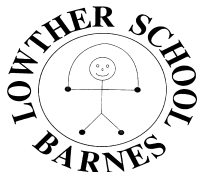


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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

I love this term!

I hope your children are enjoying the start to our final half term—I know I am! There's always so much going on at our school but this half term the events and activities come in thick and fast for sure. We'd love parents to get involved in any of these upcoming events—it's always great to see you.



Healthy Activity Week News!



Our first ever Healthy Activity week has drawn to a close—but what a week it's been. Despite the rain we've managed to pack in the events all illustrated below. A massive thank you should be given to Miss Coward whose idea it was to run the week and who has led the staff team in getting it set up and running it. I think if you asked your son or daughter what they thought I'm pretty sure they'll say they've loved it. Thank you also to those of you that have got involved - it's been really appreciated. We'll make a gallery of photos from the week and from Sports Day. I'm sure all the children were ready for a nice relaxing weekend to recover from the exploits of a very energetic week!



Cooking, designing meals, meeting gold medal Olympians, the England Basketball captain, Sports Day and the Roller Disco. Just some of the awesomeness we packed in to Healthy Activity Week. Well done children on doing such an awesome job.

Staffing and classes for school year 2016/17

We are delighted to announce our class teachers year groups. These are all illustrated in the table below. As you can see there are some new faces as well as some changes to the year groups teachers are with. We're really excited about the team we've put together for next year.

You will also notice I'm sure that Mrs Drury and Mrs. Bracegirdle are not on the list. Mrs. Drury has exciting plans to go travelling around the world whilst Mrs Bracegirdle has secured a promotion as the Assistant Head of Deer Park Primary. We wish them all the best with their new adventures.

We're delighted to have secured the services of some really excellent new teachers. Mr.Picken, Mrs.Chalbot, Miss Tittle and Mr Ripley are all fantastic teachers who are going to bring new and exciting ideas and skills to the Lowther School Family. I know you will all make them very welcome. Each of our new teachers will be spending some time at Lowther before the end of this school year.

Next week we will share with you how the classes have been mixed for the forthcoming year and whose base class they have been allocated to. Exciting times!

Year	Teacher	Teacher
N	Mrs Murphy	
R	Mrs Webster (4 days) Mrs Blaxland (1 day)	Miss Mould
1	Miss Tittle	Miss Barker
2	Mrs Cox (4 days) Mr Agarwal (1 day)	Miss Jones
3	Miss Coward	Mr Ripley
4	Mr Picken	Mr Gradidge
5	Mr Nelson	Mrs Chalbot
6	Mr Pritchard (4 days) Mr Tuffney (1 day)	Mrs Puddephatt



Fundraising!

Wow! The KS1 endangered animal day raised £173.85 for the world wildlife fund. That's fantastic!

School events photography

Just a quick reminder that we're very happy for parents to take photos of **their own children** at school events. However we must ask that you please don't put any photos on social media of children at school other than your own. Thanks for your support with this matter.

New Grass

I'm sure you will have noticed the fantastic new artificial grass at the front of the school. This was a shared project between the school and the Children's Centre. The idea is to provide a new play area for the Children's Centre alongside a smarter and safer entrance to the main school site.



PTA news

All parents of the Lowther School Family are automatically part of our PTA. The PTA's recent meeting agreed that it was a good time to open up all the committee positions and for the existing members to step to one side. Obviously all in a very positive way as they've all really enjoyed their time involved with the PTA but feel it's probably the right time for some new people to start to take over and for the existing committee to hand over. It goes without saying that the existing PTA are all very supportive of the school and will continue to help with events and so on. So now is the time for us to get the PTA rolling with a new group of parents. Do come and see me or one of the office team if you'd like to get involved.

Poster Competition

The children have been given the chance to design the artwork to go on the new 20mph speed limit signs around the school. We're hoping one will be chosen to go with the new signs that are now up around the local roads.

Performance Poetry Show

Our recent first ever Performance Poetry competition was a great success. The children showed such creativity, confidence and performance skills as they performed a fantastic range of poems. Well done to all of the children but especially the finalists and our winners — Niah in Year 2, Lucy in Year 4 and Scarlett in Year 5. I'm sure we'll be running this event again in the future.

The Y6 show 2016

The Y6's are busy preparing their upcoming show. It's going to be brilliant, and a little different to normal as it's not going to be a traditional play but a series of sketches and songs. I'm excited! Full details will be forthcoming but in the mean time get June 30th at 7pm in your diary.

Governors and our locality

Governors and I recently attended a meeting with other local governors and heads (from our locality of ten Primary Schools and one secondary) It was a really useful meeting where we discussed the governments agenda around academisation and forming Multi-Academy Trusts. Whilst there is no formal movement by Lowther to go down this route at present we are committed to continue working closely with our local partners as we have done very effectively in recent years.

Cara the Star!

We love seeing our children shine in different ways. Well done to Cara in Y4 who was interviewed and featured in numerous news pieces about the new Harry Potter play. Super stuff Cara!

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Harry Potter and the Cursed Child: 'Spine-chilling, stunning' - fans give their verdict plus an owl escapes backstage



A wizard evening for Harry Potter aficionados who gathered in London's West End for the opening of the Cursed Child. CREDIT: WARREN ALLOTT/TELEGRAPH

Y6 proudly presents

GOGGLEBOX

A Saturday night TV special

Date: Thursday 30th June 2016

Time: 7pm

Tickets: £3 adults £1 children

Tickets are limited and it's one show only so get your tickets as soon as you can.



Year 4 Singing Stars

A massive well done to Year 4 who sang beautifully at the recent Sing Up concert at St. Paul's School. They joined forces with Colet Court and St Paul's Hammer-smith to put on an excellent show.

If that wasn't enough we received a donation and letter of praise from a member of the general public after they listened to them sing at the National Portrait Gallery recently. Super stuff! The Year 4's are going to decide how best to spend the generous donation.



Athletics Performances

This year as you will know has been one of notable sporting achievement at Lowther. Well done to all our children who competed so brilliantly at both the Harrodian Athletics event and the Borough Sports. The squads did a fantastic job and continue to get better and better.



Secondary school meeting

Following feedback from parents about secondary schools and where our wonderful children move on to after graduating from Lowther I have managed to organise a meeting with Matthew Paul who is the heads of admissions and secondary school place planning. The meeting will take place in the school staff room at **9am on Tuesday 14th July**. I know this is something parents of the Lowther School Family are interested in and so recommend you attend if you'd like to find out more. If you'd like to know more please do get in touch