

Lowther School Family Newsletter

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This half term is GO GO GO!

This half term is a massive one full of learning, excitement and opportunity. The children will have a full 7 weeks of getting stuck into some serious learning. As a teacher I always love this particular half term as you often see huge progress in the children, I have asked the children to think about what in particular they hope to achieve this half term. Please do ask them about what they think they can achieve this half term.

Key Stage 2 Open Evening

Mrs. Anderson and the Key Stage 2 team have a wonderful evening planned for parents on THURSDAY 10th March.

This is an open invite to ALL parents — though we'd especially love parents from the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 to come along to really find out about life in Key Stage 2. It should be an informative and fun evening, Full details will be in a separate letter. Please do try to come and join us for the evening.

Community Day 2011

One of our favourite days of the year is almost upon us. Our annual community day run in conjunction with the Castlenau Community centre project is on **Friday 18th March**.

We have all sorts planned for the day for BOTH children and adults

Including:-

- A Healthy breakfast to kick start your morning
- Tai Chi to wake the body and the mind
- The running of the Lowther Marathon around the local streets
- A host of different activities for BOTH adults and children
- Fair-trade tea for all to enjoy
- Dad's and staff community football match at the end of the day



Full details to follow but in the meantime put it your diary and do try and join us — it's always a great day.

Mrs. Henchie's OBE day!

Tomorrow Mrs. Henchie will be awarded her OBE. We have organised a special tea party for after school from 3.15—4.15pm. Everyone is invited! Please do note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

The tea will be served in the canteen (or playground depending on the weather)

High tea 3.15—4.15pm courtesy of the chefs, the children and the PTA

Sandwiches, scones, jam and cream, fancy cakes, tea, coffee and juice will all be on offer plus of course the chance to catch up with and congratulate Mrs. Henchie.

If you'd like to come to the palace Years 4/5/6 will be leaving at approximately 10am.

Year 6 Websites now live!

Three websites designed by Year 6 pupils are now live on the school website. The children have been working on them over the last few weeks with Mr. Broughton from Richmond Park Academy.

You can access them via the Year 6 section of the school website. They are impressive pieces of work. Well done Year 6! Look out for some Year 5 animations coming to the school website soon.

Parking Update

The police have informed us that from 28/2 they will be prosecuting anybody parking on the lines outside the school during school time. It's for YOUR child's safety.

Thanks in advance for your support and help with this.

Mrs. Frageria and Mrs. Anderson's last half term

Both Mrs. Frageria and Mrs. Anderson will go on maternity leave this half term. We are very lucky to have 2 excellent teachers joining us for the last term—Miss Honeysett will teach Year 1 and Mrs. Burden Giffiths will teach Y3 for 4 days a week (with Mrs. Bracegirdle teaching Y3 the other day). Both teachers will be in and around school before their official start date so that the children and yourself get a chance to get to know them.



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

Spring Cleaning Day **Healthy Lunch update**

If you can, please do come and help on our spring cleaning/gardening day on Saturday 19th March between 10.00 - 12. We will have lots of different jobs to do around the school which will help maintain the fantastic environment for the children.

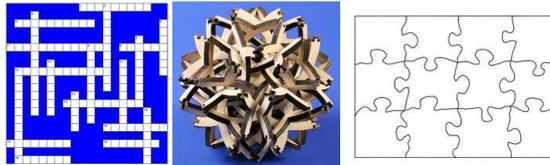
The last week of term was a special healthy eating challenge week. I am pleased to report that approximately 95% of children had a healthy lunch every day. Thank you for your support with this. Lowther is a healthy school and lunch at school is a very important part of that.

In the coming years we will have some changes to lunches. Next year we will not have a canteen as it is being demolished in the summer holidays. We want to invest all the monies into brand new cooking and teaching kitchen facilities in the new building and so will not have a temporary kitchen next academic year. This means that children currently having a school dinner will either have a packed lunch provided for them or they can choose to have their own packed lunch for the year. We are currently looking at the provision for school meals when we re-launch the meal service in our brand new building in September 2012. Your views on this will be vital so we will be issuing a short survey nearer the time.

Mr.T's Whole School Homework Challenge 5!

What better way to start a new term of learning than getting stuck into Homework Challenge 5?!

Here's the challenge.



PUZZLE time!

I love trying to solve mathematical puzzles and problems. However, I'm fed up because I've run out of ones to try and solve. I need YOUR help!

Please design/make/invent/set me a problem or puzzle to solve. It could be that you make your own jigsaw, it could be a huge number sum, it could be a shape problem, it may be a hard logic problem, it could involve numbers, shapes, time, logic, making and being creative.

It could be something a little different. For example just last week we worked out how many blades of grass where on the school field - an unusual problem maybe but one that involved estimating, accurate measurement, area, multiplication and problem solving. (I'm not telling you the answer by the way!).

Start thinking about a good puzzle or problem. I look forward to you getting my brain working extra hard!

The Homework Rules

Here's the catch — YOU have to know how to solve the puzzle/problem (as I may need help if I get stuck!)

Entries in by Friday 11th March 2011.

All entries receive a well done "Bling Bling sticker"

Best entries will go into an online E-book on the school website.

Good luck and happy puzzling!



9am is LEARNING time!

Please make sure your child is in their classroom ready to start work at 9am. This is a vital skill for school (particularly secondary school) but also an essential skill for life. Being 5 minutes late every day equates to having 3 complete days off over a school year. Quite an amazing statistic which proves every minute counts!



Chickens!!!

Unfortunately I put the wrong e-mail address on my last letter. You may have already registered your interest at the office, if not please contact Nichole Detering on nde-terin@hotmail.com

Apologies,
Wendy Wriglesworth