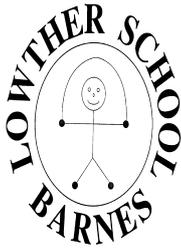


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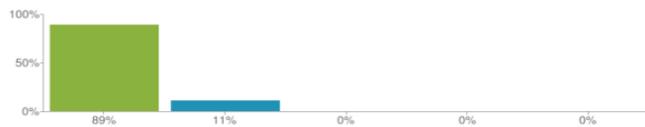
This half term is now fully under way. The children are working hard and I'm sure they'll take the many opportunities there are this term to sparkle and shine. I know I'm looking forward to seeing exactly that! The picture illustrated here (to the right) shows children from Y5 at the local Community Centre where they cooked a meal for the elders in the local area. We really want the education we provide here at Lowther to be broad, diverse and engaging for the children. We're always interested in hearing new ideas of how we can do this so please do let us know if you have any suggestions. Here's to more exciting learning at Lowther this term and beyond.



Parent Survey Results

Thank you very much to the 76 parents that filled in the online survey we issued recently. We've included the responses to the first 6 questions below. We will share the second group of 6 questions in the next newsletter. All the results are available for any parent to view online. If you haven't had a chance to fill in the survey yet then the good news is that it's not too late! The survey is easy to do and just requires you to go to Parentview.ofsted.gov.uk and answer 12 tick box questions. It honestly only takes 5 minutes. Thank you for all your support with this, we will consider the feedback carefully and will use it to help us inform plans for future school improvement.

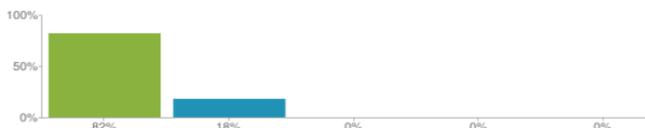
1. My child is happy at this school



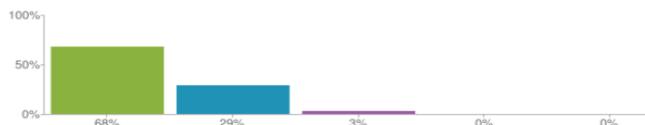
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Figures based on 76 responses up to 07-11-2016

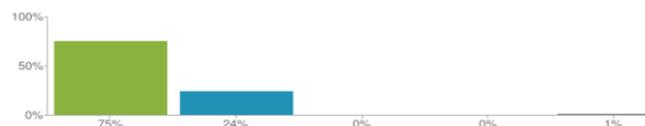
2. My child feels safe at this school



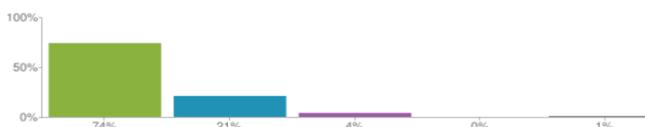
3. My child makes good progress at this school



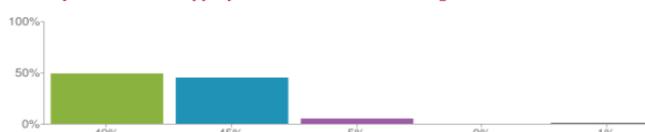
4. My child is well looked after at this school



5. My child is taught well at this school



6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age



PTA Christmas fair 2016

The PTA have well and truly blitzed their store cupboard so that everything is super organised in advance of the Christmas Fair (which is Friday the 2nd December) If you are able to help out in any way at all, big or small, then please do let them know and get involved. The more parents and families involved the better it is for the school and the children. Thank you in advance for helping with this.

Shoebbox Appeal Update

Wow! Thank you all for a fantastic response to our Shoebbox appeal. We've now had 60 boxes and with just 1 week to go please do keep them rolling in. Your support is massively appreciated.



School admissions consultation

I have been asked to share with you that Richmond Council is consulting on proposed admission arrangements for community schools, in-year admissions and the coordinated primary and secondary admissions schemes for 2018/19. The consultation is available on the Richmond Council website at: <https://consultation.richmond.gov.uk/afc/admissions2018-19> There are no proposed changes to the admission arrangements for community schools and the only significant change to the coordinated primary and secondary schemes from 2017/18 is to the dates in the Pan London timetable. Please note the deadline for response to the consultation is **midday Friday 2 December 2016**. Please submit your views using the consultation response form either by email richmond.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk



Harvest Assembly

Harvest, at the end of last term, was fantastic – a really great celebration of songs, poetry and drama — well done to all the children (With a special thanks to Y5C and Y5N for the awesome way Y5 led assembly) In addition, thank you all for the kind donations you made.

I know these events are always incredibly busy and so if you have any ideas as to how we can make them even more accessible for all the please do let us know.



Takeover Day 2016

Takeover Day is next Friday (18/11) and we've already received over 50 letters of application. The deadline for applications is Monday so if your child is interested they'll need to get their letter in by then. All the other details about the day, that has become a bit of a Lowther institution, are indicated here. Applicants need to write a formal letter saying why they'd like the job and why they'd be good at it. Children can apply to be any teacher but their application should be to do something class based. If they'd like to do a role outside of the classroom they need to add that to their main letter. There are a limited number of jobs outside of the classroom. All children who gain a position have to complete these 3 requirements

1) They should have checked with the class teacher or the person they're taking over from as to times, job details etc.

2) They should be well planned and organised and know what they're doing

3) They should be dressed appropriately

It should be a really awesome day!



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