



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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More Great Results!

We are delighted to announce that our Key Stage 2 Results for 2010 are again fantastic.

We had:-

- 95% of pupils achieved Level 4 or higher in both English **and** Maths.
- Additionally 32% of pupils achieved Level 5 in English and Maths.
- 100% of pupils achieved Level 4 in Science with 70% achieving Level 5.

Perhaps most pleasingly 95% of pupils made **BETTER** than expected progress during Key Stage 2—with **ALL** pupils making better than expected progress in English. These are stunning results and are reflective of the hard work and effort the **children** and their **families** put into their learning during their time at Lowther. We wish them every success for Secondary school and beyond.

When we have further information regarding our performance in comparison to other schools and the national picture we'll be sure to let you know. These results certainly continue the fantastic trend that we have had at Lowther over the years. This years Year 6 have very high expectations to live up to.



The class of 2010 achieved the brilliant results their hard work deserved—many congratulations to all of them



COOL CATS COME TO SCHOOL!

99 pupils currently have 100% attendance! Superb!

Our current attendance rates are

- Oak 91%
- Willow 96%
- Beech 90%
- Pine 96%
- Year 2 92%
- Year 3 93%
- Year 4 96%
- Year 5 97%
- Year 6 94%

Well done Years **5,4,Willow and Pine!**



Unfortunately we do have 61 pupils who have already missed time off school. Our school target is 95% + attendance (which the children **have hit for the last 3 years!**)

Richmond Park Academy

Over 100 parents from the Barnes, Mortlake and Sheen area attended the recent meetings hosted by local Headteachers about Richmond Park Academy. The interest in our local secondary school is strong and the opportunity for big changes there should not be missed. Please do pop in to see me if you'd like to know more about the views expressed at the meeting.



Near Miss!

Unfortunately we didn't make the final shortlist for the Sterling Prize - though to get nominated as one of the top 5 educational buildings last year was a huge success in itself. We have however also been nominated for the prestigious Prime Ministers award—watch this space!

A key date for your diary

We are delighted to announce the date for the parent and child consultations regarding the new building work (due to start next year.)

This will be held in the school hall on **Wednesday 20/10** from 1—3 for children and 2.30—5 for parents. There will then be a further consultation with the local community on 10/11 from 2.30—7. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to look at the brilliant plans drawn up by architect Sam and his team and for you to directly feedback what you think. Your opinions really count—please do try and come along—we think you'll like what you see!



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



Parent Governors News

We are delighted to announce that **Claire Mankowitz** (mum of Elia in Y2) **Phillip Mead** (dad of Xavier in Y2) and **Julie Burdon** (mum of Alfie in Y5 and Freddie in Y3) have been elected as new parent governors. Thank you also to Harriet (mum of Lucas in Reception) Anna (mum of Mia in Reception) Elizabeth (mum of Jessica in Reception) and Erik (dad of Jack in Y1) for standing as governors. We were thrilled with the very high turnout of voters (possibly a Lowther record!) and that parents and families want to get involved in the life of Lowther.

BCA JUMBLE SALE AT KITSON HALL 7th, 8th, 9th Oct

A BIG thank you to all those who have offered to help us with the Toy Stall. We would be grateful for a few more offers on Thursday 7th Oct 2-4pm and Saturday 9th Oct, any time you can manage between 9 and 3pm. Please contact maryellis17@virgin.net

PTA Contacts—please don't hesitate to grab one of us in the mornings/afternoons,

Maxine (mum of James Yr4, Liam Yr1 (Pine)/ **Claire** (mum of Elia Yr2, Mischa Nursery (Chestnut)/ **Carina** (mum of Samuel Yr2, Freya Yr1)/ **Mary** (mum of Tabitha Yr4)/ **Donna** (mum of Holly Yr1) **Sue** (mum of Jack Yr 1). Or if you can't find us let the office know and one of us will get back to you.

What a picture!

We've now had our first entries into the photo competition in all the age categories.

Why not give it a go? It should be fun!

The theme for the first competition is "Colour"

There are 4 age bands

- 7 and under
- 8-11
- 12-18
- Adult



You can enter up to 3 pictures. Entries can be emailed to the school, info@lowther.richmond.sch.uk or dropped into the school office on a memory stick or CD (please label it!)

The competition opened on Friday 24th September and closes on **Monday 11th October**.

We will be holding an exhibition of the entries on Friday 15th October at 3.15 —where we will also be announcing the winners and commended shots. Winning entries will be displayed in the lobby and the school website. Winners will also receive a framed copy of their winning shot. Why not get stuck into the challenge over the weekend? Or team up with a friend or someone from your family.

Start thinking creatively, have some fun and get snapping!



We are still having a few children ride and scoot on school grounds—we do ask for safety reasons that children do not use "wheeled" transport on the school grounds.



Clubs Survey

A recent survey by Victor and Joanna in Y4 shows that 87% of children at Lowther attend a club of some sort (73% go to a school club, 55% go to a club outside of school)—this is as high as 100% in some classes. Brilliant! We are always interested in ideas for new clubs or parents/families getting involved in clubs or sharing their own area of expertise.