



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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A very busy and exciting half term!

Thank you all for a fantastic term last time out. The summer term is always one of my favourites—it's packed full of events and activities as well as seeing children's learning progress really come to fruition. I know that with your support this term at Lowther will be another absolute cracker!

Performance News

At Lowther the children love being able to put on a show for parents. We've had some really super performances recently



Midsummers Nights Dream

Shakespeare? In a Primary School? In the round? Yes indeed! Year 4 and 5 put on a really stunning show of A Midsummer's Nights Dream in the last week of term. The quality of singing, the use of the stage in the round, the drama skills, the clarity of speech were all top notch. I think that everyone who came along to watch had a great evening. Well done children!



To see more of the photos and listen to some of the songs check out the school gallery pages on the website.

Richmond Music Festival

Miss Jones was delighted with how well the school choir sang at the Music Festival. They performed two songs with great skill and enthusiasm. We liked one of the songs so much I asked them to do make a special video version so all of you can enjoy it too. It's now live on the school website.



Spring Breakfast

It was fantastic to see the hall packed full of parents for our Easter assembly. From Reception to Y5 I thought the children's range of singing and performances were excellent. I must say I thought Y3's re-telling of the Easter story in particular was super. Thank you for your support with this, the children love performing to a packed and appreciative audience!



Your PTA—could you get involved?

Our wonderful PTA do so much for our school, however they're always keen to get more people involved in supporting and helping the school. matters. Why not think about getting more involved next year—it's a really sociable and rewarding thing to do. As well as joining the PTA you could consider becoming a class rep in 2015-16. Each class has a representative who parents can speak to about school matters. Thank you to all of the class reps for 2014-15. You've done a great job.



LOWTHER SPRING CLEAN
SAT - 18th April 2015
0900 - 1200

Come along this Saturday morning and help spruce up our grounds for the Summer term.

If you can, please bring gardening gloves, brushes, wheelbarrows and tools where possible.

Mr. T has a list of jobs; turn up on the day and help for as long as you can.
Tea, coffee and juice will be available for the workers!

Diaries at the ready!

Some key dates for what is always a very busy term.

April 2015

16th Uniform Sale 11.30-12.30 and 3pm

18th Clean Up Saturday

22nd Y2 Gatton Park

23rd St George's Day Tea

29th Yr 4 Kingswood

May 2015

4th BANK HOLIDAY

Year 3/4 Art exhibition

11th Yr 6 SATs week

13th Reception Gatton Park

13th Year 3 Hyde Park

22nd End of half term

June 2015

1st Creative Arts Week

1st Year 3 Orange Tree workshop

4th Year 3 Orange Tree performance

5th Grounds Day

9th Nursery AM Hyde Park

9th Nursery PM closed

10th Y4 Hampton Court

Thursday 18th **INSET DAY**
(School closed)

Friday 19th **INSET DAY**
(School closed)

23rd PM Nursery Hyde Park

23rd AM Nursery closed

24th Y3 Kew Gardens

26th Sports Day

July 2015

1st Reception London Zoo

2nd Y6 Production

6th Y6 Isle of Wight

8th Y2 Kensington Gardens

9th KSI Pirate Day

11th Barnes Fair


13th LAFTAs

16th Teddy Bear's Picnic and KSI sharing assembly

21st **END OF TERM**—Wow what a busy term!



Other School News



MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (AGES 11 TO 16)
3.30 - 6.00pm
Hang out with your friends, cook food, play indoor sports, record music, use our gym, or learn new skills in photography, web design and IT.

THURSDAY MUSIC WORKSHOP (AGES 12 TO 14)
12.00 - 3.00pm
Work with professional music workers on your songs, recordings, promotions and band development. Ideal for young people who are not in education, employment or training.

GIRLS GROUP (AGES 11 TO 16)
4.00 - 6.30pm
A chance to talk, meet new friends, cook or learn new skills in photography, t-shirt printing and design, and music.

