



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Our final 2 weeks

We have had a really great year—I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful support you have given me and the school. We have really appreciated all the encouragement, feedback and teamwork that we have received from you all this year. I hope we can continue to work together in a way that will continue to move the Lowther School Family onwards and upwards. Our last 2 weeks promise to be exciting — so do join in with us on some of our events as we wind up the school year.

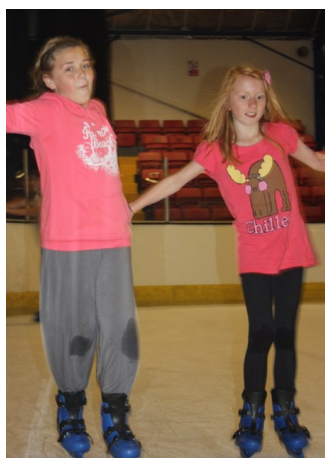
Year 6 SATs results

A big well done to Year 6 who have worked tremendously hard. They smashed a bucketful of targets and have done very well. I will explain more about what these results mean in the new school year.

Maths Level 4	91%	Writing Level 4	91%
Maths Level 5	48%	Writing Level 5	91%
Reading Level 4	96%	English Level 4	91%
Reading Level 5	48%	English Level 5	30%
Science Level 4	100%		
Science Level 5	60%		

Year 6 getting ready to fly!

Year 6 have been super busy recently. Their Toy Story show was wonderful and they had a cracking time in the Isle of Wight. The photos tell the story better than I could! We hope their last 2 weeks at Lowther are really special.



New entrance for next year

Detailed overleaf are the changes to the school site. Please do note that from September the main entrance will be through the gate next to the Foundation Stage. The entrance through the lobby will also be open.

Meet the new caterers

We still have space for parents that may like to meet the new caterers. They have an event which they'd like to invite parents to. We have 3 spaces available for either parents or governors who'd like to meet the new caterers, try the food, ask questions etc. Do let the office know if you'd like to go. The event is on Wed 13th July

York House

4.30pm—6.30pm

Our intention is to review school meal provision in February/March 2012 with a carefully planned re-launch of the service for September 2012 in our wonderful new building.

Sports Day

Sports Day is on Wednesday this week. The format is the same as last year — team events in the morning, and then class races after lunch. We have lots of medals to give out! Please do come and join us.

