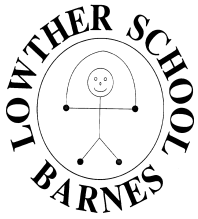


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# LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



## Welcome back!

Hope you had a great half term break. I'm sure you're going to love this half term — after all it's the Christmas one! We look forward to another fantastic half term of learning a Lowther.

## Work with our partner Locality schools

Our Inset Day on Monday October 30th was a shared locality one. The team here shared their training with all the other local primary schools ( Sheen Mount, Thompson House etc.) We have a great relationship with them all and enjoy working together to support each other. The training covered a wide range of topics, from Computing to leadership to outside learning and will be hugely beneficial to our team.

## First few assemblies of the term at Lowther

As part of our focus on English and writing we've started our assemblies this half term with a look at story writing and story telling. This has included the children sharing some fantastic stories with us all.

Mr.Bracken's first two behaviour targets of the year have been to "Impress the secret tidy inspectors" and "Write a story with a good character"

The children have responded really positively to these challenges

## Guests of honour!

Richmond Knights run basketball clubs and competitions across the borough. Their men's team have recently been promoted to National League division 4. They have invited Lowther school pupils to be their guests of honour for their men's game on the 11th of November at Waldegrave school Twickenham. Doors open 6:00 pm with the game starting at 630pm. Entry for anyone from Lowther school is completely FREE. I might see you there!



## Good bye and good luck

After seven years of fantastic service at Lowther Mr Prichard is going to be moving house to the Bath area with his family. Jim has contributed so much in his time at Lowther. We wish him the very best in his new endeavours. His last day at Lowther will be Thursday 21st December where we will wish him a very big good-bye and good luck.

We are delighted to announce that 6P, from January (and for the last two terms of the year), will be taught by Miss Hallam for 3.5 days and myself for 1.5 days. The class will be re-named 6H.

In addition, Mrs Peare has decided to have a break from working. Sarah has been part of the Lowther School family for 26 years, first as a parent (indeed her middle son was in my very first class) then as a staff member for 18 years. We wish her lots of future happiness. Her last day will also be Thursday 21st December.



## We are the champions!

Our Y56 basketball squad won the borough basketball tournament this week. They won all their matches against the local opposition, winning the final 20-13. It was a truly amazing team performance and gives us another basketball trophy for our front desk! I have 32 children that come to basketball club and the standard and their commitment is fantastically high.

Our Y34 squad also did really well coming in 5th place in what for many was their first tournament.

As a side note, an example of how we re-invest the money you pay for your children to attend club is the new black basketball kit I've recently purchased with the basketball club money. Thank you for supporting the running of our many and varied clubs, we will continue to re-invest the funds in providing resources and equipment for your children.

## To all Breakfast Club users:

Our school Breakfast Club has become increasingly popular over the past few years and is well supported by many of you.

As I am sure you are aware our Breakfast Club is extremely good value as it provides one hour of childcare in addition to an excellent breakfast (with a tasty fry up offered on Fridays). Until now we have been able to heavily subsidise the significant costs of running breakfast club. Lowther School has always felt strongly about providing a service that is affordable and promotes the well-being of all our children. However, due to national budget cuts from the Government, the school can no longer afford to subsidise the Breakfast Club as much as previously and thus the Finance Committee of School Governors has agreed to an increase to £5 per morning, effective from 13 November 2017. This increase will help towards funding staffing costs for the Breakfast Club, which until now, have been fully paid by the school.

I hope that the Breakfast Club will continue to be supported well and you understand the decisions made by the school.

## Wedding bells!

Huge congratulations to Miss Mould who got married over the October half-term break. At school she will now be known by her married name....Mrs Hunter.



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## E- safety Awareness

Check out some of the facts below concerning children's use of the internet and going online. E-safety and parent's awareness of how to keep children safe online is such a vital part of modern parenting. We've managed to get our hands on over 100 copies of an excellent magazine called Digital Parenting. All children in Y5 and 6 will receive a copy and we'll put the remainder in the lobby for parents to take. I've read it and it really is a good read. It's available online too and I thoroughly recommend checking it out.  
<http://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting/learning-and-fun/digital-parenting-magazine.html>

"Explore with your child how they can report to their favourite site/app. It can be reassuring for both of you, and it's an opportunity to reiterate to your child that they can come to you if something online has made them feel worried or upset."

Marie Smith, Head of Education, CEOP, the child protection branch of the National Crime Agency  
[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)



### Sharenting: the facts

**71%**

of parents upload five or more images of their child each week on social media

**9%**

of parents shared an image of their child in the womb

**21%**

of parents have set up a social-media account for their child

**13%**

say they share photos of their children to gain social media followers

**32%**

of parents have never asked their child if it's OK to share a photo of them

**78%**

of 10-12-year-olds in the UK have social media accounts

**49%**

of under-13s have a Facebook account

**41%**

are on Instagram

**40%**

aged 8-17 years said they have received negative comments on a photo they've posted

**35%**

of boys and

**51%**

of girls aged 8-17 worry about how attractive they look when they share photos online



## Cooking at Lowther

We love cooking at Lowther and it was delightful to see our youngest children (picture above) working with Chef Sarah and Chef Clare over the last couple of weeks. The opportunities for children to learn a broad and diverse curriculum is such an important part of life at Lowther.

## Sweet success

Thank you to all of you that contributed to the Y6 cake sale. It was a massive success and raised £169 for the school. Just think if every year group raises that much when it's their turn we'll raise £1400 for the school this year just from selling cakes! Fantastic!

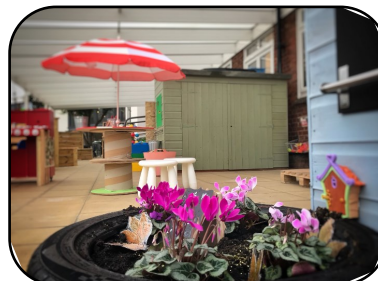


## The Mayor at Lowther

We loved having the Mayor come and visit us in assembly on Wednesday. She spent time answering some brilliant questions from the children about what a mayor does.

## KSI Outside Space

Our KSI team have made some truly fantastic changes to the area outside KSI. It's such an important learning area for the children. Please respect that this space is part of the classroom and as such children should not play in it before or after school. Thank you in advance.



## Richmond Parish Lands Charity

We work with RPLC to look at different projects that they could support us with across the school. A recent example being the funding they provided to help us reinvigorate our KSI outside space. They also offer grants for older children/adults who live in SW13.

Get in touch with them to find out more.

## RPLC

### Educational Grants

#### Eager to study/train, but worried about costs?

✓ Fees	✓ Transport
✓ Protective clothing	✓ Childcare
✓ Equipment	✓ Books

RPLC may be able to help.

Available to residents from TW9, TW10, SW13 and SW14.  
 Please contact [education@rplc.org.uk](mailto:education@rplc.org.uk) or 020 8948 5701  
 (Nancy - Monday to Wednesday)

Richmond Parish Lands Charity

[www.rplc.org.uk](http://www.rplc.org.uk)

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