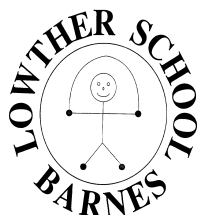


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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Our school never stops!

One of the many things I've always loved about Lowther is that there's always something going on to engage and excite the children. Whether that be Takeover Day, sports events, trips out and more. We love making school an experience that completely engages the children. This week's newsletter will hopefully give you a flavour of some of the awesomeness that goes on at Lowther every day.



Takeover Day Fun!

Well done to the 100+ children from years 1 to 6 who got dressed up as a teacher and taught a lesson on Takeover Day. The creative range of lessons and activities were brilliant, not to mention the fantastic outfits the children were sporting. It was a day full of fun, excitement and learning!

Carter Jonas Boards

This year we are being sponsored by estate agents Carter Jonas. Thank you to all of you that offered to have a board up outside your house advertising our upcoming Christmas fair. It is very much appreciated.



Help keep control of your child's technology this holiday season

I'd like to offer you all a handy information sheet (attached below) in this run-up to Christmas. Correctly setting the parental safeguards on children's internet-connected devices is one of the most useful steps to take in keeping children safer online.

Please note: you use it on screen, not on paper, because it works by tapping or clicking on the appropriate icon(s). Simply open the pdf file attached to this email and the picture opposite will open. Then double click the relevant icon for your child's device. It's simple and quick and will help ensure your child stays safe online.

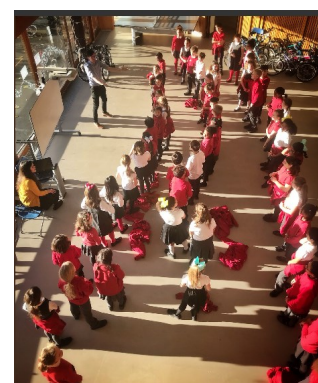


Learning walk on the environment

One of the many ways we review our practice and look at ways we can improve Lowther is by conducting, what we in education call, "Learning walks." Learning walks involved different groups of people from across our team working together to look at a particular aspect of school life. On the 14/11/17 we conducted a whole school learning walk looking at the brief "How do we ensure our whole school physical environment (including communal space) is of the highest possible quality?" As a result of the walk we have come up with a number of strategies we'll be using going forward to ensure the quality of the environment at Lowther continues to be first class.

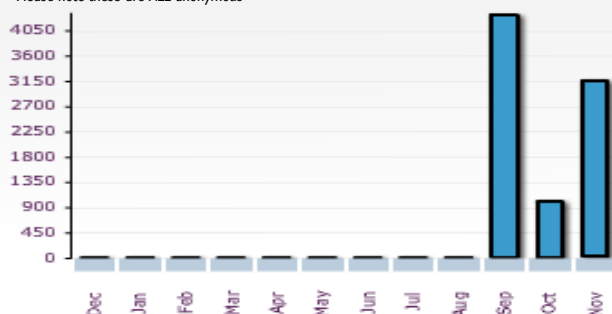
Annual church service

We're looking forward to our annual church service at Holy Trinity Church. This year the service is at 9.45am on Wednesday 20th December. Parents are of course very welcome to attend. The theme this year is "Everyone's welcome" and the choir (pictured right) and the classes have now begun to get their pieces ready.



Donations received

Please note these are ALL anonymous



Total donations received

£8,601.00 Last 12 months

Amazing Donations!

Thank you for the fantastic donations (which are always anonymous) that have been made to our Virginmoneygiving account. We're now up to over £8500 in total, which is truly awesome! Please note this is entirely separate from the PTA fundraising which we very much hope you'll continue to support so brilliantly. The PTA is working on the school's wish list and we'll let you know what we're fundraising for shortly.

To make a donation you can visit

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/>

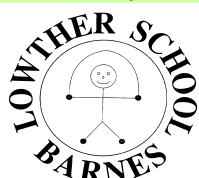
Or access the page via the school website

<http://www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk/fundraising.php>

Thank you in advance for your support, it's very much appreciated.

Upcoming Homework survey for parents and children

An important aspect of the home and school partnership is homework. This is a topic that as leaders of the school we have been considering for some time and so with the help of Poppy in Y6, we have decided the time is right to formally review the homework strategy at Lowther. We appreciate that there are many different views regarding homework and would love to hear more from you regarding the different aspects of homework. Please could you spare a few moments and complete the survey we will be issuing this half term. Your views are important to us. Thank you in advance for your support and involvement in this process.



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SPORTS at LOWTHER – SPECIAL FEATURE

There's been a whole heap of sports going on at Lowther in recent weeks. Basketball, football, athletics and more! We've performed brilliantly in all sports—the work we're doing in PE lessons, in clubs, the daily mile and all your fantastic support is really paying off.



Sporting Success

Following on from two of our most successful years in sport ever, the standards and performances by our children in sport continue to be excellent. This year so far we have

- Made the quarter finals of the borough rugby finals
- In the borough cross country the Boys came 9th out of 30 schools, the Girls came overall 7th out of 29 schools and the team overall came 7th out of 28 schools, which we believe may be our best team result ever!
- Our boys football team is undefeated this season (with a goal difference of +14) We also have a brand new girls football team this year.
- Our Y56 basketball team are Richmond champions and Y34 team came 5th.

We've also had a number of sports friendlies to ensure that more and more of our children are getting the opportunity to represent their school.

Well done children—truly awesome stuff!



Setting parental restrictions on your child's kit

1. Tap (or click) the icon (Apple, Android, Microsoft Xbox, Nintendo or Sony PlayStation) **or** scan the QR code with your phone's camera
2. Follow the instructions on the website exactly — in particular, setting the age of the child
3. We recommend that you set the device to not allow **any** apps to be installed without your permission
4. Choose a strong password to protect your new settings — **not** the same as the unlocking code!



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