



# Lowther School Family Newsletter

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## The views of families and pupils are paramount

We have just completed our regular survey of pupil views of the school. This year for the first time the survey was put together by the school council and myself. The views that you and your children give us really allow us to shape Lowther in to the school we all love. Thank you all for giving us such helpful feedback. You are all our key stakeholders and your views matter. A snapshot of just 5 of the questions are illustrated below ( I include the cooking one as it is now the most popular subject at Lowther — fact! ) We will make the full set of results available for all parents online in the coming week. Please be assured that we will use the feedback given to us by the children to look very carefully at our provision and the way we do things. After all their views are the most important of all.

Do you enjoy learning at Lowther?				
Enjoy loads 89%	Enjoy a lot 8%	Enjoy 3%	Don't enjoy 0%	Dislike a lot 0%
<b>Reading</b>	Enjoy loads 60%	Enjoy 28%	It's ok 10%	Don't enjoy 2%
<b>Maths</b>	Enjoy loads 70%	Enjoy 21%	It's ok 7%	Don't enjoy 2%
<b>Cooking</b>	Enjoy loads 96%	Enjoy 2%	It's ok 1%	Don't enjoy 1%
How happy do you feel at Lowther?				
Yes, mega 88%	Yes, very 4%	Yes, quite 4%	A bit 2%	No 2%



## Amazing bakers

What an astonishing success our team of bakers have been (no wonder cooking is so popular amongst the pupils at Lowther!) This love of cooking really shone through this weekend when parents and children worked together to raise nearly £1000 from cake sales. Thank you all for your tremendous hard work. What a great lead in to this weeks Summer Fair.

## Pure awesomeness!

I have to say you and your children never cease to amaze me. I thought Pop star day was fantastic—the costumes and the way your children enter in to the spirit of things is truly fantastic. Thank you all for your tremendous support.



## Grounds Afternoon

Wasn't grounds afternoon fantastic? Thanks for turning up in such great numbers (and hoorah it didn't rain either!) Look out for an online gallery of snaps coming soon.



## New pupil report form this year

We really want to make sure our communication with parents is as helpful and as informative as possible. As a result the school's senior leadership team have been looking at that way we present your child's annual pupil report. We wanted it to be sharper and easier for you to read. This years report will focus on key areas for us as a school

- Children's attitude to learning
- Children's effort with their learning
- Children's progress with their learning

If you would like to see a blank copy of the report format please do enquire at the office where you can pick up a copy. Reports will be due out on Friday 5th July 2013.

## Diaries at the ready!

### June 2013

Saturday 15/6 School Summer fair  
 Wednesday 19/6 Beech class to Pizza Express  
 Y4 to Richmond Museum  
 Y6 Camping  
 Thursday 20/6 **INSET DAY** (School closed)  
 Friday 21/6 **INSET DAY** (School closed)  
 Monday 24/6 Y5 Science Museum  
 Friday 28/6 Reception to London Zoo

### July 2013

Wednesday 3/7 Y4 Hampton Court  
 Wednesday 3/7 Y6 Production at 7pm  
 Thursday 4/7 Reception 2013/14 New parents evening  
 Friday 5/7 Sports Day  
 Monday 8th July—12/7 Y6 Isle of Wight trip  
 Friday 12/7 Y3 British Museum  
 Tuesday 16/7 Pine class to Pizza Express  
 Y6 Parents meal  
 Tuesday 23/7 LAFTA awards  
 Thursday 25/7 Y6 Leavers assembly

## END OF TERM

## PTA now on Facebook

The PTA have started a Facebook group for parents and teachers as one way to keep you informed of forthcoming events at school. You can join it by going to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lowtherprimaryschoolIPTA/> please join and tell all your (Lowther) friends. From time to time, photos of activities at school might go on the page. The group is a closed group which means that only parents and teachers at school will be able to see them, however we will ensure that children are not named. If you are not happy for your child to be in any photos, even anonymously, please let us know at school.



### Borough Sports

We had a team of over 30 children compete at the annual borough sports competition this year. The team worked incredibly hard, with a special mention to Freya (Y3), James (Y4) and Samuel (Y4) for their stunning successes. Look out for another online gallery of pictures available soon.

### KS2 Football Fun

We had a tremendous Key Stage 2 girls and boys South American football tournament on Thursday. A huge amount of skill, spirit and enthusiasm was shown. It was also competitive! We believe in a healthy balance in sport of competition and for sport to be fun and inclusive too. Well done to all the teams, particularly our gold, silver and bronze winners. A special well done as well to our most improved teams and most sporting.

### No smoking please!

As you know our school site is a no smoking site. However, we believe that we should be modelling healthy lifestyles to all our children and so request that adults do not smoke anywhere near the school site, especially around the entrances. Thank you for supporting us with this important issue.

### Your Summer Fair 2013 — THIS SATURDAY!

Yes indeed it's that time of year again. We hope you will join us for the Summer fair this Saturday (15th June 2013) It should be another really fantastic Lowther event. Come and join in the fun between 12 and 3.30pm. Thank you in advance to our really wonderful PTA who organise this annual fun fest! I can't wait!



### Fit for Sport Summer camps

Our after school club providers and lunch time games players Fit for Sport are trying to gauge interest in there being a summer camp at Lowther this year. We've not had one for a few years and we need to see if it is viable before we decide to go ahead or not. If it is something you'd be interested in please could you indicate so to the school office. Thank you in advance.

### Y6 play—The Wiz

The annual Y6 play at the end of the school year is always a blast. This year they've opted to do a groovy take on Michael Jackson's "The Wiz" The show will be on 3rd July 2013 — it's sure to be a hot ticket. More details coming soon.

### Whole School Homework Challenge Results— design a new bling bling

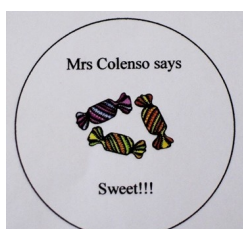


The challenge was to DESIGN MRS.COLENZO or MR.TUFFNEY A NEW GOLDEN STICKER (Bling Bling!)

We've had all sorts of designs for our golden stickers—with over 30 entries. Well done to all the children that took part, they received their special certificate on Monday. The 4 winning entries are illustrated below. We look forward to seeing them made into actual Bling blings!



"You're a star"  
by Bruno



"Sweet work!"  
by Bogdan



"It's a yes from me"  
by Ella



"You rock!"  
by Lizzie

### Another Whole School Homework Challenge to get stuck into

Thanks to Ella (Y5) who has set the new whole school homework challenge in conjunction with Mrs Colenso and I.

The challenge is simple "Design a whole school homework challenge"

I believe that children have the most creative minds on the planet—so here's a chance to prove it! We've had all sorts of homework challenges over the years—photography, models, recycling, singing the list goes on and on. You'll need to think about setting a challenge that everyone could have a go at. It's up to you how you design the challenge, you can use the computer, you can draw or paint, perhaps even make one. We'll leave the creative bit up to you.

The deadline is Friday 28th June. All entries will receive a Bling bling and a special certificate. Our favourite challenge will be made into an actual Whole school homework challenge. Good luck and happy designing.

### Super Fundraisers!

Well done Ben and David Green; Thomas, Ella and Ed Reynolds; Freya, Samuel and Matthew Reynolds who all took part in a 5k run in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity. They all ran the 5K in just over 30 minutes with Ben and Freya in the lead.... Ben looked like he could have continued running forever..... Superb achievement for them all! So far they have raised over £200 which is great. If you'd like to add to the sponsor total do catch them in the playground.