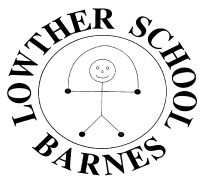


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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

This half term.....

It's a short one but a big one! There's only 3 weeks of this term left as I write this newsletter. We're aiming to pack in events and learning galore. Judging by the first two weeks back, the children have got the message loud and clear—there's not a second to waste!

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We have started collecting Sainsbury's coupons again. The collection box is on the front desk so please do drop any you have in. Last year we got the giant Connect 4 and lots of other fun playtime equipment. Thanks in advance for your help.

DON'T FORGET! Friday 11th March is Community Day—one of our big annual events, including the fun run, lots of super activities for all the children and sports matches too. The full details will be issued next week.

Swimming Success!

Mrs. Webster was super impressed with the KS2 swimming squad. The competition is always super fierce and so our children that have made it though qualifying to the finals have done really superbly. A special well done to Alejandro, Eshan and Alex who are in the Y3/5/6 boys freestyle finals respectively. And also to the Boys Medley squad of Eshan, Alex and Kai. A really terrific achievement.



PTA Dates and news

The PTA have some event dates to announce.

PTA meeting (all welcome) -
Wednesday 9th March at
9.30am in the Staff Room

Summer Term—Fun Quiz Night

The Summer Fair—Saturday
25th June

Barnes Fair Parade—Saturday
9th July

We're always delighted to receive support from parents in any capacity. Please do try and get involved.

Please remember that all applications for nursery 2016 must be received by the closing date of Friday 11 March and the agreed date for offers across both boroughs to be shared is from Friday 6 May 2016.

Football Glory!

Mr. Green and his Year 5/6 football team produced a set of superb performances to win their tournament this week. This is our first football tournament victory in years. Hopefully the start of many more footie victories. This year is turning in to one of our most successful sporting years ever. Go team Lowther!



Parent's Evening

I hope you found this weeks parents' evenings useful. As you will know we have adapted the format of the evening to ensure greater consistency across the year groups. Teachers are always happy to talk to parents about their child's learning and so please do feel free to drop in and talk to your child's teacher.

Assembly themes

We have lots of different themes over the course of the year in our assemblies. This term I've been working with the children on different strategies they can use in the playground to deal with any potential conflicts. Play times are really happy times at Lowther but we are always looking at ways we can make them even better.

Dads' Football

The next match is Friday 11th March at 7pm. If you'd like to get involved see Sam (Nell in Y1's dad) or Dave Green. It's great fun and we'd love more dads involved.



Double Winners!

They've only gone and retained their trophy! Our Year 3/4 basketball squad produced another set of super performances to win the Richmond Knights tournament this week. Their shiny trophy is sitting proudly on the front desk. The team have now won all their matches this season and won two tournaments. Super stuff!

Then later in the week our Y56 squad produced their best performances of the year to come away with 2 wins and 2 losses in an excellent team performance.



Assessment meeting

Thank you to those of you that came to the assessment meeting for parents, it was great to share ideas and listen to such good questions. We have put the presentation on the school website, under the parent's information tab. If you weren't able to come along and you'd like to know more then please do speak to any of the class teachers or senior leaders at the school.

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World Book Day 2016

Today has been fantastic—just look at the costumes below! Thank you all for the fantastic support you give to school events, it's always very much appreciated.



Home-work Quality

I must say I've been incredibly impressed with the range and quality of children's homework over the course of this year. A massive thank you to all of you for how you support the children with this learning. It's

Production Time!

We're delighted to announce that the Y4 and 5 production this year will be The Rocky Monster Show. We've not done this particular show before and I know it's bound to be a cracker. The children are busily preparing and are very much looking forward to putting on a great show. Get the date in your diary now!

Monday 21/3 7pm

Wednesday 22 /3 530pm

Secondary School places and more.....

Our Y6 pupils have had their initial secondary school place allocation. You'll be pleased to know that all the children that wanted RPA have been offered a place. There will be some movement over the coming weeks and months but I thought you'd appreciate a quick update on the secondary situation. These were the initial offers.

- Richmond Park Academy 21
- Christ's 6
- Burlington Danes 1
- Holland Park 1
- Grey Court 1
- West London Free 1
- Fulham Boys 1
- Orleans 1
- Wandsworth places 4
- No offer 5

If you'd like to talk to me about secondary places then please do.



Healthy and Activity Week

13th-15th June 2016

We are organising a whole week full of exercise, sport and healthy eating and cooking activities. This will involve staff, PTA, parents and professional sportsmen and sportswomen. We hope to raise awareness, inspire children and adults and raise money for charity and school! We have lots of ideas but would love you to come to us with more.

The week will culminate with Sports Day on Thursday 16th June.

Please contact Victoria Coward with any ideas.

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I was so impressed with the Year 3 and 4 Art Gallery this week. We love art at Lowther!

Behaviour Target Update!

This week the children have been focusing on keeping some of our basic rules fresh in their minds.

Some of these relate to Mr T's current series of 'Happy and Safe Playtimes' assemblies.

Others relate to the children making healthy choices and taking pride in being part of the LSF.

Having your support with these is really valued and strengthens the chances of whole-school success.

Here they are!

1. **We take pride in having the correct uniform!**
2. **(no boots/leggings/bright trainers)**
3. **We know 'play fighting' can lead to upset - so we don't have it!**
4. **Healthy snacks only - (fruit and veg ok - no sweets, crisps, chocolate)**
5. **We don't lift heavy sports equipment in the playground**
6. **We don't play football before or after school**
7. **We use a size 1 or 2 football – not a 4 or 5**
8. **We walk our bikes and scooters at the start and end of day**