



Lowther

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Hello!

The last month of the school year is upon us! We've loved this year and the good news is there's still lots of great things happening at school over the coming weeks.

These last few weeks have been, and are, packed full of exciting events. We've had the amazing Year 6 show last week which was a blast and so well acted. Sports Day on Friday that was so much fun — seeing the children balance competitiveness and enjoyment was super to see. Then of course, we finished the week in style with our annual Summer fair — which was fabulous!

Upcoming this week there's lots more excitement—it's creative arts week, year 6 are preparing a three course meal for their parents, we have arts afternoon (formerly known as grounds day) on Friday afternoon and I'm very excited about taking our basketball team to the London Youth Games this week too. We all fully believe in providing your children with lots of different opportunities. Thank you for being such a fantastically supportive school community. Enjoy the last few weeks of term!



Information for Parents

We're always interested in hearing from parents on all aspects of school life. And so with the Y6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight next week we thought it the ideal time to put together a short residential trips survey for all parents in Key Stage 2. Look out for it on Parentmail—your views matter and it will only take a few minutes to complete.

We have now completed our new Homework policy for 2019/20. This will be on the website for all parents to access and we will also email this out to you all before the end of this term. We have worked hard to include all the different feedback we received from parents regarding homework. We think the new policy will really support children's learning and our home school partnership.

As you will know we have now released our new mixed classes for 2019/20. Teachers and leaders spend considerable time putting the classes together and consider lots of factors when deciding who is in each class. We believe this has been really positive for our school and created so many additional friendships as well as study partners. Please do come and talk to Mr Bracken or myself if you'd like to know more about our rationale for mixing the classes each year.

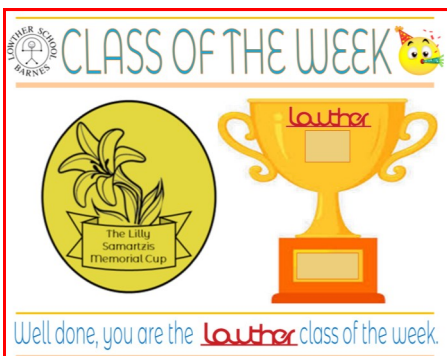


We hope you've noticed our new trophy display! We've won so many over recent years we had to find a new way to display them all.

Hopefully this is a problem we'll face again in a few years!

Talking of awards, we were recently voted "Primary School of the Year" by Richmond Knights basketball club for the work we've done to promote the sport. We'll just shift the trophies along to make enough room!

General School news



We were very kindly donated a huge gleaming trophy by the Samartzis family.

We are using the trophy for a new weekly award "Class of the Week" Each week classes can be nominated for the award and they are then presented the trophy in assembly and get to keep it for that week.

Well done to our first two winners

Y3R— for an improved focus on their writing and excellent all round teamwork.

Y6—for an amazing production and being such super sports day captains

Our Borough Sports Team did amazingly well at the borough wide athletics competition.

We had six individual first places, won the whole team combined relay and were right up there with a chance of a podium finish in what is an extremely competitive event.

Well done to all our superb athletes!

We must also say a huge well done to our Year 2 footballers (pictured below) who played brilliantly in their recent football festival. We really believe in trying to get our children involved in as many different sports events as we can.






















Last weeks Healthy Activity Week was superb. The children took part in all sorts of things include skipping challenges, tennis workshops, whole school exercise sessions and the dance contest. They also had the chance to buy fruit from our Y6 run healthy tuck shop. Thank you to those parents and teachers who came out to play against our highly successful sports teams—each of the games were incredibly close and I think it was very clear exactly why our sports team have been doing so well! Of course Healthy Activity Week culminated in a fantastic sports day on Friday. What a great week!



We are delighted to have completed our staffing plan for next year, the details of which are below. We have a highly dedicated, enthusiastic and skilled staff team and we'll all be working extremely hard to provide the very best education and school experience for your child.

