



Lowther

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Hello and welcome back!

Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter. I apologise that the newsletter has been somewhat erratic in how often it has been published in 2019. We now do much of our updating for parents via Parent-mail, our website and of course our social media platforms—Twitter and Facebook. If you're not following us on Twitter I highly recommend it as a way of keeping up to date with all things Lowther, including videos and pictures of trips and events.

This term is one packed full of learning and activities and, crucially for our Y6's—their SATs assessments. Lowther children always give 100% total commitment to what they're doing. And that's just how we like it! In Year 6 their tests are known as the SATs—this is a week long series of tests in the core curriculum. Children work really hard towards these as they help indicate their attainment and progress academically. They are, however, just a small part of their life at Lowther and do not show their social, physical or moral development. A key part of delivering any assessments is ensuring children are confident, relaxed and focused. Knowing that they are expected to try their best and give it a go are important aspects too. I believe we manage this at Lowther very well. Good luck to all the children in Y6—go for it!

Staffing update

We are delighted to announce that we have successfully made two new teaching appointments for next year. These appointments are because both Miss Barker and Mrs Hunter are going on maternity leave. We received a lot of high quality interest in both teaching positions.

The standard of applications were very high, with very strong candidates applying. After a very thorough selection process we eventually made the decision to appoint Liberty Sandeman and Lila Palmer. Liberty is a very experienced and highly skilled teacher who joins us from Melcombe Primary School in Hammersmith. Her background is in EYFS and KS1. Many of you will know Lila, as she is currently working here in Mrs. Cox's class and is also Peace's mum. Lila is a fantastic teacher and brings a wealth of experience of working with children and families in a variety of settings. We are excited to welcome both Lila and Liberty to our brilliant team here at Lowther.

Now we have made these appointments we will begin to finalise who is teaching which year group next year, alongside the annual mixing of the classes within each year group. We expect to be in a position to announce this to parents towards the end of June.

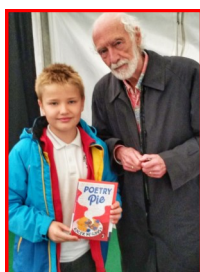
I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that we're delighted that Peta will be covering Michelle's class for the last half term of this school year whilst Michelle goes on maternity. We will cover Peta's current TA role accordingly. I am sure you will agree that this is fantastic for our Willow class children and their families.

We have a brilliant team here at Lowther and Dermot and I are in complete agreement that our staff team is of the highest quality. We look forward to exciting times ahead.

General School news

The Year 4 show Claws and Paws was a great success. We have produced a DVD, which is now for sale. We're keen to gain feedback on whether producing video recordings of shows is something parents would value. Do let me know.

Children from across the school attended the recent Barnes Literature festival as part of work to further promote great literacy at the school. We also have a number of children due to introduce guest presenters over the course of the weekend.



The PTA auction has been incredibly well supported and is due to raise a lot of money for the school. Thank you to all of you that have supported this creative initiative.

SEND Carers' Coffee and Chat

Find us on Facebook **SENDccc**

Next meeting **Monday 13th May at 9.30am.**

With guest Karen Lowry from the Local Offer

See you at **Castelnau Community Centre Stillingfleet Rd, Barnes. SW13 9AG**

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Year 4 had a marvellous time at their 2 night residential activity centre Kingswood. The children had the opportunity to tackle all sorts of challenges from climbing, to problem solving to team challenges. They did of course, have the chance to spend lots of happy times with their friends too. It was a fantastic few days away.



Our football team have had a superb season and fought their way to the Borough Final (for the second successive season) This is an incredible achievement as the standard is so high and there are 44 schools that enter this competition. The boys fought valiantly in the final and deep in to second half extra time, with both teams locked in and penalties looming, Collis managed to break the dead lock. The boys kept fighting until the end, but came up just short.

Borough runners up is a super achievement and coach Dave and everyone at Lowther is very proud of the team. Well done boys! Silver medal winners!



Lowther are borough basketball champions! Our basketball squad won all their matches at the borough playoffs including the final by an incredible 43-18. This means not only are they the best team in the Borough but they will now also represent the Borough at the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace. A superb, and well deserved achievement. We'll be sure to give you a full update on how they get on in the London finals! The results from the play-offs were as follows:

Game 1 Lowther won 22-15 vs. Marshgate

Game 2 Lowther won 31-11 vs. St John's

Game 3 Lowther won 33-15 vs. Archdeacon

Semi Finals Lowther won 33-16 vs. St James'

FINAL Lowther victorious by 43-18 versus Archdeacon.



We've had so much sporting success over the last few years, and this year has been the pinnacle of that. We're putting together a highlight reel video which will be well worth looking out for. We believe we have been the most successful school in the borough at team sports this year. At Borough level we are Football runners up, Netball runners up and basketball champions!

Well done to our Y3/4 basketball squad who made the playoffs for the Borough basketball competition. They were really unlucky, only missing out by 1 basket in each of their three games, including last second winners and golden baskets. Their determination and teamwork was impressive. I know they'll all work hard to keep developing their game. Great job!

