



# Lowther

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I want to start this newsletter by saying how proud we all were of the way the children showed fabulous respect for Remembrance Day. They observed a fitting one minutes silence with maturity and then sung so well too. Pride of place though was the truly fantastic art work done by all the classes from Reception through to Year 6.

The photographs on right hand side of this page of the newsletter are the second set of photographs taken by the children to document happy playtimes at Lowther. As a keen photographer myself I'd be pretty happy if I took photographs that good! We hope you like them! You can see more of them on the Lowther School Facebook page.

There are lots of exciting things going on in the coming weeks, whether they be trips, shows, special themed days and more. We want every day at Lowther to be a positive and exciting experience for all our children.

We also want our teachers to have positive and exciting experiences and to develop their skills and expertise. We have an excellent programme of professional development for our team—whether that be visiting other schools, attending workshops or learning from each other. We are fully committed to ensuring we are all the best teachers we can be.

Last Friday we played a total of 10 football matches with our Y3 team, and Y56 girls and boys teams all playing matches. We won 7 of our matches, drew 2 and only lost 1. I reckon that's championship form!

Lots more sports matches are on the horizon including our new netball teams first few matches. We haven't had much success in netball over the years and so we're hoping to get things going a bit. We certainly have enthusiastic children—nearly 50 attended the trials for the squad! Impressive. Our first home match is next Thursday versus St Osmund's—2pm start—it'd be great to have plenty of support!



Our Y34 basketball squad played really well and came 5th in their recent tournament and our Y56 squad came agonisingly close to 1st as they beat Marshgate 17-12, St Osmund's 32-12 and Holy Trinity 24-4. In their final game they were locked at 22-22 versus Sheen Mount only to lose by one basket in sudden death extra time. An amazing performance.



Sports updates at Lowther

Photographs of play time all taken by the children





Lowther School @LowtherSchool · Nov 16

Chef Emma baked an amazing thank you cake for @StPaulsSchool as they support us fantastically in so many ways, inc using their mini bus. 🙏



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We tweeted this picture last week to show our appreciation of the positive relationship we have with St. Paul's. They support our pupils with swimming, philosophy, maths and chess and also offer the use of their mini-bus for free of charge. St. Paul's are a really great support to our school.



Our new whole school is at the printers and will be up in the lobby and the office very soon. I always love receiving the latest picture and I know the children love trying to spot themselves.



Year One put together a superb Portrait gallery this week, showing their fabulous range of portraits off for all to see. Fantastic work Year One.



We recently had a survey of the school site done, this aerial photograph they took gives a great perspective of our amazing school site.



The children's display for Remembrance Day was certainly eye-catching and done with such care and thought, as well as heaps of creativity. Thank you to Mrs Hughes who was the mastermind behind the idea. A special thank you also to all of you for the lovely feedback we have received on this. Another great example of the Lowther Family working together.

My assemblies at the start of this half term were focused on E safety and being safe when playing games online. I would particularly like to guide parents to the advice around gaming. Now that games are increasingly being played online and between virtual gamers this is a key area for parents to monitor and supervise. Please also take note of the age ratings. Games that are rated 3 or 7 DO NOT have any legal guidelines, they are merely to advise parents on the suitability of the game for children of different ages. However 12, 16 and 18 rated games do have LEGAL guidelines and it is a criminal offence for a retailer to knowingly sell a game to a child under age.

I mentioned in a previous letter about the super popular game Fortnite. Did you know that Fortnite is a category 12 game? This is mainly because of it's frequent mild violence. This means no child at Lowther should be playing this game. We hear children talking about this game and it is important that parents ensure children are not being allowed to play games that have an age restriction that is older than they are. 12, 16 and 18 rated games are LEGAL minimum age ratings, NOT guidelines. Please support your child with appropriate use of technology.

Roblox is another game popular with children. Please ensure you follow the age-appropriate guidelines as this game has a chat feature. Roblox offers parental controls that allow for a selection of chat options (no chat, chat with friends, chat with everyone), account age visibility (13+ or <13), an account PIN code feature, and an Account Restrictions setting that only allows children under 13 to access a curated list of age-appropriate games



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## Applying for Primary School—deadline approaching

### Key dates for admission in September 2019

**2018**

Saturday 1 September

Online applications are open via [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) or [www.richmond.gov.uk](http://www.richmond.gov.uk)

**2019**

Tuesday 15 January

Closing date for all applications for Reception class entry and Year 3 entry in a junior school for September 2019.

Closing date for any supplementary information forms required by church schools to be received by the school.

Tuesday 16 April  
(National Offer Day)

Online applicants will be sent an email during the evening informing them of the result of their application.

Letters are posted first class giving detailed results of applications.

Tuesday 30 April

Date by which parents must accept or decline the offer.

Friday 10 May

Further offers made from this date onwards subject to places becoming available.

Friday 24 May

Closing date for receipt of community school appeals (church or academy schools may use a different date).

June to July

Admission appeals are heard.

Wednesday 4 September

Start of the autumn term.  
(exact date and time to be advised by each school)

Please note the key dates for admission to Primary School. This applies to all families, even you have older siblings at the school or if you have a child currently in the Lowther Nursery. If you would like any further advice then please do enquire at the school office.



## Other local information that may be of interest to parents and families

Workshop operates every Saturday from Church Road and is a chance for your children to get creative.



Workshop is a new Arts and Craft Studio in the heart of Barnes Village. Our classes are taught by leading artists and craftsmen. We believe that kids and teenagers are simply the best at learning new skills, so we don't water down our course content. You'll be amazed by what you make with Workshop.

## kids WINTER 2018 courses

Saturday 17th November	Saturday 24th November	Saturday 1st December	Saturday 15th December
14.00 - 17.00   £105 <b>Make a skateboard and hoody hook</b> With Steven Puente	14.00 - 17.00   £65 <b>Pop-up Christmas cards with letterpress lettering</b> With Mark Cockram	15.00 - 17.00   £45 <b>Ceramic Christmas ornaments</b> With Toby Steedman	15.00 - 17.00   £55 <b>Christmas wrapping paper using Flottage technique</b> With Mark Cockram


St. Paul's youth theatre operates every Monday from 4.15pm until 5.15pm at St. Paul's Juniors for children in Year 3 to 5, and from 5.30pm until 7pm for pupils in Year 6. It may be something to investigate for your children.

You may like to take your children along to the local pantomime put on by the Barnes Community Players. They're performing Sleeping Beauty at Kitson Hall. Full details below.



## Sleeping Beauty

a pantomime



drawn by competition winner 11 year old Lizzie Llewellyn-Dugher, 11 years old

**27th Nov - 2nd Dec at 7:30pm**  
**Saturday Matinee at 2:30pm**  
 Kitson Hall, Kitson Road, Barnes SW13

**TICKETS:** online at [www.barnescommunityplayers.com](http://www.barnescommunityplayers.com)  
 In advance: £14 - On the door: £15 - Under 14's £8  
 Group bookings & Member discounts available

**Barnes Community Players**