "Lonsdale Cup" - a really terrific effort. In addition a special well done to Alfie and Ella in Y5 who came joint first in the quiz only to miss out in the sudden death tie breaker. School governors also ran a very successful Lowther stall at the fair and made a very healthy profit of over £600.

Staff leavers

We will be saying goodbye and good luck to our departing teachers and staff on Wednesday 24th July at 2.30pm. You're very welcome to come along and join us for the assembly.

Asda fame!

We were approached recently as to whether Asda could use our school grounds for some of their advertising. We said "yes" so look out for the school on the TV and in the press in August.

Reports

Thank you for the feedback regarding your child's reports. We hope you've found them informative and useful. I have to say it was pleasure reading all the reports as so many of the children have had a truly marvellous year. Well done children on some really fantastic learning!

17,000 vouchers!

Thank you all for collecting the Sainsbury's vouchers—we managed to collect over 17,000 of them. Amazing! Mr Pritchard has been busy choosing some new PE equipment to buy using the vouchers. I'm especially pleased as my request for new basketballs has been granted!

**Sports Day 2013**

I hope you enjoyed Sports Day as much as I did (and the children did!) We thought our slightly amended format seemed to work pretty well and loved seeing so many children really go for it—and all with a smile on their face too! Look out for an online gallery soon.

**The LAFTAs**

At Lowther we all fully believe in celebrating success. At school we have numerous rewards for children that show a great attitude to school — certificates, stickers, stars, bling blings, medals, competitions, extra play, the golden standard, positions of responsibility, class of the week, attendance prizes — the list goes on. We wanted to expand this further and so hence in 2012 the LAFTAs were born (Lowther Awards For Terrific Achievement/Attitude) Whilst only a few children win prizes for this we hope over the course of the year all of the children across the school will have been recognised positively in some way for their efforts and achievements. Well done to all the children who have been nominated for a very well deserved prize. I look forward to helping award the trophies next Tuesday.

An extract from the Annual School Evaluation 2013

At the end of each year the whole school team write an evaluation of the successes of the year and the areas we need to work on and develop. This is presented to governors by the senior leadership team. The aim of the report is to allow us to really analyse the school's strengths and areas for developments. From this the governors then work with school leaders to develop the school improvement plan. Below is the closing paragraph from the Headship teams report.



There is no doubt who the stars of the show are...the amazing children of the Lowther School Family. They deserve the fantastic recognition given to them by Ofsted as they truly are a pleasure to work with every day.

Lowther will continue to keep moving forward and continue to help develop pupils that are "truly delightful". After all, pupil happiness, well-being and engendering a love of school and learning are the most important gifts we as a school can give our pupils.

**Classes and Teachers for next year**

Sorry for any confusion from the last newsletter — here is confirmation of the children's class and teacher for next year.

Year group for 2013-	Teacher for 2013-2014	Children's Current class
Nursery	Mrs.Murphy	
Willow	Mrs.Webster	-
Oak	Miss Ross-McCall	-
Beech	Miss Meacher	Willow
Pine	Miss Honeysett	Oak
Maple	Miss Treble	Pine
Elm	Mrs Puddephatt <i>(formerly Mrs Shaw)</i>	Beech
Y3T	Miss Tennant	Elm
Y3S	Miss Shaw	Maple
Y4J	Miss Jones	Y3CR
Y4B	Mrs.Bracegirdle Mr. Agarwal <i>(1 day)</i>	Y3S
Y5	Mr.Nelson	Y4
Y6	Mr.Pritchard	Y5

How happy do you feel at Lowther?

Yes, mega 88%	Yes, very 4%	Yes, quite 4%	A bit 2%	No 2%
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Leavers Assembly

We will be celebrating Year 6's graduation from Lowther on Thursday 25th July at 1.30pm. This will be a happy occasion as we wish them all goodbye and good luck as they fly onto bigger and better things. They've been a really fantastic class so do come along if you want to give them a cheer.

The start and end of school

We finish term at **2.30pm on Thursday 25th July 2013**

We come back at **8.55am on Wednesday 4th September**