

Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Time is of the essence

Wow! Can you believe we're halfway through this term already? I really have seen a great deal of fantastic learning going on. Just today I have seen all sorts of amazing things - exciting Science experiments, creative writing, brilliant maths and some outstanding art work. It is a pleasure to see the children working so hard and enjoying such a broad range of lessons.

I often think about what makes Lowther work - your children are simply amazing! Over the last few days I've had volunteers from Reception and Y2 do litter picks, children from Y6 ask about raising money for charity, pupils from Key Stage 2 talking to a visiting teacher from Chiswick about Science at Lowther. They all had one thing in common— they wanted to be involved in school life. I feel privileged to work with such amazing pupils.

Your views count!

A snapshot of the views of pupils from across the year groups about their school

It's a great place to learn

We have a great playground and good toys

The teachers enjoy working with us

You get to find out lots of interesting things in school and on trips and things

You can make new friends and play with your friends

We really do value your view and your children's view on school. Look out for a survey later in the year which will ask families their views on Lowther and what we can do to get better as a school.

Attendance Success!

We had 2 classes achieve the magical 100% last week — a very BIG well done to both YEAR 6 and YEAR 4. Willows also managed an excellent 99% and the school total was a healthy 96%.

Our Behaviour target this week is to get 200 children in the school with 100% attendance this week, Please help us achieve this by ensuring your child is at school every day. There are lots of prizes to be won for 100% attendance as well as all the magical learning opportunities.

Year 6 SATs

Last week the Year 6's completed their SATs tests. They were all incredibly focused and determined. Mr. Dodman and I were extremely impressed with their efforts not just last week but over the course of the year. They deserve to have smashed many a target. They will find out their results around the start of July. In the meantime we hope they all have a wonderful last few months at Lowther safe in the knowledge that they've done their very best.

Parent handbook

We are currently working on a new parents guide to life at Lowther. This will detail important information for parents such as our new uniform policy (due to start September 2011) packed lunch guide, homework information and so on.

We hope this will strengthen even further the great relationship between parents and the school. We will make sure this is available to all parents both in print but also online. We will issue the guide before the end of the school year with any changes to existing school life being effective from September 2011. I hope you will find this a useful addition to school life.

Whole class photos

Matthew will be in to take the whole class photos on Thursday 26th May. He will use a similar format to last year as he received a lot of positive feedback on the new style. However, he will bring each of the groups of children closer together as this was something parents felt would improve the overall feel of the pictures. We hope you will like the results.



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

Whole School Homework Challenge 6

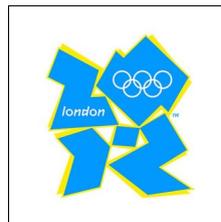
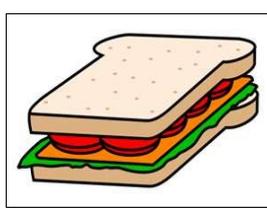
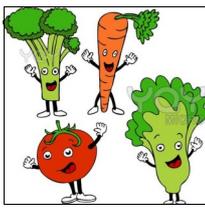
The next challenge is upon us. This homework challenge is set in conjunction with Chefs Sarah and Clare.

As you know we LOVE cooking at Lowther. We also LOVE sport. So we thought we'd combine the two! With the Olympics coming to London in 2012 here's what you have to do:-

- Suggest a meal or special dish that has an international flavour. This can be a starter, main course or dessert—not all three courses please!
- Tell us why you were inspired to choose a dish from this particular country
- Explain how your dish is nutritionally balanced and healthy
- Suggest what sort of athlete might want to eat your meal

Suggestions can come in any time before Wednesday 8th June. Then we will have a special food sampling event on Friday 10th June 2011 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm in the school hall. All entrants can have a go at making their dish and bringing it into school on Friday 10/6. We can then all try it out!

All entrants who actually make their meal will win a medal. In addition the best entrants in each age group we will enter into the 2012 competition "Get Set" where winners could have their dish on the athletes' menu in 2012. Wow! Good luck!



Next week is walk to school week

Did you know approximately 70% of children of Lowther DON'T come to school by car? This is really impressive—the national average for primary schools is about 50%. Next week we want everyone to make an extra special effort to not come by car. Other options which are better for us or our environment include walking, scooting, cycling, using the bus or train, maybe even sharing a lift. Please support us with this challenge—it would be great to have 80% of children NOT using a car next week.

Creative Arts Week

Our first week back after half term will be our annual Creative Arts Week – One World – Our World – a cross curricular recycling arts event!

Please see your child's class teacher if you would like to be involved. The children's work will be on display during our Arthouse Open Days – Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th June. The Wednesday will also be our Green Day and performance day, more details to follow. Please put the date in your diary and join us for a waste free picnic and watch your children perform.

Pink Power Walkers!

A MASSIVE well done to all the walkers who completed the huge 16 mile Pink Power walk. Lots of fun was had—and of course a lot of money has been raised for a very worthwhile cause. Over £164 was raised from Pink Day and the cake sale alone. Well done ladies!



Year 1 and 5 Web work

In the next week or so some amazing Y5 work will appear on their part of the school website. The pupils have been working with Mr. Boughton from RPA to produce animated stories. They're really impressive.

Year 1 have beaten Y5 to it—their plant cam is now live online—this shows the changes occurring to a plant over time. Great work Beech class.

Relate Family Counselling

Confidential, free counselling support for families with a range of concerns and issues.

Every Monday morning at North Barnes Children's Centre (in Lowther School).

By appointment only. Please call 020 8940 8576 or visit www.relaterkh.org for more information.

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