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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Thank you for a super term to start 2016—now for even more excitement as we head into the final term of the year. The summer term is probably my favourite (and not just because the sun is shining!) but because of the range of different things we have going on at school. Whether those be end of year assessments, school plays, residential trips away or sports day we will be getting the children involved in some awesome experiences and learning. Let's get going!

London's Opportunities

We fully believe in getting children out and about to take full advantage of the many opportunities London has to offer. At the end of last half term Y3-5 got taken to the Royal Albert Hall for a truly spectacular music concert.



Assembly themes

We have lots of different themes over the course of the year in our assemblies. This term I've started with some assemblies on understanding more about how we act having a direct affect on others. At Lowther we work hard to support children growing and developing socially as well as academically.



Learning in different ways

The Y1 Portrait Gallery and Reception trip to Windsor Castle (both pictured) which happened recently, are just two examples of how we try to promote learning in different ways at Lowther. We want children's experiences of learning and school to be awesome!

PTA Fun Quiz Night

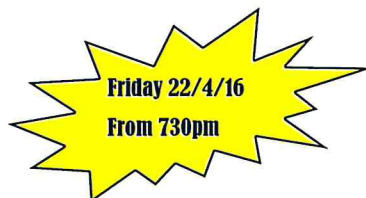
Mr Green and I are really looking forward to hosting the PTA's fun quiz. We're planning a lot of activities and fun in the quiz rounds—including some trips down memory lane. The emphasis is most definitely on fun!

Get the baby sitter booked and come along and join in — we guarantee you'll have a good night.

Confirmed quiz rounds so far....

- Music round
- Film round
- Dingbats
- Bullseye round (yes, from the TV quiz show)

And loads more to come too. There's going to be a bar and a proper pizza oven. Make your own team or we can help you set one up, it really doesn't matter. We want as many people as possible to come, have some fun and raise some extra money for the school. We look forward to seeing you there!



Staffing and classes for the next academic year

During the course of this term I know that parents begin to wonder about the school's arrangements for each of the year groups and classes for the next academic year. We're currently working through this very carefully and are usually in a position to share this information with parents towards the middle/end of June. This will also include the details of the class base your child will be in for the academic year 2016-17. Exciting stuff!

Dads' Football

The next match is Friday 15th April at 7pm. If you'd like to get involved see Sam (Nell in Y1's dad) or Dave Green. It's great fun and we'd love more dads involved.

Send in your Sainsbury's Vouchers

The challenge is on! I mentioned in assembly to the children to see who could bring in loads of vouchers—and the children have really started doing that. Indeed we've had some children bring in bunches of 30,40 tickets and indeed two families bought in excess of 100! Please do keep sending the vouchers in—we've got stacks but we want even more!

Spring Breakfast

I thought Spring breakfast was fantastic. The Y3's did a really excellent job retelling the Easter story in between some super singing and performing from the other classes. I hope you got a good view as I know these whole school events are always very well attended. We really appreciate your involvement in coming to school events.



Richmond Music Festival Success

Well done to our fantastic choir who sang really well at the Richmond Music Festival this week. Miss Jones and Mr Gradidge were very impressed.



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Screen your story competition winners

We were delighted with the effort from all the children across the school with their writing for the Screen Your Story competition. We are delighted that five children from Lowther have been chosen as winners. Well done to the following children on being chosen

Elias Wilkinson-Thorpe
Luna Abrams
Cara Hegarty
Lucas Thornton
Cameron Bowers



An extra special well done to Cara and Lucas whose stories are being made in to actual films which will be shown at the Olympic cinema in Barnes.

Quite an achievement!

Well done to all of our children across the whole school who put in so much effort and enthusiasm in to their writing for the story competition. The standard and quality of writing from all our young writers was impressive!



Healthy and Activity Week

13th-15th June 2016

We are organising a whole week full of exercise, sport and healthy eating and cooking activities. This will involve staff, PTA, parents and professional sportsmen and sportswomen. We hope to raise awareness, inspire children and adults and raise money for charity and school! We have lots of ideas but would love you to come to us with more.

The week will culminate with Sports Day on Thursday 16th June.

Please contact Victoria Coward with any ideas.

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Open NOW!

Richmond Borough in Bloom POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION 2016

*in co-operation with
Achieving for Children*

Pupils of all ages who attend a school within the borough of Richmond upon Thames are invited to submit a colourful, eye-catching painting of flowers seen outside in summertime. The entry chosen as best overall will be used to illustrate a special poster to publicise this year's gardening and floral display competitions; it is displayed in libraries and elsewhere throughout the borough.

The paintings will be judged in five age categories of entrants, from under 5 years to sixth form (see the box next page) and there will be a winner and two runners-up in each age category. All these 15 top entries will go on exhibition at special events during the year.



Winning entry 2015 by
Mia Hardy, age 7
Holy Trinity School

How to enter

Simply submit your entry in to school by Friday April 22nd 2016.



Junior BAKE OFF



...IS LOOKING FOR
BRITAIN'S BEST YOUNG BAKERS.

Does your child love baking and fancy putting their skills to the test? Can they make the most mouth-watering shortbread; are they potty about pies or simply bonkers about bread?

CBBC is looking for junior bakers aged between 9-12 years across the country to take part in the brand new

Junior BAKE OFF

All parents/guardians please visit:

<http://thebritishbakeoff.co.uk/applications/> for an application form.

Y4 Kingswood Fun

The Y4 classes are looking forward to going on their 2 night residential in a couple of weeks. This is now the fourth year we've run this fantastic trip and I know it will be a wonderful experience for all the children going. A big thank you to parents for supporting their children with going on this trip. I believe these experiences develop so many positive aspects in the children, such as independence, confidence, social skills and not to mention are huge amounts of fun! We'll be sure to post a gallery of photos to share more of what exactly they get up to.

A super set of shows!

Well done to all the children in Year 4 and 5. Their excellent version of the Rocky Monster Show was very well acted and sung. The staging and costumes also helped add to a really well produced show. We love putting on performances at Lowther so look do look out for the Y6 show in the Summer term.

Y2 and Y6 Assessments

Year 2 and 6 have been working incredibly hard this year. They are really focused now on their assessment weeks which are this term. We always use the assessments as a positive learning experience. It's about doing your best, working to achieving a goal and going for it! They certainly deserve to do very well indeed. Parents of children in Y2 and Y6 will receive an additional letter shortly explaining all the details.

