



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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LEARNING is going to be **MASSIVE** this term!

The classrooms are buzzing with energy and enthusiasm. The children have got stuck straight back into learning, from our children in the Nursery all the way through to Year 6. We have lots of trips and events planned for the term as well to make the learning even more exciting. We will post a copy of these events online.

Many thanks for your fantastic support with homework, attendance, time-keeping and of course fostering that love of learning in your children. It promises to be a term of amazing learning.



We love learning at Lowther in lots of different ways.

The Year 6 Website — as designed and made by them!

Coming very soon to a computer near you! Year 6 pupils have been working very hard using the new computers to write, produce and put together their very own website. With a little bit of help from Mr. Boughton from Richmond Park Academy the site should go live very soon. There will be a direct link to the site from the school site so keep an eye out — it should be great!

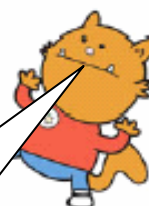
100% Attendance Week

Next week (week commencing 17th January 2011) is 100% attendance week. We are setting the challenge of trying to get 200 pupils with 100% attendance for the week — which would be amazing! There will be certificates, prizes and incentives for the children. Please support us in meeting this challenge.

I am delighted to report that this week we have seen attendance rise to 96% (our target level) which is brilliant. Our aim next week will be to top that!



Get into school pronto!
You don't want to miss all
the cool stuff going on!



I'm at school EVERY day!

Reception class 2011/2012

Applications for next years reception class for children born between 1/9/06 and 31/8/07 must be returned to the Local Authority by 15th January 2011.

To apply online go to www.richmond.gov.uk/online_school_admissions

No such thing as a free lunch?

If your family is in receipt of income support and/or some other benefits your child may be entitled to a free school meal. Please ask at the school office ASAP for an application form. This is a double win as not only will your family gain financially but the school's budget benefits too as this is one of the measures the Local authority use to decide on funding for schools. Even if your child has a packed lunch, please if you are eligible, register for Free School Meals regardless.



This newsletter can also be found at <http://www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk/newsletters.html>

Science Day was a Blast!

We had a fantastic day of Science on Tuesday. Check out the online gallery.



Nativity Pictures

Many thanks to Matthew our school photographer who has taken some wonderful photos of the Nativity. They are online for you to view and some are also on the TV in the welcome lobby.



Lowther's Got Talent

We already have 31 performers signed up for LGT. Please support and help your child with rehearsing and organising things like music and costumes. Don't forget the deadline for signing up for auditions is next Friday (21/1)

We will publish a timetable for the auditions on Monday (24/1)

The auditions are then Tuesday 25/1 from 1-3

The final is then on Friday 28/1 from 3-5

It should be a fantastic event.



When do Ofsted come again?

It's been a while! Our last Ofsted inspection was October 2007. Ofsted's cycle of visits is usually roughly every 3—5 years. We always welcome these visits as it gives the school important feedback on how we can become an even better school.

The building work begins.....

The work to the school site as we grow from 1form entry to 2 form entry will start in July 2011. The work should take a year. The intention is that the new building and the school site will be finished ready for September 2012. Exciting times! We will of course keep you fully updated with plans, timescales and designs.



The Safer Neighbourhood Team are moving in

After months of waiting we are delighted that the Safer Neighbourhood team are moving into their new premises this month. This is brilliant news for the local community as it will mean they spend more time in and around our community.

Meet the Governors

Wednesday 19th from 2.30—4.30
Your open opportunity to meet up with governors to talk about any areas of school life is on Wednesday. We really want to make sure that Lowther is providing the education and opportunities that you want for your children. Your ideas and feedback are always welcome. We look forward to meeting with you on Wednesday.

Cycling Club at RPA

Jonathon from the Cycling club came in to see the children in Key stage 2 about the cycling club at Richmond Park Academy which starts this Saturday—it sounds exciting and should be a fantastic way of exercising and having fun. Every Saturday at RPA from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. It's a bargain £3 for the 2 hour session.