



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Look out for the new whole school photo coming to the lobby soon!

What a super half term!

Thank you all for a terrific half term of learning. There have been so many highlights that it'd be impossible to recount them all. I believe that the children deserve special credit for the way they have seamlessly stepped up to a new year group and hit the ground running. I just know the rest of the school year is going to be amazing!

Dates for the second half of Autumn Term

The half term before Christmas is always busy so you may like to get these dates in your diary now.

- 27 to 31 Oct - half term
- 4 Nov - Reception to Wisley
- 5, 6 & 7 Nov - Reception Parents Meetings
- 5 Nov - Yr 4 to Kensington Palace
- 6 Nov - Yr 1 to Gunnersbury Museum
- 12 Nov - Yr 2M to Richmond Museum
- 13 Nov - Yr 6 to Richmond Museum
- 13 Nov am- Yr 2 E to Richmond Museum
- 13 Nov - Take Over Day
- 21 Nov - Yr 5 Science Museum
- 21 Nov - Christmas Bazaar for Adults only 6.30 to 9.30pm
- 27 Nov - Yr 4 Royal Albert Hall
- 28 Nov MUFTI day for Christmas Fair Tombola Prizes
- 1 Dec - Yr 3 Science Museum
- 4 Dec - Pantomime
- 5 Dec - Christmas Fair
- 10 Dec - Yr 1 Carol Concert
- 11 Dec - Yr 2 Christmas Performance
- 12 Dec Christmas Jumper Charity competition
- 15 Dec - KS1 Party
- 16 Dec - KS2 Party
- 18 Dec Whole School Holy Trinity Church Service
- Trip
- 19 Dec - Christmas lunch
- 19 Dec Last day of term

Flash Friday - renamed now as Fabulous Friday!

Wow! I thought Friday was an amazing team effort—thank you all for your marvellous commitment to supporting the school. We're delighted to announce that your magnificent efforts have resulted in us raising £5200 towards the ground's improvement plan. That's incredible! We have booked for the artificial grass to be fitted to the football goalmouths and along the adventure trail during the half term break. We are also in the process of looking at quotes and deciding on the best way forward with the foundation stage outside space. We hope to be able to release plans for that soon. We hope everyone loves the work that will be done when we all return after the half term break. Thank you once more for your unbelievable support!



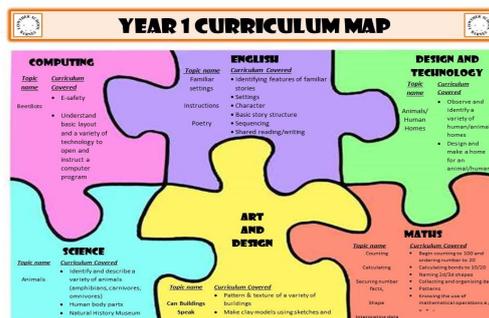
Other news and updates

- 19 children from Years 1 to 6 have already received the Golden Standard this year for an outstanding contribution to school life - well done children on a terrific achievement
- 18 out of 31 pupils in Y6 have taken on positions of responsibility across the school
- Attendance across the school has been excellent (over 97%!)
- We have 28 clubs operating this term (18 in KS2 and 10 in KS1)
- Reception children have enjoyed a very successful phased induction—well done children!

The curriculum—now online for parents

Each half term we will be publishing the curriculum for Years 1 to 6 on the school website. The idea behind this is to allow parents to see more clearly what children are studying each half term. Next half term's will be published shortly. Simply visit and check out your class' jigsaw map (see right)

<http://www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk/curriculum.php>



Goodbye and good luck

We wish Mrs Benrahah (our Nursery Nurse) and Zoe (one of our SMSA team) all the very best as they head off to exciting new ventures. A massive thank you to them for their brilliant contribution to the Lowther School Family.

An update from Mrs Colenso

I can't believe we've almost completed half a term already! Time certainly flies when you're having fun and the children always make sure that school is a thoroughly enjoyable place to be.

We've worked together on the weekly behaviour targets which have included whole school focuses on improving our movement around the building; keeping the school litter free and expressing our opinions to name a few!



Are you following us on twitter? We're trying to use this method of communication more and more for those last minute bits of information, so please do follow us on @LowtherSchool. Our tweets filter straight through to our website as well so you don't even need to log in to Twitter.

Have a lovely half term – see you in November!

Class	Golds
Beech	3
Pine	6
Maple	5
Elm	4
3C	3
3H	3
4J	3
4B	5
5P	2
5N	4
6	3
TOTALS	41

RPA Results

Many of our children go on to RPA. You can view their latest GCSE results on their website here.

<https://sites.google.com/a/aetinet.org/ri-chmond-park-academy-website/students/latest-gcse-results>

Pupil Parliament

Well done to Xavier and Jenin in Y6 who recently represented Lowther at the Borough's pupil parliament. They did a marvellous job of being ambassadors for our school (and also enjoyed getting to meet the mayor!)



Harvest Celebration

I know I'm probably very biased but I thought Harvest was fantastic this year. The children performed superbly and with so much joy and confidence. Thank you for your support of this annual event, it's always great to see the hall full with an appreciative audience.



Attendance news!

Attendance across the school has been excellent. This is extremely pleasing—so a huge thank you to you all. It really is a set of highly impressive figures— we all should all aim to sustain this across the whole school year.

Class	Oak	Wil-low	Pine	Beech	Elm	Maple	3C	3H	4J	4B	5P	5N	6
Attendance	96%	96%	97%	98%	97%	97%	99%	97%	98%	98%	96%	98%	97%

School total attendance for first half term Autumn 2014 = **97.19%**

Staff vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for staff. We require a qualified full-time Nursery Nurse. We also need a lunchtime supervisor to work Monday to Friday from 12 until 1.30pm. If you're interested in either of the positions please do enquire at the office.

Governors update from Philip Mead—Chair of the Communication Committee

An important part of the role of governance is how we support and challenge the school with delivering a fantastic education here at Lowther. We want to be able to communicate clearly and effectively with parents. Last year we set up two meetings for parents where we were able to share and discuss the school improvement plan, school data and the progress we're making. We'll be setting a date for the school data meeting shortly and will communicate this via the newsletter.



Your Parent Governors

We have two elected parent governors that sit on the governing body. Our current parent governors are Jo O'Shea (who is mum of Hope (Y6) and Grace (Y5P) and Howard Smith (Greta (Y1) and Mia's (Y4J) dad.) Their terms of office are for 4 years. Their role is to represent the parent body and support and challenge the school leadership team with the development plans for the school and to help sustain excellent school performance. Parent governors are always very happy to talk to parents about any school matters. Both Howard and Jo are regularly around the school so do look out for them.