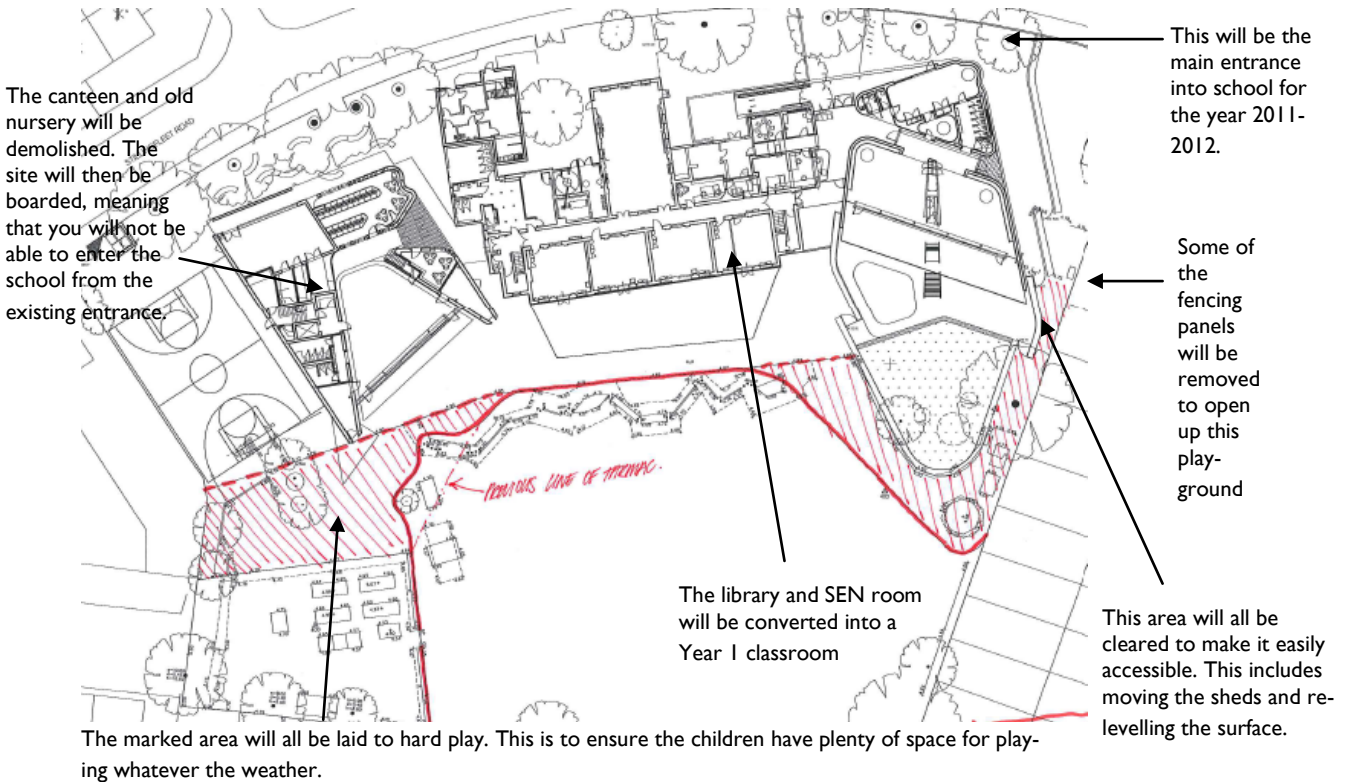




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What's happening to the school in the Summer holidays?

The diagram below shows what the school will look like in September 2012. Details are given for all the changes that will happen over the holidays this year. Do come and see me if you'd like to know more about the building works



Want a tour of the school?

As part of their ICT project Year 6 have made, filmed, edited, acting out, produced and directed their own film guides to Lowther. The videos are online on the welcome page and in the Year 6 area. Go explore!

It's the Children's school

We recently asked the children their views on Lowther. We do this fairly regularly to ensure we are meeting the needs of the children and to allow us to evaluate the school through the children's eyes.

Here are some of their views.

- 99% enjoy coming to Lowther (70% enjoy "loads")
- 81% rated their own behaviour as good or very good
- 80% rated the school's behaviour as good or very good (a total of 5% said poor or very poor)
- 97% of the children said they know how to stay healthy

If you'd like to see the complete survey results please ask at the office.

Survey for Parents

This week and next week the children will bring home a short survey for parents.

Please do try to fill it in as we really need your feedback to move the school forward., Thank you in advance for this.

A short message from the PTA

Dear All,
We thought you might like to see some of the purchases you have made possible this term. All as a result of the profits from this year's Summer Fair. **Thank you so, so much** for all the time, energy, and support you put into it. As you can see, it all makes a difference – right across our School.

£300 - towards books for next year to re-stock the Reading Scheme shelves across the school.

£479 - for 2 x 2-seater Trikes and 1 x 1-seater Trike for Foundation Stage.

£225 - Lowther's contribution towards the CCP and Lowther Float for Barnes Fair Parade.

£200 - for 2 BBQs for future events, and for 2012 cooking projects.

£35 - for sand to top up the sandpit.

£80 - to add to Parents' Donations for George Mukalere's Memorial Bench.

£90 - for 2 Parents' benches to put outside Reception entrance.

£100 - towards chips for the KS1 and Foundation Brighton Trip.

£50 - towards Y6 Leavers Meal.

In addition to our fundraising events, the PTA have ring-fenced money (mostly, though not entirely, from donations) which goes towards the Allotment and Music Provision. This term, we will have paid for professional Gardening Services to help Mrs Wriglesworth and her team keep the Allotment as beautiful as it is. Next term, we will be paying for the whole School (staff and parent volunteers included!) to participate in a Singing Workshop, in a bid to support Lowther's enthusiastic music provision. We have also kept money back for next term – Wet Play Games to buy in September, for example – and for funding our next event.

Lots to celebrate! *Maxine Neely and Rita Asmat* PTA COMMITTEE