



# Lowther School Family Newsletter

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## What a start!

Wow, the children have really come back ready to learn. I wasn't planning to do another newsletter yet but I've just been so impressed — I've even had to go and order new Golden "Bling blings" as well. From the Monday morning assembly (where the children were so engaged and well behaved) right up to Friday they've continued the positive attitude all the way through the week. All the classes seem to be doing very well on the behaviour target of focus and concentration too— I'm sure the children will continue this fantastic start to learning in 2013.



## Local Schools working together for your children



Many of you will know of the exciting progress made at Richmond Park Academy over the past year — Ofsted visited just last term and awarded the school a well deserved "Good" judgment and this sits nicely alongside their much improved academic results. I am very pleased that RPA's Headteacher Lesley Kirby will be at Lowther **on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm** to provide par-

ents with a first hand account of recent developments and future plans. I do hope you will be able to join us for what will be a very useful insight into the rapidly improving local secondary school provision. Refreshments will be provided and the event will finish in time for you to collect your children at the normal time. Parents of children in any year group are welcome to join us in the Great Hall anytime between 2.30pm and 3.30 pm. RPA are very happy to just have an informal chat with you, however should you wish to see more information about their results etc, they will have a presentation to show you should you wish to see that extra detail.

Transition to secondary is such an important factor to consider and so I do hope you'll take this opportunity to find out more about your local secondary school.

## Website News

We've begun to set up an archive on the website so that you can look back at events and work children did when they were in younger year groups. If you haven't been on the website recently please do — we want to have as much useful information available for parents and children—so please do let us know if there are other things you'd like to see on the site. You can find the LSF Archive in the Gallery drop-down menu.



### Making Day Gallery

Tom's fantastic pictures of Making day are now available online for you in the Gallery section. At Lowther we love being creative and the pictures really show that. Go and explore!

### Lowther's Got Talent

Lots of children have now signed up for LGT 2013. I'm starting to get excited! The deadline for applications is Wednesday 16th January with the auditions on Friday 19th. Please support and help your child to practise so their act is as polished and professional as possible. It should be great fun!



## Golden Standard update

One of the things the children work really hard to try and achieve is the Lowther School Family Golden Standard. There are so many children doing a marvellous job it's always a tough decision. We have now awarded 43 golden standards this year. Of these awards

- 25 are girls
- 18 are boys (come on boys catch those girls up!)
- 15 are for children in Foundation Stage/KSI
- 28 are for children in Key Stage 2 (come on younger children don't let the big kids win!)

Mrs Colenso, Mrs Webster and I will keep watching and noticing all the amazing things the children are doing. We look forward to giving out lots more golden standard awards.

## 100% attendance week

Good school attendance is vital for children to make excellent progress with their learning. It also supports positive friendships and social stability for children.

So far this year 60 children have 100% attendance for the year — wow that's impressive. They all received prizes just before Christmas. There are also another 74 children with 99% attendance. Brilliant!

Next week is 100% attendance week — we have 284 children in the school from Reception to Year 6. Let's see if we can meet my target of **260 children getting 100%**. Please help us in achieving this challenging target.