



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Happy holidays from everyone in the Lowther School Family

It's been a really fantastic first term at Lowther. I've seen first hand the children shine and sparkle in so many ways. In the classroom Mrs. Colenso and I have been impressed with first rate attitudes to learning whilst in the wider school life children have run, drawn, sang, cooked and so much more—and all to a great standard. Our challenge for 2015 is to make it the best year of learning at Lowther ever. We'll certainly be going for it. In the meantime, we wish you all a very special holiday time with your family and friends.. See you in 2015!



The children enjoying the whole school pantomime

Getting into the Christmas Spirit

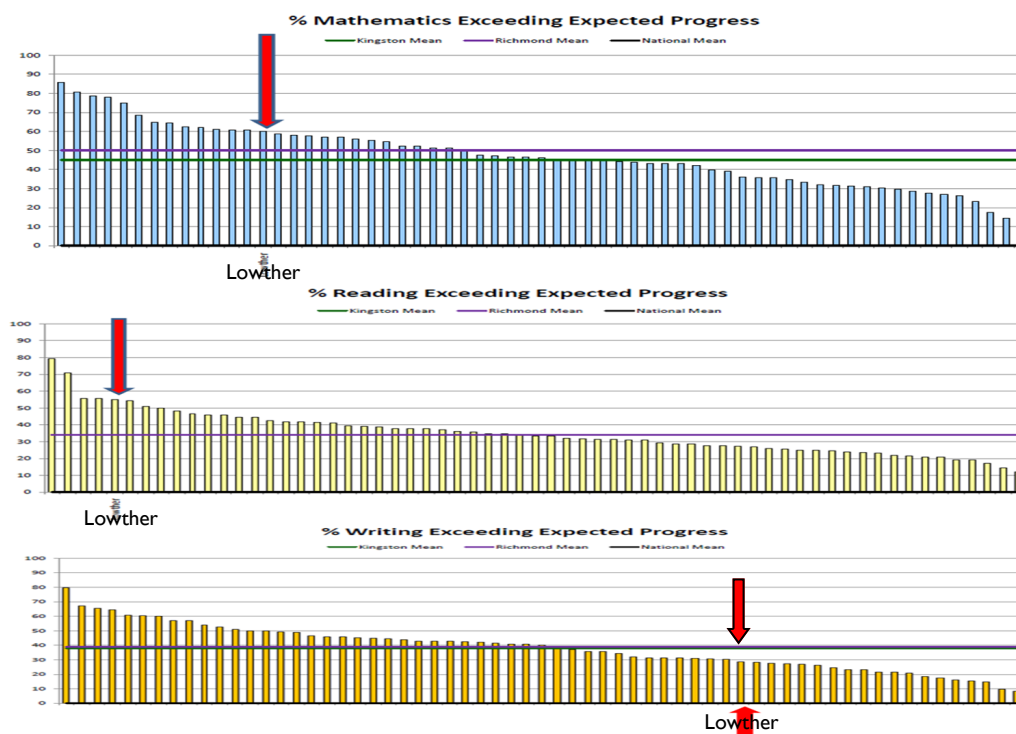
We've had lots of different events going on around school as we build up to Christmas. Thank you for always supporting our school events so whole heartedly. We'd like to invite you all to our annual Christmas service at Holy Trinity church on Thursday at 10am. It should be a lovely occasion.



We raised over £150 for charity New-life with our Christmas jumper day

How much progress do children make at Lowther?

In short — a lot! The graphs below show where Lowther ranked within the 50 schools in Richmond and Kingston for progress made by pupils. As you can see in Reading (5th place) and Maths (14th place) progress was excellent. Writing (31st) was disappointing in comparison. We're working hard to ensure Writing progress is consistently as good as in the other core subjects. Overall cumulative results for last year put us in the **top 14%** of schools **nationally** for the progress pupils make at Lowther — a superb result.



We have a new year's resolution that we'd like everyone to support!

From January we've signed up to the 'Living Streets **W**alk **O**nce a **W**eek scheme' – WoW. WoW is a year-round incentive scheme which rewards children walking to school at least once a week with a collectible WoW badge. - See more at: <http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-with-us/walk-to-school/primary-schools/walk-once-a-week#sthash.vbcfzplN.dpuf>

We'd like everyone to walk to school at least once a week. Those coming by car are encouraged to 'park up' a couple of streets away and walk. Scooting, cycling and taking the bus all count as 'walking to school'.

The theme of WoW 2014/15 is 'When I grow up', exploring the dreams and aspirations of young people with badges covering careers from journalism and dentistry to agriculture and art. January's badge represents an accountant and all children who have walked once a week will be awarded one at the end of the month.

Many thanks in advance for supporting us with this new scheme – what a fabulous way to kick start a healthy and safe 2015!

Whole School Photograph

If you haven't spotted it yet the new whole school photo is now up in the lobby.



Changes to football

To improve the quality of skills and the overall quality of the games being played at play and lunch time we've introduced smaller size 2 footballs. Larger footballs are now no longer allowed on the play-ground. The early signs are good, after all, the football team had their first win of the season last week 4-0 vs St Osmund's!



Part of the community

We were delighted to be invited to the new Windermere Court Residents association bulb planting morning. 20 children from across the school helped to plant hundreds of bulbs.



More data....

Thank you to those of you that attend the recent data evening. If you weren't able to make it and would like to know more then the presentation is now on the web-site.

http://www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk/school_data.php

I will also share some of the information over coming newsletters.

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