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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Lots going on!

There's plenty to update you with in this newsletter. We've had a wonderfully busy time with the children doing all sorts of fantastic things. Whether that be the amazing study skills shown by our Year 6 in their SATs to more sporting success, Lowther children always give 100% and total commitment to what they're doing. And that's just how we like it!



Barnes Literary Festival

Children from across the school attended the recent Barnes Literature festival as part of work to further promote great literacy at the school. We also had a number of children introduce guest presenters over the course of the weekend. The opportunity was one not to be missed! The picture shows Year 4, who loved listening to award-winning author SF Said at the festival. Some of the children were lucky enough to come back to school with signed copies of his books!

REMINDER!

Barnes Expansion—message from Lowther parents group

Local parents have now set up a lobbying group against the proposed expansion. They are looking for Lowther parents to support them in asking the council to remove the proposal. This is because there is no evidence to show that the school places are required locally. If you'd like to get involved you can, there are a few ways parents can make contact with them

Via email - barnesandmortlakeparents@gmail.com

The Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/461510974265128/> (or searchable as Barnes and Mortlake Parents Action)

They also have a group set up here

https://join.slack.com/t/parentsinaction/shared_invite/enQtMzMzMzI5MTU4MzcxLTc2MzkwMDJkMTkxZGQzOTYlMDc2ZmM4NDEzNGU1OTA5NGNmZTk1MjYlNDNjZGY3NWVmOWI0MGQ4MTNiQWYxY2Q

They'd love you to get involved and help in any way you can.

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PTA treasurer

There is a vacancy on the PTA for someone to take on the role of treasurer. This is a really important role for the school and we'd really love someone to offer to help take this on. It really does help the school out significantly.

Year group photos

All the year group photos are now available. We decided this would be nicer for the children than doing class groups as the children have good friends in both classes and regularly work together. The shots are available online now and you can buy a digital copy or a print. There is a choice of shots for each year group.

The whole school photo is also available for parents to purchase online.

Thank you for your feedback regarding the photos, we will work with Caitlin to ensure we take on the comments and views of parents for future shoots.



Elections—Lowther style

Y5 ran a super local election, visiting the polling station and setting up their own parties and getting the whole school to vote. Brilliant work!



What a season part 2!

Our basketball squad made it to the final of the borough play-offs, including beating reigning champions Vineyard in the semi-finals 29-14. They've had a superb journey through their time playing together as team Lowther, many of them starting out in Year 3. An incredible performance to be 2nd out of 40 primary schools in Richmond.

Following their amazing season don't forget our football squad will be playing the teachers at football on Thursday 24th May at 3pm. You are of course very welcome to come along and watch, cheer the boys on and enjoy watching the teachers go head to head with them!



Last week we had a visit in assembly from one of the organisers of the Barnes film festival. Although it's not until September it's worth putting in your diary now as it's sure to be popular. There are lots of super things planned for children so do check out their website for more details.

“Bake it Better”

On Friday May 25th the year 1 cake sale will donate their proceeds to Great Ormond Street Hospital. The money raised will help the hospital with their vital work, funding valuable research, supporting families of patients and covering the cost of ‘play teams’ to help ensure that children’s experience of hospital is as stress-free as possible. Every day 618 children are admitted to Great Ormond Street, with 40% of them under the age of four. With our help they can ensure these children get the best possible care in fantastic facilities.

Please do get involved, either by baking or coming out on the day and buying a few cakes.



Chess squad

Well done to our chess players, from Year 2 through to Year 6 who played against all the other

local schools at Richmond Park Academy. A very high standard of play was evident and our children did wonderfully well. Excellent work chess squad!

New sofas!

You may have noticed the rather cool new sofas in the lobby area. A huge thank you to you all for your support of the PTA who provided the funds to buy the sofas. A very smart and professional welcome to Lowther for all our visitors.



Y6 Superstars!

A massive well done to our Y6 classes who showed such maturity and commitment to hard work, with such positive attitudes to learning. We are confident that when they get their SATs results in July they’ll be pleased and that the results will show the amazing progress they’ve made during their time at Lowther. If you’d like to know more about SATs then please do drop in and see me.



Our neighbouring borough, Hammersmith and Fulham, are holding an Art Festival that you may want to take your children along to. The details of the different events that are going on are available on their website. Go explore!

Next academic year

Around this time of year parents (and children) sometimes begin to wonder about who their teacher will be for next year. We work through this very carefully over the course of this term and will announce the teaching structure along with the new mixed classes in June. Watch this space!



Clean up Friday

Thank you for your sterling efforts in helping to clean up the school last Friday. It was really appreciated. The children also worked really hard to help—we believe that teaching responsibility and pride in your school and community are important aspects of learning.

Our school is beautiful and we all need to work hard to keep it looking so fantastic. Thanks again for your support.