



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Brilliant Bakers!

Our recent class baking competition was fantastic. Each class was given a country as a theme and they then had to prepare and bake their very own pizza. Congratulations to the Y6 team who wowed the judges having prepared their Chinese Calzones (pictured) with great skill. The judges commented that all classes produced very high quality pizzas. At Lowther we love cooking!



Whole School Homework Result

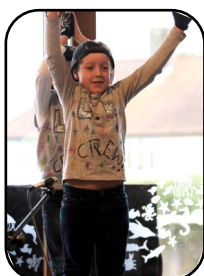
As you know, Chloe in Y5, had the brilliant idea recently of making a new friendship bench for pupils. The challenge was set! We had some really cracking entries for the challenge from across the whole school. The winning entry from Sara in Y3C (pictured right) will get made into the actual Friendship bench. Look out for further homework challenges coming in the future.



LGT—The 2015 final

The auditions for our fourth annual LGT were held just over a week ago and what fun we had! Miss Jones and I were so impressed with the variety and quality of the acts that auditioned. It made for a really difficult decision on who to put through to Friday's final. We ended up selecting a wide variety of acts and ages and thought each of them performed with huge skill and confidence in the final. It was so tricky to choose our winners.

Well done to all our finalists and of course to our overall winner Scarlett. Lowther's definitely got talent!



The latest news and updates

It's been another super half term with so much great learning going on. Mrs. Colenso and I have awarded a whole host of blue belt targets so it's really great to see the children pushing themselves in their work. It's also been another half term packed full of activities and events, many of which I've outlined in the newsletter. Don't forget the website has all the latest news on too. As a staff team we've also been working hard to share our best practice and to work on the key areas in our school improvement plan. I've had the chance to reflect a little with school governors and we're really pleased with the progress the school is making. Here's to a cracking last two weeks of the half term.

Updates from Mrs Colenso

Attendance Figures

Whole school attendance was 96.79% last week (slightly above target) Well done everyone. If your child is absent for any reason please do send in a note or phone the school office.

More walking!

Are you walking to school once a week? Well lots of you are which is fantastic. At the end of the first month we awarded everyone who has walked/ scooted/cycled once each week with their first badge. Please support us with our New Year resolution!



screen your story



Making use of the school website

I know many of you regularly use the school website. Illustrated below is a screen shot from the latest news page. As you can see this is a great way to keep in the loop of what's going on at school as it has our regularly updated Twitter feed, the latest newsletter and also Skipper's Scoop all available to read at the click of a mouse. There are of course new galleries, videos and other content added regularly too. Keep checking back!



Thank you to so many of you that came in on our whole school writing day. It was a fantastic day and we're really delighted with not just the quality of the children's work but their enthusiasm and enjoyment of taking part. There was a real buzz about writing across the school. Teachers have selected two pupils from each class to receive a medal for their fantastic efforts

'Screen Your Story' is a wonderful opportunity for all our young storytellers. The competition gives pupils the chance to be a published author, or even have their story made into a real film to be shown at the Olympic Cinema in Barnes. We're sending off all the children's entries to the judges, who include Michael Morpurgo, Jack Whitehall and Patricia Hodge.

Music Concert News - Come and join in the celebration

I'm really excited, but also a little nervous, about this weeks music concert. Excited because I know all of the performers will be fantastic, nervous because it will see the return of the staff band (last seen 2 years ago at Lowther's got Talent) Mrs Colenso has put together a really wonderful programme of both pupils, community, parent and staff performers. Please come along and support our drive to make music even better at Lowther.

Tickets are now available for the (first ever) whole school and community music concert. Get yours from the school office, suggested contribution £3. It's all happening this Thursday, 5th February, at 6.00pm in the main hall – don't miss out!



Great course available for adults

You may like to know of an English Language course run by the Children's Centre for adults. The "Learning more English" course operates from the Community Centre every Wednesday. Please let your friends know as it's a great local resource.

For parents and carers with English as an additional language who would like to **learn more English**. This class is run by Richmond Adult Community College.

If you would like more information please contact; 020 3021 1990

Superb Running Opportunity

Miss Coward and Mr Pritchard are very pleased to announce another Lowther first—the Lowther Charity Fun Run. This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole school community to take part in a fun run here in Barnes—getting ourselves a bit fitter and also raising some money for charity. I know lots of the teachers will be getting involved so we hope you are able to as well. Parents can either do the 5km run or complete the 1.25km course with their children. Look out for further details coming soon. (in the meantime the poster below outlines the plan—so put the date in your diary!)

Lowther's Spring Charity Fun Run

Saturday 25th April

All welcome Experienced runners and beginners!

Our chosen charity is the Andean Medical Mission

Time: 10:00am

Leg of Mutton Reservoir Barnes

Entry Fee (All goes to Glasses 4 Classes)

- Adults £4.00
- Children £1.00

The run will start at The Leg of Mutton reservoir. The children will run around the Leg of Mutton on a 1.25km run. The adults will run 5km from Hammersmith Bridge and over Barnes Bridge along the towpath.

PRIZES

Prizes donated by Sheen Sports will be awarded at school after the event. Refreshments

For inspiration go to:
www.runningbugs.com
www.parkrun.org.uk

For more information about the charity go to:
www.andeanmedicalmission.co.uk

Visit **Sheen Sports** on Upper Richmond Road in East Sheen and ask for the Lowther School 10%