



# Lowther School Family Newsletter

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## Our commitment to your children

Our priority for your children is to deliver consistently great teaching and exciting learning. As a staff team we all want to try and become better teachers. To support this we try and share our best lessons and ideas regularly. Your children deserve the best we can deliver. It's an exciting journey to be on and one we are fully committed to. We want to develop children that are excited by school and by learning so that they go on to be successful and happy in future life.



## Homework Challenge 2 — now complete

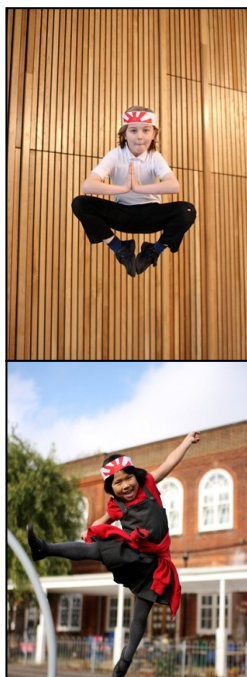
At Lowther we take sustainability and looking after our world seriously. We all have things at home that we either don't use or are a bit tatty. The second homework challenge was to make something cool from an item that is **recycled or re-used**. Children were encouraged to be creative. There were some really amazing models and items made. Look out for the website gallery coming soon.



## Hong Kong Phooey

We are proudly displaying the top 3 target hitters in each Key Stage in the Headship Room now. You will also notice in both the Key Stage 1 and 2 corridors there are pictures of the children

who are the top target smashers. Children should be aiming to have completed GREEN belts by Christmas. We encourage children to practice work for their targets at home too so do ask your child what their targets are and what belt they are on. Go for it children.



## Takeover Day 2012

Nearly 100 children applied to "Takeover". We had new chefs, teachers, teaching assistants, office staff and a new leadership team. The children really "looked the part". To gain a position children had to write a formal letter and then attend an interview. Well done children for making it such a fantastic day. More pictures from the day will be on the website shortly.



## Class of the week

Each week a class is nominated as being "The class of the week" So far the classes with the most nominations are Elm, Maple and Year 6. Well done to all of them. It's now up to all the other classes to catch them up.

## The Christmas Fair 2012

It's this Friday from 3.30pm until 5.30 pm. It's free to get in and there will be stalls aplenty, the raffle, Father Christmas and lots more besides. Do come along and join in the fun.

## Helping Others

If you have some free time after the Christmas holidays, and you are a parent, you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start Richmond is offering a free Preparation Course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course runs 10am-2.30pm, every Thursday for 10 weeks from 10th Jan - 21st March (not half-term). After the course, you would visit a family for about 2 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie on 020 8487 8500 [info@homestart-richmond.org.uk](mailto:info@homestart-richmond.org.uk) or visit [www.homestart-richmond.org.uk](http://www.homestart-richmond.org.uk). Home-Start Richmond, 211 Parkway House, Sheen Lane, East Sheen, SW14 8LS. Registered charity no: 1108975

## Nativity Parking

Please note that there won't be any parking tickets available for the morning performance of the nativity so you will need to find free parking in the area should you wish to come by car.

### Rugby Tournament

Mr.Pritchard and Mr.Daniels took 10 children to the borough rugby tournament. The team put in some cracking performances and played fantastically as a team and with terrific enthusiasm. Well done to all who took part.



### Staff Rugby

The staff followed the children's lead and competed in the evening Secondary school touch Rugby event. We were the only Primary school team there and so in theory are now the Primary champions!

### Basketball Tournament



Year 3 and 4 played brilliantly in the Richmond Knights basketball tournament. They showed great skill and enthusiasm alongside huge potential for the future. Year 5 and 6 also played in the Richmond Knights older children's tournament. They managed to come runners up – only missing out on the trophy by 1 basket. They were also the highest scoring team in the tournament.

### Rubik's Cube World Record



Well done to Year 6 who are now Guinness World Record holders. The children were given a month to learn the mathematical algorithms in order to solve the cube. They joined 1964 other hopefuls at the O2 arena and broke the existing record of just over 900 completed cubes.



### Free Parent Workshops

As you know the first set of workshops got booked up very quickly. A second round has been organised (the details are below) All the workshops are free and are on a first come first served basis.

*The bright and challenging child (KS2)* - Tuesday 26th February 2013 at Queens from 7.00 – 9.00pm

*5 steps to positive behaviour management (KS1)* - Tuesday 5th March 2013 at St Mary Magdalen's from 7.00pm – 9.00pm

*Bullying* - Tuesday 12th March 2013 at St Osmund's from 7.00pm – 9.00pm

*Self Esteem* - Tuesday 26th March at Lowther Primary School from 7.00pm – 9.00pm

*5 steps to positive behaviour management (KS1)* - Tuesday 19th March 2013 at St Osmund's from 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

*Preparing your child for transition to secondary school (KS2)* - Tuesday 23rd April 2013: at East Sheen Primary from 7.00pm – 9.00pm

All the workshops will be delivered by Gill Hines, Education and Parenting consultant who has worked in Richmond schools for nearly 20 years, bringing her own brand of challenge, information and humour to her workshops. For more information on Gill and her work visit her website at [www.gillhines.co.uk](http://www.gillhines.co.uk). All places can be booked through contacting the school hosting the workshop directly.

### More details on the Self Esteem Workshop taking place here at Lowther—to book a place please enquire at the office

*Tuesday 26th March - Self-Esteem – Lowther Primary School at 7.00pm – 9.00pm*

How we feel about ourselves affects everything we do and restricts the choices we make. Children and young people behave differently with siblings and peers, learn more slowly, may not fulfill their potential and be less inclined to work at new things if their self esteem is low. This participatory workshop will introduce to you the important features of self esteem - what it means, where it comes from and what we can do to help build it. Low self esteem often runs in families, so we'll also look at what we can do to help them by helping ourselves.

### Key dates for this Half term

Here's a quick reminder of the remaining key dates of the term.

4th Dec Making Day

7th Dec Christmas Fair

10th Dec Nativity Dress Rehearsal

11th Dec Nativity Performance 1.30 pm

12th Dec Nativity Performance 9.30 am

17th Dec Pantomime

18th Dec Church Service Holy Trinity at 10am

19th Dec END OF TERM