POWERJAM (AGES 9 TO 16)
5.00 - 6.30pm
The ultimate pop band experience for 9 to 16 year olds. To book contact annatexier.powerjam@gmail.com

FRIDAY JUNIOR CLUB (YEARS 4 TO 8)
6.30 - 8.30pm
Especially for Years 4 to 8, a chance for our local juniors to use our great facilities.

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Scooter fence

I hope you like the new fencing we've had put in to organise the scooter park. This was paid for by a super fundraising effort by parents at the Christmas Bazaar, I think it's been our best year ever of fundraising so thank you all for helping to really provide some superb great additional facilities.

Y6 Focus

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this year. They are really focused now on their SATS assessment week which is at the start of May. We always use the SATs as a positive learning experience. It's about doing your best, working to achieving a goal and going for it! We fully expect them to smash their targets. They certainly deserve to do very well indeed.

Mrs Colenso's leaving do

As you will be aware this half term is Mrs Colenso's last at Lowther before she heads off to take on her new headship role. We fully intend to have a leaving do that we'd love you all to come along. Her leavers assembly will be on Friday 22nd May from 2pm—3pm. Watch this space for further details.

Disney filming

We've had some more filming done at Lowther over the holidays. The Disney Channel have been filming editions of their new and exciting cooking show starring a certain chef by the name of Michel Roux. We'll try and let you know when the show is likely to be on TV.




Barnes Children's Centre serving Kew, Barnes, Mortlake and East Sheen
Summer 2015 Programme
13 April - 21 July

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Free childcare for 2 year olds

If you receive either income support, have an annual income of less than £16,190 or one of the other selected criteria you could be entitled to 15 hours free childcare. If you'd like to know more and to find out whether you could be eligible please contact the Family Information Service on 0208831 6298 or check with the Children's Centre here at Lowther.

Also, do look out for the new Children's Centre programme—which is available from the lobby. There are loads of excellent activities for children under 5.

Community Centre Update

As many of you will know Marie Ellis (the manager of CCP on Stillingfleet Road) is going to be moving on from her role at the Community Centre. I'm sure you'll all agree that Marie has done a marvellous job for the community here. If you get a chance I'm sure she'd appreciate you wishing her all the best.

Teacher class allocations 2015-16

At this time of year I know parents begin to wonder about the schools' class arrangements for the coming school year. We're working through this very carefully and are usually in a position to share this with parents in June. I hope you find this advance information useful,



Y4 Residential

The Y4 classes are looking forward to going on their 2 night residential in a couple of weeks. This is now the third year we've run this fantastic trip and I know it will be a wonderful experience for all the children going. A big thank you to parents for supporting their children with going on this trip. I believe these experiences develop so many positive aspects in the children, such as independence, confidence, social skills and not to mention are huge amounts of fun! We'll be sure to post a gallery of photos to share more of what exactly they get up to.

Meet your next MP at the Castelnau Community Café

The General Election on 7th May 2015 and gives you a chance to make sure that you are represented in parliament. So many issues depend on politicians – from school places, to road conditions, NHS care, recycling and shop opening. Even if there are no issues you are worried about now, there might be soon. One of the candidates will be selected to represent you, whether you vote or not, so why not come along and meet them to help you decide how to use your vote? If you are not registered to vote, you must do this before 20th April 2015 to vote in this election. Visit http://www.richmond.gov.uk/elections_voting_and_registration or ask at the Community Centre for a form. Your local candidates will be coming to the Community Café to tell you a bit about themselves and for you to ask them about things that matter to you.

15th April 9.30-10.30am Robin Meltzer, Liberal Democrats Party

21st April 9.30-10.30am Zac Goldsmith, MP, Conservative Party

22nd April 9.30-10.30am Andree Frieze, Green Party

23rd April 9.30-10.30am Sachin Patel, Labour Party

We have also invited the UKIP candidate, Sam Naz, but we haven't heard from her office to confirm a date.

Just as a point of interest, Sachin Patel is actually a former Lowther pupil!

Park Run cancelled - Due to planning restrictions we're going to have to cancel the run we had planned for next Saturday (25/4) Sorry for any inconvenience caused.