



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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The final term.....

So we're now nearly half the way through the final term of the year. To start this newsletter I must first apologise that I haven't written one for a while. I hope you have managed to stay up to date with school goings on through our website, Twitter, class newsletters and by of course talking to your children! The summer term is one packed full of exciting events but also of great learning challenges as teachers push children to achieve their end of year targets. My assemblies recently have been focusing on what it takes to be an awesome learner. I'm sure the children will prove they're all truly amazing learners by really going for it over the coming weeks.

Year 6 SATs

We wish Y6 the very best of luck this week in a very busy week of tests. They've been working really hard and so I'm sure will tackle the tests with confidence, maturity and sense of purpose. Good luck Year 6!

New website videos

We've put some new videos on the school website again.

There's a short video from the Community Day run courtesy of Lucas Thornton's dad Mark.

In addition there are our two KS2 videos from the recent open evening—one giving an insight into life in the classroom in the upper school and one showing the children's views of their school.

All 3 videos are on the EVENTS page on the website.



Y4 residential trip

Y4 had a marvellous time on their residential trip to Kingswood activity centre. I know from first hand experience that they combined excitement, great behaviour and were all very excited! To find out even more about their adventures do read our Twitter feed on the website and check out the online gal-



Dates for the term

There's always plenty going on at Lowther! Here are some of the key things happening over the course of the final term of the year.

Wc 12th May — Y6 SATs week
Friday 16 May Whole Class Photo's

Friday 23 May - Mufti Day for summer fair

Wc 26th May — *Half term holiday*

Wc 2nd June — *Whole School Creative Arts Week*

Friday 6th June — *Grounds Afternoon*

Saturday 14th June — *PTA Summer Fair*

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th June — *School Inset days (school closed)*

Friday 27th June — *Sports Day*
Thursday 3rd July — *Y6 Production - title tbc*

Wc 7th July - *Y6 Isle of Wight trip*

Monday 14th July *The LAFTAs*

Thursday 17th July — *Y6 leavers meal for parents*

Wednesday 23rd July — *Y6 leavers assembly and last day of term*

As you can see there are lots of events for parents and families to come to. We'd love to see you so please do try and come along where you can.

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Cost £6 – all proceeds will go into our school drama budget for costumes, props etc

Changes to the way children with special educational needs and disabilities are supported

The Children and Families Act will change the way in which children and young people with Special Educational Needs and disabilities are supported at school and in the community. The Act will be implemented in stages starting in September 2014. Our SENCO, Mrs. Said, will be leading the way we work to support children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Trying sports at lunchtime

A couple of weeks ago I put the skipping ropes out for KS2 to practice for trying to be part of the skipping squad. Seeing so many children active and trying something out was awesome. For the rest of this half term we're going to experiment with a sport of the week—where we put the school equipment out for the children to use at lunchtime. Last week it was basketball and this week it's hockey. We'll let you know how it goes.



Y4's amazing homework

A massive well done to Y4 who at the end of last term produced some of the most amazing homework I've seen. Here are some examples—if you'd like to see more check out their page on the website and pop upstairs and have a look at the work outside their classroom. Excellent stuff Y4!



Cooking, cooking and even more cooking!

The children have been busy with all sorts of cooking projects recently. Those of you lucky enough to have children in Year 1 will know just how wonderful the St George's Day lunch was. Children from across the school were also involved in providing a lovely warm meal for our elderly neighbours over at the community centre recently. The younger children also provided some excellent entertainment to boot!

Chris from Blue Peter visited the school about a year ago, last week the chefs took pupils from Y5 to Borough market to learn more about foods and growing good food where they were lucky enough to meet Chris again.

Finally, we always welcome family members getting involved in the life of the school, especially if they can share their talents with the children. Dylan's gran gave Y6 cookery club some top tips last week and helped them make some top Turkish treats!

Cooking is just one way we want the children to get involved in their local community—if you have more ideas on how we can have even greater engagement with our community then please do let us know



Other School news

Promoting positive behaviour at Lowther

Mrs Colenso sets a target for the children each week to help the whole school focus on different positive behaviours. Here are the most recent targets and how many of our 11 classes managed to achieve a gold award for the target. We believe that competition can be healthy if managed appropriately. We have a weekly inter-class competition across the school and so the table to the right shows the year to date class results for attendance and class of the week.

Behaviour Target	GOLD awards
To keep ourselves healthy	7 gold 4 silver
To be in the right place at the right time	10 gold 1 silver
To be positive	7 gold 4 bronze
To get back to basics	11 gold
To recognise our strengths	5 gold 6 silver
To celebrate success	5 gold 6 silver
This weeks target is "To concentrate"	

	Top Attendance awards	Class of the week awards
Oak	1 win	1 win
Willow	2	0
Beech	2	2
Pine	1	3
Maple	3	3
Elm	3	4
Y3T	4	1
Y3S	8	1
Y4B	3	2
Y4J	4	1
Y5	2	1
Y6	7	1