



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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At Lowther we want children to have a genuine say in what happens at their school. I am delighted to announce we have decided to re-establish the school council. Last week pupils from Years 3—6 gave a series of excellent speeches. Congratulations to the following children who have all been elected school council representatives. I'm looking forward to hearing more about what the pupils think would make Lowther an even better school.



Our newly elected school council are all very proud to represent their class. They all did a fantastic job with their speeches. Now they need to deliver the goods!

Free Football Mondays

Brentford FC offer Free Football here at Lowther! It's every Monday from 3.00- 5.00pm and is suitable for boys and girls age 8-11 years old

The children will be coached by Brentford FC Community Sports Trust FA Qualified Coaches, in addition they will get the opportunity to play in matches, learn new skills, have fun, make friends, play in tournaments. Sounds good to me!

Photo fun! Don't forget you can order any photos you see on the website or around the school. Here are some crackers from playtime recently.



Policies Update

We are currently reviewing and updating our Equalities Policy to make it compliant with the recommendations in the amended Equality Act 2010. We are also taking this opportunity to review a number of our policies and so you will see that they are not currently on our website. The new updated policies will be put online as we review them.

At Lowther we celebrate the fact that we have such a wonderful and unique school family. It's a special place to learn.

I would, however, like to reassure parents that all incidents of harassment and bullying are taken very seriously and it is our duty to report racist incidents to the borough's corporate equalities team on a termly basis. Should any parent or carer wish to report an incident this can be done directly to me, either in person, by phone, by email or in writing. You can also report incidents to the school office or by post to the Governing Body and these will be passed to me. If any member of our Lowther Family has any concerns or anything they would like to discuss I do hope that they feel they can approach the school directly. The way we work together is such a vital part of the Lowther way.

100% Attendance Week Update

I am delighted to say we had 207 children with 100% attendance last week—which was brilliant. We also had over 96% attendance (our target) for the whole school. This week Mrs. Colenso has set the target of being at school on time. This really does need parental support. We are a bit concerned that some families are consistently late to school. Since September 2011 we have just over 400 lates. This is not good enough. Please help the children to get to school on time—this is such an important life skill, not to mention that when children are late they miss out on vital learning time too.

Thanks Super Dads!

A massive thank you to the dads who gave up their time to help us find out what we can do to make Lowther an even more inclusive school. When we work together like this it fills me with such pride that Lowther is a genuine school family.

Thanks as well to the other dads (and mums!) who have volunteered themselves to help with this project as it develops. It is very much appreciated.

Homework help!

Look out for a new development on the website soon—we are trying to put together some homework help guides in Maths to start with. When we launch these we will really value your feedback as to whether it is the sort of thing you would like to see more of. We will announce when they're live—it should be in the next couple of weeks.



Lowther's Got Talent 2012 — the auditions are now complete—oh my goodness me! Wow! We had such a hugely enjoyable day watching a wide array of talented stars! We have put through 21 acts for the final on Friday—you can expect magic, comedy, singing, dancing and more. Well done to all the competitors—it was such a difficult decision to decide who went through. Good luck to all the finalists for Friday.



Parents and family are invited to come along to the final. Finalists will be announced on Wednesday 25th January. The final itself is from 2-3 in the school hall on

Friday 27th January 2012

Homework Challenge 4

The Time Capsule!

I've had my first few entries for the time capsule—they're fab! All you need to do to make something for the Lowther Time Capsule is to make, write, design something no bigger than 15cm³ which represents Lowther today.

It could be a letter, a 3D model, a poem, a song, a drawing, a poster, anything you like.

We'll then put all the goodies in the capsule and dig it into the ground on the building site. All entries will be invited to see the capsule being "planted" and win a lovely golden bling bling!

All entries need to be in by Monday 6th February 2012.

Good luck!

