



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Special Thank you edition

I truly believe that the way all of our school community works together is truly remarkable. This was so evident on Friday—so this letter is purely a thank you to you all (oh, and one or two notices too!) The Lowther School Family is amazing!

GO TEAM LOWTHER!



Community Day came about when we decided to celebrate our school community after getting down to the final two on ITV's People Millions for a £50,000 grant a few years back. We narrowly missed out on the grant but decided to celebrate anyway. The rest as they say is history!

Running news

Two people, Miss Ross McCall and Lucy Johnson (Lauren Mai in Maple class' mum), were running on Friday for a different reason—they're both in training for running a marathon! Miss Ross- McCall is running the London marathon and Lauren- Mai's mum is running the Brighton marathon for the Earl Mounbatten Hospice charity. We've left 2 donation boxes on the front desk if you'd like to support either or both of these worthwhile causes. Good luck ladies!



Thank you Number 1

Wasn't the run brilliant? It was marvellous that so many of you were able to either join in (well done!) help steward or just cheer the children on. Fantastic!



Thank you Number 2

The hair styles and socks were absolutely amazing! I know I've said it before but I love how everyone gets in to the spirit of things at Lowther. The time and effort you put in to helping the children get involved is really appreciated.



Thank you Number 3

The fair trade tea was a whopping success—over £400 was raised—from cakes! Simply brilliant!



Miss Ross-McCall and Lauren-Mai's mum get in some marathon training—Lowther style. Do try and support their charities if you can.



Thank you Number 4

If you were brave enough to join in the matches after school well done! I hope your legs weren't too sore! For those of you that stayed and cheered thank you also, it might be the biggest crowd some of us have ever played in front of!



Pride

My assembly this morning was about the power of teamwork and how it was fantastic that so many different parts of our school community genuinely care about what happens at Lowther. It's something I think we should all be very proud of.





Thank you Number 5

It was the first time we'd done the bike/scooter thing. I think it's fair to say we'll be doing it again! It just wouldn't have worked if you hadn't all got behind it and allowed the children to be involved. Sir Chris Hoy watch out!

Thank you Number 6

Our local police are pretty awesome. I don't know of anywhere else that closes the roads for this sort of thing, it was pretty cool the fire service coming too. A real sense of community!



Thank you Number 7

I was delighted with how many people attended the KS2 evening last week—thanks for taking the time to come. We've now run workshops across all 3 phases of the school and from the feedback parents have given us we'll definitely plan to run more of these sort of events in the future.



Other School news

LAST CHANCE! Homework Challenge—in association with The Natural History Museum magazine "Wild World"

You've got one week left on the homework challenge. I'm looking for some top nature-inspired drawings which the Natural History Museum will feature in their magazine "Wild World" Do you have a favourite plant, animal or dinosaur? Maybe you've visited the museum and would like to draw your favourite living thing from the collections? You can use anything to create your picture—crayons, felt tips, paint, collage—the list goes on. Your picture does have to be FLAT though. This is so the museum can scan it to put it in the magazine. The best ones will have a chance to feature in the July edition of Wild World. Winners will not only have their name and picture printed, but will also receive a prize—roarsome!

Challenge— create a piece of art to do with animals

Rules—A4 or A3 size but it must be FLAT

You can use any medium

You need to get your entry in by Friday 21st March 2014



Just some of the awesome entries we've had so far

Exciting staff news

I am delighted to announce that we have successfully appointed a new full-time SENCO for the school. Lisa Said beat off fierce competition to land the role and we're thrilled. Lisa has extensive knowledge of different types of educational needs from her work in the States. She will be starting with us in the next week. This is a new and expanded role for the school as we previously only had 2 days a week of support for this role. Lisa's role will be wide ranging including teaching interventions, supporting our gifted and talented programme and working with families to support children with their learning. I'm sure everyone at Lowther will make her feel very welcome. It does also mean that Kathy Moore-Stanley will be leaving her role. Kathy has done a tremendous amount of work at Lowther over the last two years. She has many exciting projects that she is going to be working on in the coming weeks and months. We wish her every success and happiness.

Do come and join us for lunch — a FINAL reminder!

Day: THIS Wednesday 19th March (roast dinner day!)

If you would like to come and have lunch with us please book a place via the office. The cost is £2.50 per meal. Reception classes have lunch from 11.45, Key Stage 1 from 12pm and Key Stage 2 from 12.30.