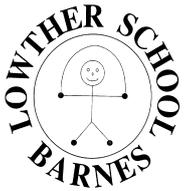


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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



What a fantastic start!

I've loved the start of 2017. The children are working really hard and we have a pretty much non-stop flow of children coming for "Bling Blings" such is the effort the children are putting in to their work. Wasn't Skipper's Scoop marvellous? The children really did put together a super magazine for you. If you'd like an extra copy for extended family or friends then do let Mr.Bracken know. We'll also be making the Scoop available online.

There's a whole host of incredible academic learning that will take place, we also have so many extra events to look forward as well: Lowther's got Talent, Screen your Story day, Community Day and more!

Y1 and Y3 Reading Buddies

The photos below show Y1 and Y3 working together on their reading. Just one of many different strategies as a school we employ to support good reading and an enjoyment of reading.

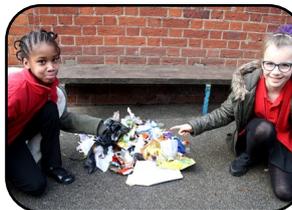


Cars in and around school

We appreciate it can be busy around school at drop-off and pick-up. We recommend parking a street away and walking the last little bit. Also if you do park on Stillingfleet Road please keep our zig zags clear and do not leave your car engine running. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

A load of rubbish!

Y4 diligently collected rubbish found lying around the school grounds last week. As the pictures show it was pretty terrible—and this was just what was found in 15 minutes. The vast majority of rubbish comes from snacks—either playtime or after school, please remind your child to ensure rubbish is placed in one of our many bins. Thank you in advance.



100% attendance week—how did we do?

As I've said before, it is statistically proven that excellent attendance is a crucial factor in how well a child does at school, as well as being a key behaviour indicator for Ofsted inspections. We had a good focus on attendance last week—and the classes achieved the following...this is though, still an area of focus for the school.

Oak	96%
Willow	97%
Beech	98%
Pine	95%
Maple	99%
Elm	88%
3C	98%
3R	93%
4G	96.5%
4P	97%
5N	98%
5C	98%
6P	95%
6J	96.5%
School	96%

Dads football tonight!

The Dads and teachers have some matches coming up if you'd like to get involved. This time we're playing Sheen Mount Dads and teachers on Friday the 20/1 and East Sheen on Friday 24/3. If you'd like to play then do let Dave Green or Steven Yerby (Harry and Francesca's dad) know. It's always good fun so why not get stuck in? Spectators are also very welcome.

School Data Evening for Parents

We held our annual data evening for parents last week. If you were unable to attend you're still able to see the presentation, as it's posted on the school website.

<http://lowther.richmond.sch.uk/performance.php>

Lowther's Got Talent 2017

Wow! The auditions were great fun and I must pay a huge tribute to all the children who auditioned for LGT. I love how children want to get involved in school life. It was a very (pretty much impossible) decision to choose the finalists for the grand final such was the effort and enthusiasm from all of the children. In the end we chose 25 acts to make the final and I'm sure they'll pull out all the stops to try and secure victory in the grand final.

The finalists are as follows:

Sports — Amelia, Medina, Cassidy, Sophia, Elle, Ameliah,

Singing— Scarlett, Bulqays, Katherine,

Dancing— Madeleine, Nathaniel, Daniel, Zehkeil, Ava

Musical instruments — Tuna, Lolly, Aleeyah

Comedy — Ella, Lucas, Leo, Kit

Magic — Toby, Thomas, Kaziah, Xavier, Oliver L,

Alternative — Elias, Joel, Dylan, Bibi, Michael, Ali, Alexander, Molly, Kitty, Oliver W

The grand final, which of course we'd love you to come and watch, is on **Friday 27th January 2017** between 145pm and 3pm. We also have a special guest performing at the end for the children whilst the judges make their final decision. It should be masses of fun! Well done to every one who entered and good luck to our finalists!

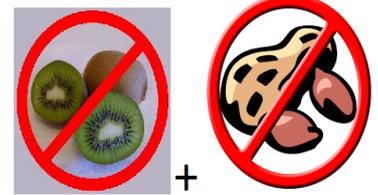


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Kiwi Fruit and Nuts

We have updated our policy on certain foods allowed at schools. We want to inform all families that as well as being a NUT FREE school we have made the decision to also add KIWI FREE to our policy. This is due to the possibility of allergic reactions. Thank you for supporting us with this essential matter.



ITV Filming at Lowther

On Thursday (19/1/17) ITV came to Lowther to do a short piece of filming. The details are below. The VT will be aired on ITV w/c 6th February 2017, so keep your eyes out for Lowther on the television!



The London Television Centre

Upper Ground

London SE1 9LT

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W: <http://www.itv.com/gmb>

W: <http://www.itv.com/lorraine>

19th January, 2017

Ref: ITV Breakfast – Good Morning Britain & Lorraine Competition

Dear Parents,

We filmed at Lowther Primary School on Thursday 19th January for our two breakfast shows, Good Morning Britain and Lorraine. As part of our competition giveaway, we were surprising teachers and some parents with a gift for their hard work and dedication to the school.

Whilst the teachers and parents were the main focus of the filming, understandably some of the children will be in the background of the footage and in some of the classroom footage that will air w/c 6th February.

The VTs are very light hearted and fun, but if you would rather your child did not appear on the show as part of the VTs, please email me at Claire.burke@itv.com with a picture of your child by Tuesday 24th January so we can identify them and ensure they are either edited or blurred out of the footage.

Best Regards,

Claire Burke

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