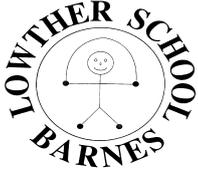


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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

A Fantastic term is up and running...!

This term is a big one! There's always lots going on at Lowther but teachers and I always see this half term in particular as one where we really see children progress and attain superbly. I look forward to sharing with you the

great learning that's going on at Lowther in future newsletters.

New chickens!

We're delighted to announce we have 6 new chickens. Welcome back to Lowther to our feathered friends!

Tests and the new curriculum

This morning I was invited to talk on the Victoria Derbyshire show on BBC news about the government tests in Year 2 and Year 6. It's a time of much change in education and I'll share more with you about what that means for schools and your wonderful children. If you have any questions then please do pop in and see me.

Y1 Tea Party

Thank you to those of you that came along to the Y1 St George's Day tea party—I'm sure you'll agree the food (and cakes in particular) were absolutely delicious! We were delighted so many families were able to attend.

Basketball Successful season

Our Y3/4 basketballers completed a hugely successful season last week. Their season consisted of 2 tournament victories and only one defeat (by a miserly one basket) all season.

Our Y5/6 basketballers also finished the season in style—with a nail biting penalty shoot out win versus Orleans and a second victory in a row.



Fantastic new donated benches

You may have noticed the fantastic new benches in the school grounds. These have been very generously donated by the Alpass family - a very welcome addition to our school facilities.



PTA Fun Quiz Night

We had a great turn out for the quiz night last week. There was plenty of laughter and fun and also the small matter of raising over £1500 for school. Thank you so much for your amazing support of the school.



Changes to the front of the school

You may have noticed the new fencing that's been put up at the front of the school. This is the first phase of some work we've co-ordinated with the Children's Centre to improve the front of the school. Look out for further improvements over the coming weeks. We hope you like it.



Send in your Sainsbury's Vouchers!

Yes indeed, we still want those vouchers! The deadline is coming up soon so let's get them while we still can. We've only just started counting them but we've definitely got a good few thousand....You can see the sort of things we'll be able to get by visiting Sainsbury's website. There's some super sports equipment available!



Staffing Update

We're beginning to shape our staff team for next year. With that I am pleased to tell you that both Miss Treble and Mrs Said are expecting babies over the summer. We've already begun our recruitment and will make announcements to parents in due course. In the meantime I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them congratulations.

Attendance across the school

Our school attendance target this year is a very challenging 96.5%. As it stands we're currently on 96% as a school total. We will continue to give out prizes and rewards for those pupils with 99% and 100% attendance.

Dads' and Mums' Football remain undefeated!

Both the mums' and dads' team are currently undefeated for the whole season. If anyone is interested in joining either team please email Alina Embacher or Sam Alpass or alternatively just let the school office know.

School Nursing Service

Justine, our school nurse, will be based at Lowther every Friday from 13.30-15.00hrs. If you're looking for health advice, support or information, Justine will be available for you. She's very happy to discuss anything that's on your mind, for example...

- Emotional wellbeing • Family matters
- Healthy eating & exercise • Bed Wetting
- Growing-up & adolescence • Anger & hormones
- Sleep • Staying safe
- Immunisations

If you would like to see Justine please feel free to drop in or if you'd prefer to book an appointment you could call Justine on 07943076183.

A visit from Perform

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Tuesday 26th April. The KS1 children had a wonderfully energetic time exploring the theme of *Peter Pan: Mermaids & Pirates* and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Peter Pan: Mermaids & Pirates*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *Peter Pan: Mermaids & Pirates* theme. Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory £30 discount to all parents of Lowther Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Tuesday 17th May. Click [here](#) for the nearest locations. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting LPWV170516 or visit perform.org.uk to find out more.

Y4 Kingswood Trip

As you read this Year 4 will have just returned from their awesome residential trip. I visited for a day and I must say the children's maturity, behaviour, sense of fun and adventure was absolutely exemplary. Amazing work Y4! We'll get a full gallery and video on the school website soon. For now here are some photos to illustrate just what they got up to!

