



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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The end of two thirds of our School Year

The time seems to have raced by! We've now completed two thirds of your child's school year. I hope you have seen them make great progress — whether that be in confidence, social skills, maths, sport or another area of school life. We want all the amazing children that come to Lowther to have an education that is stimulating, exciting, challenging and fun. I know all the teachers will be preparing a curriculum for after the Easter holidays that will provide your children with exactly that.

Thank you all for being so supportive and involved in the life of the school. We love having parents that want to be involved in Lowther life. We all wish you a wonderful Easter time, we'll see you back at school on Monday 15th April (please note there is NO inset day) when we'll be cranking the learning up to the maximum. Happy holidays!



Community Day 2013

Hopefully the pictures tell you how much fun we had on our community day this year. It's such a great way of celebrating being part of the Lowther School Family. The whole school warm up and the fun run are my two favourite parts of the day. The children were fantastic! Well done to all the parents who joined in the fun run or the netball and football after school. Look out for an online gallery coming soon.



A short message from Zac Goldsmith

I just wanted to let you know about a very large rally I am organising for residents and neighbouring MPs to protest against possible expansion of Heathrow airport. It will be held at Barn Elms on April 27th, from 9:30 – 10:30.

The event will be cross-party and cross-borough. It will include the Lib Dem MP Vince Cable, Labour's Andy Slaughter and (I hope) John McDonnell, as well as Conservative MPs Justine Greening and Mary Macleod. Boris Johnson will also attend.

Some key dates for the start of next term

Monday April 15th Return to school

16th April PTA AGM

19th April PTA table top sale and PTA race night

23rd April KS1 St. George's Day celebration

24th April Y4 residential trip

2nd May Y1 to the Wetland Centre

13th May Y6 SATs week

Please check the school website for further dates.

Swimming success

3 children from Lowther made it through to the borough swimming gala finals—an amazing achievement. Our children all swam in the small schools finals.

A massive well done to Fleuve (Y3CR) who is now the 3rd best freestyle swimmer in her age group in Richmond. Alex (Y3S) was the fastest qualifier for the freestyle finals in his age group—wow! Finally, Ethan (Y6) is the 6th best backstroke swimmer in the borough. Impressive stuff!

SMSA work at Lowther

We have a temporary vacancy for a school meals supervisory assistant to work at lunchtimes. The role involves helping and supporting the children to have happy and healthy lunchtimes. The hours would be from 12.15-1.30 five days a week. Please enquire at the office if you'd like to know more details.

Homework challenge

It's been a while since the last one so do look out for a new homework challenge coming after the Easter Holidays.

**Twitter—now live and streaming on the school website**

We've updated the school website to make it easier for parents and children to access all the latest Lowther news. On the latest news page there is our Twitter feed (no need to go on to the actual Twitter page), the latest edition of Skipper's Scoop and the most recent whole school newsletter. We hope this allows you to keep right up to speed with what's happening at school.

**The Wizard of Oz**

Well done to the huge cast of 100 children from Years 3—5 that performed the Wizard of Oz this week. Two packed houses enjoyed an awesome performance of great singing, wonderful acting and really fantastic story telling. Look out for an online gallery of snaps on the school website soon.

World Book Day Fun

We had a brilliant time on World Book Day. Thank you for helping get the costumes organised for the children—they were fabulous! There's a short video online of photos from the day, go and check it out.

We finished the day with a cracking assembly where the children told the rest of the school what they'd been up to. I had challenged myself to read a story in every assembly and in every class during the week. I did all but 4 classes out of the 13. So completed the challenge this week. We hope you liked the book sale—we're planning on getting even more stock next year as it proved so popular.

We also made over £200 profit—so thank you for that. It was marvellous to celebrate reading and to give books such a high profile.

**Spring Breakfast**

Thank you all for coming along to support the children at the Spring Breakfast. The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 really did a wonderful job. Their poems, songs, acting and reading were truly fantastic. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did performing.

**PTA Race Night**

Please do book yourself some tickets for the re-arranged PTA Race night. The new date is FRIDAY 19th APRIL. Mr Green and I are looking forward to hosting a night which will hopefully raise lots of money for the school but also be a huge amount of fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

PTA News

The PTA's AGM is Tuesday 16th April at 9:30am in the staff room. Please do come along and have a say.

The PTA are also struggling to get volunteers to help with the Summer fair. Please do offer to get involved, even if it's just to do something little. As it stands if we don't have more people step forward to help the event could well end up being at risk of not happening. It's always a great event in the annual school calendar so please do see if you can assist in some way. Thank you in advance.

Girlguiding UK
Barnes District Guides & Brownies are holding a

Jumble Sale

SATURDAY
27th April 2013

Early Birds Admission: £2
1.30 pm to 2.00 pm
Normal Admission: £1
2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

The Guide Hall,
Washington Road,
Barnes, London SW13

Any jumble would be greatly appreciated but no large furniture please.

Jumble can be delivered to the Guide Hall
on Friday 26th April between 6.00-8.00 pm
or on Saturday 27th April between 9.30 am and 12 noon.

If you would like us to collect jumble from you,
please ring 8748 9532