



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Community Day Fun!

Community Day has been running for 6 years now. This year it started with a big breakfast fry-up – Mums, dads, children, teachers and some of community partners including the police, the community centre and the builders came. We then had a huge whole school warm up session before heading off on our Sport Relief fun run. The police very kindly shut the roads off so we could run on the roads.

The children then had the chance to try all sorts of different activities including cheerleading with the London Broncos.

To finish the day we had our Fairtrade tea with cakes and goodies all made by the children. Additionally, we had parents and staff netball and football and a very special Lowther Alumni vs. Current Lowther match.

It was a fantastic day – and really showed what an awesome community there is in North Barnes. Thank you all for joining in the fun. The way we all work together makes Lowther and North Barnes a great place to be.



A special thank you to the chefs and the PTA for their sterling efforts for the Fairtrade tea - we raised about £140 — which is amazing given we don't have a kitchen at the moment! Overall we raised £341 for Sport Relief. Thanks also to Mark (Lucas's dad) who has made an extension for the chicken house – wow! Thank you from all of us but especially from the chickens!

The Double Winners

The school basketball team won their second tournament of the year last week. We took two teams to the annual St.Paul's tournament. Both teams played tremendously, showing great skill and wonderful spirit. Tensions were high when Alfie swished a sudden death winner in the semis for win number 5 on the night. We then went on to win the final in style



Spring Cleaning

We have our annual spring cleaning day coming up. Please put Saturday 21st of April in your diary. We use the time (Saturday 10-1pm) to have a general tidy up and maintenance of our wonderful school grounds. All helpers for 30mins or 3 hours are very welcome!

BCA News

The BCA will hold its 4th annual **Duck Race** on Easter Saturday 7th April. The race will take place at Beverley Brook on Barnes Green and the starting pistol will go off promptly at noon so make sure you arrive early to buy your duck if you haven't already done so. Yellow plastic ducks are available for £5 each from Natsons, Membersys, The Sun Inn and Rose House. Each duck has a unique number and the first 3 winners will receive a special prize. So bring along your little ones, remember the number and see whether yours will be a winner. Buy your duck and bring it down to the brook on the morning of Easter Saturday. Every participant receives a chocolate Easter egg.

Parent Governor news

I am delighted to announce that Howard Smith (dad to Mia in Beech class) is now our new parent governor. Governors play a vital role in driving school improvement.

Spring Breakfast

On Friday 30th March at 9.30am it is our annual Spring Breakfast. This is held in the hall and we request that parents send in hot cross buns as we then share them out amongst the whole school. We also would like to request that if possible a few flowers be sent in to help decorate the hall. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

Do come along and join us for the event

Cartridge recycling

We now have a cartridge recycling box at the front of the school. Feel free to bring in cartridges that you've used at home and we'll recycle them for you!

School Council News

The school council have decided that the Tuck shop will be open on Fridays only. The demand has been phenomenal (thank you for supporting this venture)





Homework Challenge 5 DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

At Lowther we want you to be creative. But what does being creative mean?

We believe that being creative involves

- Trying new things
- Taking safe risks
- Experimenting
- Not being afraid to go wrong
- Using your imagination to find a solution

ALL YOU NEED TO DO ISDO SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

- Make something new e.g. if you've never used clay before give it a go!
- Go somewhere different e.g. if you've never been to the Science museum then GO! It's free!
- Try a new approach – e.g. try recording a story rather than writing one
- Try a new sport or activity
- Start a new hobby or club
- Or just do something different to what you normally do.

When you've done your DSD then write/draw/photograph/film/record it in some way so that it explains what you did. You could even keep a journal of your DSD.

Bring in your evidence after the Easter holiday.

The closing date is Friday 20th April 2012.

All entries get a **new** and exclusive "Bling Bling" as well as a unique DSD certificate.



Friendship at Lowther

Friendship is such an important part of school life. We try to support the children in a variety of ways to encourage positive and supportive friendships. The way the children inter-act with each other is such an important life skill.



Parent support at Lowther

The way you as parents get involved in school life is so important. Whether that be coming to an event, helping with homework, volunteering or a whole host of other things it makes such a difference to the children. This really is the Lowther way.



We continue to run a host of varied and interesting trips. For the vast majority of trips parents are very welcome to join the children.



Free Olympic Open Weekends - Celebrating 100 days to go

As a warm up for the Olympics there are some local events happening.

Try a range of sports including martial arts, badminton, indoor rowing, trampolining, hockey, tennis, cycling, handball, gymnastics, basketball, wheelchair basketball, fencing, athletics, boxing, diving and swimming races and water polo...

Saturday 14 April

Shene Sports & Fitness Centre and Whitton Sports & Fitness Centre 10am-3pm.

Teddington Sports Centre 9am-2pm.

Sunday 15 April

Hampton Sports & Fitness Centre and Orleans Park Sports Centre 10am-3pm.

Teddington Pools & Fitness Centre 11.30am-3.30pm.

For more information please go to www.richmond.gov.uk/olympicopenweekends