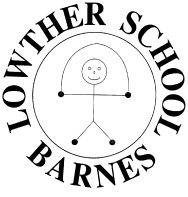


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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Lowther Opportunities

We all firmly believe in giving your children as many different opportunities as possible. So when the Wetland Centre asked if some of our children would like to attend a workshop and then meet a special guest we said "Yes please!" The special guest turned out to be Theresa May! Whatever your political persuasion this was a unique chance for the children to meet the current Prime Minister. Our children, as you would expect, did us proud.

Club Money

Since we started to charge for clubs we have reinvested the money in purchasing equipment for the club and for the school. We have most recently purchased 3 new basketball sets, a mobile sound system and also a fantastic new athletics sports kit. Thank you for your support of the school.

Surveys

Before Christmas we asked for your feedback on Homework at Lowther as well as your views on Healthy lunches and break time snacks. We are slowly working our way through all your feedback and want to make sure that if we make any changes, that they are the best for your children. Watch this space, we hope to have some further updates for you soon.

AfC—Richmond services

Achieving for Children has launched a new website which contains information for the recipients and customers of their services in Kingston and Richmond. AfCinfo currently contains information and advice on the following:

- Early Years and childcare
- Family Information Service
- Parenting support
- Children's centres
- Leisure activities for families and children
- Emotional Health Service
- Education and employment advice for young people
- Leisure activities for young people
- Advice and support for young people on health and social issues
- Volunteering and participation activities for young people

PTA news

The PTA were delighted with the amount raised at the Christmas fair (over £7000) Thank you all for your support. They are looking for a new treasurer to support the team with managing the PTA's account — is this something you could help with? Please do offer your help if you can. Don't forget about Carter Jonas' generous offer if you sell your house via them — the school stands to make a great commission from this.

Quiz night with a difference

We're delighted to announce the return of the quiz night. Mr Bracken, Mr Green and myself will be hosting a quiz night with fun, games and challenges, alongside a very well stocked bar! It's always a great laugh and we'd love to see lots of families in attendance. Bring your friends along too. The details of when the fun and games will be happening are illustrated below.

9th March 7.30 - 11pm
 Tickets £7 including entry and first drink
 Available NOW from Reception!



BBC 500 Words Story Writing Competition

500 Words is a story writing competition for children between 5 and 13 years old. Entry opened on Monday 15 January 2018 at 08:00. Entry closes on Thursday 22 February 2018 at 19:00. All the information can be found [here](#)



Wow! We had fantastic auditions from nearly 80 children for Lowther's got Talent this year. The final, featuring 22 acts from age 5 to 11, featured our fantastic pupils showcasing their skills. From Kung-Fu to Comedy to Gymnastics to Musical theatre Lowther's got Talent had it all. Thank you for supporting the children with this fun annual event. I am continually impressed with the range of talents and skills on show.

Safer Internet day 2018

Online safety is such an important part of children's upbringing now. Here at Lowther we offer lots of different opportunities for children to learn more about how to keep safe online. We run teaching sessions, discussion groups and assemblies as well as working with children on the practical aspects of keeping safe online.

This year's Safer Internet Day (SID) celebrations will take place on Tuesday, 6 February 2018. The 2018 theme, "Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you" is a call to action for every stakeholder to play their part in creating a better internet for everyone, in particular the youngest users out there. More than that, it is an invitation for everyone to join in and engage with others in a respectful way in order to ensure a better digital experience.

To keep updated on the latest campaign news through www.saferinternet.org.uk and visit [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) profiles and follow the [#SID2018](#) and [#SaferInternetDay](#) hashtags to find out more.

You can also support the campaign [Thunderclap](#) to help make a noise online on the morning of SID to kick start the day!

Attendance at Lowther

As you can see from the table below school attendance is not at a level we would expect.

Only 5 of our 14 classes are at or above our target level. We all need to do more to ensure we are supporting the children with 100% attendance. We are looking at further ways to reward children for good attendance as it is of course a vital life skill. This is reflected in the importance Ofsted place on it when completing inspections. Punctuality across the school is now so much better, thank you for superb support with that. We need to now work together to deliver the same improvements in attendance — we can do it if we all work towards the same goal.

Please support us with this essential part of school life.

Class	Whole Class Attendance % from September 2017—January 2018	Class	Whole Class Attendance % from September 2017—January 2018
Oak	93% - below school target	3G	95% - below school target
Willow	93% - below school target	3R	95% - below school target
		4P	96% - school target level
Pine	94% - below school target	4N	95% - below school target
Beech	93% - below school target		
Elm	95% -below school target	5R	96%- school target level
Maple	95% - below school target	5C	97% - above school target
		6C	97%- above school target
		6H	97% - above school target

Screen your Story

The children have done a remarkable job writing their Screen your Story entries. Thank you to those of you that were able to come in and help. I'm very optimistic that we will have more winners again this year as Mr Bracken and I were seriously impressed with the quality we saw around the school. Well done children!



LEAH Learn English At Home ESOL Literacy Class

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- Small and friendly class for adults with crèche
- The class is free



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