Included below, for your information, are also the different areas of school life that our teachers lead the school on.

Mr Bracken and I are looking forward to working together again next year to continue to support our drive to make Lowther the very best school.

Lowther Teaching Team 2019/20						
Foundation Stage	Nursery Mrs Murphy 	Willow Miss Tittle PE 	Oak Mrs Hughes FS lead 	SENDCOs Mrs Bere 	PPA and cover teacher Mr Mahi 	
Key Stage 1	y1 Pine   Mr Gradidge The Arts Mr Agarwal	y1 Beech  Mrs Sandeman	y2 Elm Mrs Cox Mr Mahi  	y2 Maple Mrs Tucker KS1 lead 		
Lower Key Stage 2	y3P Miss Palmer 	y3R Miss Rogan LKS2 lead 	y4M Miss Mason Inclusion 	y4N Miss Newton 		
Upper Key Stage 2	y5N Mr Nelson English 	y5P Mr Picken Maths 	y6C Mrs Chalbot Computing 	y6R Mr Ripley Teaching and learning UKS2 lead Science 		

We're delighted to welcome Mrs Sandeman and Miss Palmer to the Lowther teaching team. Here's a special "hello" from both of them as they look forward to starting work with us in September.

My name is Mrs. Sandeman and I am thrilled to be joining the Lowther team. I have been teaching Early Years and Key Stage 1 for 10 years now and I can't wait to be in Year 1 next year. I love creative and outdoor learning so I'm sure it will be a fun and busy year ahead. In my own time I do lots of arts, crafts and gardening projects and often bring these activities into school. I live very locally and am looking forward to being part of the Lowther community.



Hello, my name is Miss Palmer and I am thrilled to be joining Lowther's teaching staff in September. I have been a parent within the Lowther School Family for the past 6 years and have experienced Lowther's wonderful community feel. I love that Lowther has a strong sense of pastoral care and supports its children to reach their potential academically, through sport and through other skill set. Therefore, I am looking forward to joining Lowther as a teacher in Year 3. Lowther is truly a special school and has always held a close place in my heart.

I love listening to music, dancing and choreographing dance routines. I have a National Diploma in Performing Arts and have even performed in City Hall and the House of Commons. In my spare time, I enjoy designing and sewing cloths or getting lost in the pages of a book.

I am excited for September to arrive and to start teaching! Let the journey continue





A huge well done to Year 6 who put on a terrific production of "Pirates of the Curry Bean"

They delivered their lines so brilliantly and sung with great harmony. It really was a very funny show and one that I'm sure they'll be able to look back on with great fondness.

We love putting on shows at Lowther—I look forward to seeing what's in store next year!



We are thrilled to announce that Mr Gra-didge will continue to teach music across the whole school one day a week. This has been hugely successful this year, with a real highlight for me being the younger children learning to play the ukulele.



Well done to our actors and actresses from Years 4 and 5 who took part in the filming for the prestigious "Screen your Story" writing competition. We can't wait to see the premiere of their film "The Wolves" at the Olympic Cinema in Barnes.

The field took on a Glastonbury look the other week as the Year 6 class had a special camp over night for their awesome efforts with their SATS. A well deserved treat for them!

Sports Day was really super—thank you all for coming out in such large numbers to cheer the team. We must give a special mention to Miss Tittle, Tania and Miss Louise who did a remarkable job organising it all for the very first time.

The children performed brilliantly across all the different events — a truly fantastic day!



Date	Event
Wc 1/7	Creative Arts Week
Wc 1/7	New class lists and teachers released
Tuesday 2/7	New Reception parents evening
Friday 5/7	Arts Afternoon
Wc 8/7	Y6 Isle of Wight trip
Wc 8/7	Y6 SATs results due
Saturday 13/7	Barnes Fair
Monday 15/7	LAFTAs awards evening
Friday 19/7	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 19/7	Last Day of Term Children due back Wednesday 4th September