



# Lowther School Family Newsletter

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## Cake sale supreme

Wow! Thank you all so much for your kind and generous contributions to the Cake Sale this week. We managed to raise a whopping £454.63 which will be sent as part of Richmond borough's contribution towards the tragedy in the Philippines. Awesome work everyone!



## It's going to be busy!

Firstly, apologies that it's been a while since I produced a newsletter - I don't know where the time's flown to! There's lots to update you on including many great examples of the Lowther School Family in full swing—cake sales, Danceathons, takeovers...the list goes on. Underpinning all of that excitement though is high quality learning in each and every classroom. Keep up the awesome work children as we head further into a very busy half term of learning.

## Red Bag update

Miss Treble and her Eco-team were delighted with the response to the second red-bag appeal. We had 118 red bags this time. A special well done to Maple class who contributed a whopping 31 bags!



## Inter-class competition

Mrs Colenso runs a competition between classes for attendance, our weekly behaviour target and the class of the week award. Reception will join in after Christmas. Here are the results so far this school year.....

Class	Attendance	Class of the week	Behaviour Target <i>(Number of golds)</i>
Beech	0	1	5
Pine	1	1	6
Maple	2	1	7
Elm	1	1	9
3T	1	1	3
3S	2	0	6
4J	3	1	6
4B	1	1	7
5	0	1	7
6	3	0	6

## Tours and information for Nursery Parents

It was suggested to me recently that Mrs Colenso and I offer tours and an insight into life at Lowther for Nursery parents. We thought it was a cracking idea and so have two dates and times lined up for Nursery parents in the coming weeks.

- Tour 1 — Weds 4<sup>th</sup> just after morning drop off (8.35am)
- Tour 2—Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> just before pick up (3pm)

No booking is required though it would be helpful if you could indicate to either the Nursery team or the office if you are planning to attend. We look forward to welcoming you and telling you more about our marvellous school.



## Mr. Tuffney's Golden Award



## Lowther Family Golden Standard Superstar

Well done to the latest children to be awarded the Golden Standard this year

- Yasmin (Y6)
- Erin (Y6)
- Poppy (Y1 Beech)
- Izzy (Y2 Maple)

## Attendance is looking good!

In the last newsletter I fed back to you all on attendance. As you will know our target is 96%. So far for this half term

- Willow 95.06%
- Oak 92.37%
- Beech 96.79%
- Pine 94.33%
- Elm 97.45%
- Maple 97.83%
- 3S 97.89%
- 3T 95.81%
- 4B 95.94%
- 4J 94.20%
- 5 95.36%
- 6 96.74%

Well done to who have all the classes that have beaten the magical 96% mark.

## Christmas Fair Poster competition

Well done to Freya (Y3T) whose amazing hand print Christmas tree will be our design for the Christmas fair this year. Thank you to all of the children that entered the competition—the standard was really high so choosing a winner was tricky!

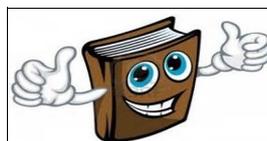
## BOOK SALE

Fantastic selection of new children's books on sale at £2.

A great chance to buy early for Christmas (or birthdays).

Sale starts at 9.15 on 26<sup>th</sup> November in the Welcome Lobby.

Come early – when they're gone they're gone!



**Charity work** We support a number of different charities. It's always difficult to choose as there are so many worthwhile causes. Mrs Wriglesworth carefully plans and organises this work so that the school has a focus and the children have a good understanding of the charities that we support. When a significant tragedy, such as in the Philippines, occurs we will always try and do something additional, above our normal charity list. In line with this we have sent £56 to provide bedding and blankets for two families in Syria and £114 to provide blankets, household goods and food aid to families in the Philippines through a local charity. Thank you for your very generous support.

### School Improvement Update

As you will know from previous newsletters and from the information on our school website our number one priority for school improvement this year is

- To raise the quality of practice to outstanding

*(100% of practice to be good or better and 25% or more of practice to be outstanding)*

We are very pleased with the progress that we are making with our target. Observed lessons have shown 4 outstanding sessions, 8 good (3 of which had outstanding features) In addition we have teachers modelling best practice, providing demonstration lessons to colleagues going to other schools to watch other excellent teachers, attending training support. Furthermore, all teachers have very specific personal targets this year which are all linked to our school improvement plan. We will update you all more fully later in the year with how our plans are progressing for your school. We are fully committed as a team to working together to make Lowther the best possible place to send your child for a rich and fulfilling education.

### A special message from one of our senior leaders.....

Dear Parents/Carers,

Something very exciting has happened at lovely Lowther. WE HAVE NEW CHICKENS. You know Girty right? Well, we now have as well...GIRTY, GIRTY, GIRTY, GIRTY and you guessed it, GIRTY! We have a Columbine, a White, a Columbian Ranger Blacktail, a Coucou and a Pied Suffolk. In addition Lowther is also getting new designer eggs soon. For example...blue/green eggs! So why not pop along and join the chickens! So see you soon.

Mrs Wriglesworth (aka Cara Y2 Elm)



### Some good news stories from your PTA

1. The pupil designed Christmas Cards raised £190.
2. The marvellous Lowther Tea-towels have so far raised £420. We have ordered additional tea-towels because the self-portraits were so brilliant, so please see the office team about buying more.
3. Mufti Day for Christmas Fair is next Friday the 29th November. Donations of wine/chocolate are welcomed in exchange for wearing your favourite outfit.
4. Wrapping Evening - 2nd December 6.30 - 9pm - parents are invited to join us in making preparations for the Christmas Fair.

### Takeover Day fun!

Our annual takeover Day took a different format this year. We reverted back to how we originally did it with the children becoming class teachers for the day. We were delighted with how organised, well prepared and creative the children were. There were so many really good lessons taught. Mini Mr. Tuffney and Mini Mrs Colenso reviewed lessons and wrote the real Headship team a full report. Well done children on a really wonderful day. Look out for the online gallery now live on the website.



### Dancing Success

The Danceathon for the NSPCC campaign was a great success with £2125.29 already raised. The NSPCC will be coming to our usual Monday assembly on 3/12/13 to say a huge thank you. There's a rather fun video now on the website showing just how good everyone's moves were and how marvellous it was to see all the children (and adults!) joining in.

