



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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A simple message - Thank you!

Thank you all for the support you gave us in celebrating the opening of the new building. We were blown away with the donations of cakes, the number at the party (one other local head said how impressed they were with the parental support of the school) and I have genuinely received so many positive comments about how much your children seemed to enjoy being at school and care about their school. This is what the Lowther School Family is all about—us working together to support your children. Look out for an online gallery courtesy of the talented Tom Daniels coming soon.

A special extra well done to Joseph, Hanaa and Mrs McNab (our chair of governors) for doing the honours and cutting the official ribbon.



Climbing wall now open for Climbing!

The climbing wall has been completed. I'm delighted as this was an idea that the children gave in our initial discussions with them about what they wanted their school to be like (we couldn't deliver the ice-rink I'm afraid!) Over the coming months the builders will return to complete snags and we also have one or 2 other changes planned for our history hall. None of this work will disrupt the children's learning but will continue to improve our school's built environment.

The School Family is growing.....

We now have over 300 children as part of the Lowther School Family. Our staff team is now also nearly 60 strong and I want to assure you that everyone that works at Lowther shares the common ethos and values of the Lowther School Family. We want people who believe in the school and want to work here. All our team are open to feedback and welcome your views and support in how we can move the school forward together.



Lowther School Family

Staff Team 2012-2013

Parent view — 16 so far more to come please!

Thank you to the 16 parents that have written their views on Parentview.

If you haven't yet then please do write your views of Lowther on Parentview. There is currently 16 completed surveys on there. Your views are really important as they help give the school feedback and inform us of key things which influence our decision making. You can leave your views on the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk/parentview

It'd be great to hear more of your opinions.

Safety before and after school reminder

Please support the school with this as we are still getting some families not following school guidelines.

We want children to be able to enjoy our school grounds. We ask that for safety reasons children do not scoot and cycle on the school grounds before and after school. We are planning on setting up a safe scooting zone in the very near future — further details to follow. We also request that children do not use the large swing (the other climbing equipment is fine) Ball games are only allowed if it's part of a club. Thank you for helping us with this. We try not to have lots of rules which say no to things and hope you recognise that these are all in place for safety reasons.

Photo time

Matthew the School Photographer will be taking individual photo's of your child on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th October. Family groups will also be photographed together. If you wish to bring your pre-school baby/child to be included please come to school from 8am on these days.

Web news

We try hard to keep our website up to date and to add new things which we believe are useful or interesting. This week we have uploaded part of the School's annual review for 2011-2012 to the governors on to the site. The headship part of the review is now available for parents to read on the governors section.

This is an important document which governors and staff use to help evaluate the school's performance and areas for further improvement. It's an interesting read!



Football victory—a report by Team Manager Chris Ward

Lowther v Holy Trinity Match Report

Score: Lowther 5 Holy Trinity 3

Goal scorers: Freddie 2, Leon, Owen, George

Match summary

17 Lowther players played in a 7 a side match – a real squad effort.

Fantastic team performance, lots of great passing and movement.

Victor made several great saves

Adam and Nickola marshalled the defence

Goal scorers were Freddie with two, Owen, Leon and special mention to George who scored his first ever Lowther goal with a thunderbolt from the edge of the box!

Huge effort from everyone, especially Sean Walsh, Tom, Francisco and Yousef representing Lowther for the first time.

Man of the Match – Adam



Hong Kong Phooey Targets

If your child is in Year 1 to 6 you may wonder why on earth they keep mentioning Hong Kong Phooey. Just to explain, we are not spending lesson time watching cartoons from the 80's but use him as our target setting guru. Children have targets set by their teacher and work through a series of karate style belts from blue to black. As they are awarded a belt in a subject they are summoned to see Mrs Colenso or myself to receive their special certificate and take part in one of the official Hong Kong Phooey secret ceremonies. Just so you know!



Barnes Food Fair

Well done to Mrs Wriglesworth and the chefs for a sterling effort down at Barnes Food fair. We had a stall with a great selection of Lowther's finest products for sale.



Open House

We had nearly 50 people visit the school as part of the Open House London weekend. It was a privilege to tell visitors about the school and share more of the good news from the Lowther School Family.

School lunches are cooking!

I'm loving our new school lunches and I hope your children are too. The feedback I've been getting from them so far is overwhelmingly positive.

Sinead and her team in the kitchen are working really hard to deliver hot and healthy meals. So far I've tried roast pork with roast potatoes, veggies and crackling, pasta with meatballs and this week a homemade burger with potatoes wedges, roasted tomato and coleslaw and roast chicken (with apple pie and custard for pud!) If you want to know more about school lunches check our website or enquire at the welcome lobby.



A small favour por favor!

We now have 2 main entrances into school in the morning and evening—by the side of the foundation stage and by the new building. We ask that you only enter the school site via the welcome lobby if you need to see a member of the office team. Thank you for helping us with this—it means the office team can really get to help people with their enquiries.

It's been simply awesome!

I have to say the way that the children have adapted once more to a change in arrangements to the school site has been great. Taking assemblies in the great hall is one of my highlights of the week, peering over the balcony at the children having their lunches is brill (it looks like a fancy restaurant!) and being able to see the children happily out at play from so many different vantage points just puts a smile on my face! Well done children on making it such a smooth transition.