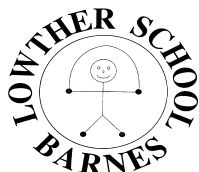


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The photos below are of Year 1's rather awesome trip to Kew Gardens.

# LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## A big half term!

I hope you had a fantastic half term break. We were really pleased with how the children started the year. This half term is a real cracker with loads of hard work going on alongside all the fun of the build up to Christmas. We work very hard to ensure children maintain a clear and strong focus on learning alongside enjoying the excitement of the festive season.

Here's to a really awesome half term of excitement, opportunity and learning at Lowther.



## Parent Governor Election

Look out next week for a letter which details the upcoming parent governor election. As you know governors play a key role in supporting and challenging the school and work closely with school leaders about ways we can move forward. If you'd like to know more then please do drop in and see me or Sharon in the office.

## Whole School Photograph

It's up! Check out where your child is in the whole school photograph in the lobby. If you'd like a copy of the whole school photograph let the office know and we'll print you one.



## School data

At the end of October we get sent a full and detailed set of data about the school performance. We then go away and analyse it fully. In recent years we've offered parents an evening where we explain to them how well the pupils at the school did the previous year. We also put this presentation online so that all parents can access it. This year the meeting will be on Tuesday 24th November 2015 from 6pm—7pm in the Y6T classroom. No need to book a place just turn up if you're interested.

## Keeping Children Safe Online

The theme for the next few weeks in assembly will be staying safe online. This is such an important aspect of young people growing up now so please do follow the work up in class. To support this work we have booked in the Local Authorities expert on such matters, Peter Cowley, to run some workshops on this too. Peter is going to run a free session on Monday 23/11 from 915am –10am in the school computer room. I thoroughly recommend attending the workshop as Peter really does have a wealth of knowledge and a host of practical and easy strategies to support parents keeping children safe online. There's no need to book a place, please just turn up. I will also be attending so I can gain further knowledge from Peter. We'll provide teas and coffee (and maybe the odd biscuit too) Stick it in your diary now.....



**Staying Safe online Monday 23/11 @ 915am in the School Computer Room**



## Shoe box Appeal

This year we are once again doing the Shoebox Charity Appeal. This is a really fantastic project where you fill a shoebox with toys, stationery and other goodies and then these get sent off to children (via the Samaritans) who would otherwise not get anything for Christmas. We've already had 9 such boxes brought in by the children. Please get involved if you can, the deadline for bringing the boxes in is 17th November. Full details can be found via the link on the school Twitter feed.



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Class	Attendance (year to date)	Above school target of 96.5%
Willow	96.2%	No
Oak	95.5%	No
Pine	95.8%	No
Beech	96.3%	No
Elm	96.3%	No
Maple	97.4%	Yes
3C	96.4%	No
3H	97.1%	Yes
4J	97.5%	Yes
4G	97.0%	Yes
5P	97.9%	Yes
5N	97.0%	Yes
6P	94.7%	No
6T	96.8%	Yes
School	96.5%	Yes

## Cake fun!

We do regular homework challenges set by the children for the children. One such challenge was set by Lucas and Alfie in Year 5. Here are the results of their bake-off challenge—and yes the cakes did taste as good as they look (it was pretty tough being one of the judges!)



## Footie Success!

Well done to the Y5/6 football team who had a stunning 8–0 (yes 8!) win this week. A really excellent team performance. Here's to more sporting success at Lowther!



Mr Green puts the Year 5/6 football team through their paces, ahead of a comprehensive victory.

## Attendance Update

As you know we monitor attendance closely, the table to the left illustrates the school attendance so far this school year. Well done to Key Stage 2 with 6 of the 8 classes above the school target of 96.5%. In Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 only 1 of the 6 classes has managed to hit the school target. Please continue to support us with this key part of school life.



## Attention all parents!



## ParentMail

## Have you registered?

It's an easy, convenient way to receive school messages.

### You can:

- ✓ Receive messages on your computer, tablet or mobile
- ✓ See all your messages in one handy, undisturbed feed
- ✓ Link to other schools or clubs that also use ParentMail
- ✓ Keep up to date with your school calendar
- ✓ Authorise trips or permission online



## Registering is really easy...

Ask your school office to send you a registration message

## News from our School Governors — brought to you by Philip Mead (Chair of the communication committee)

As you will know from this newsletter governors are hosting a couple of open evenings for parents this month. We really welcome your input so please do come along if you'd like to find out more about school data and the school's future plans.

The two meetings are

The Future of Schools meeting on Tuesday 10th November from 6–7pm

School Data meeting for Parents on Tuesday 24th November from 6–7pm

We hope you find the meetings useful. If you're unable to attend please don't worry we'll put both presentations on the school website.



## Contact the governors

If you'd like to contact our school governors you are always welcome to do that via the school office or by emailing [governors@lowther.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:governors@lowther.richmond.sch.uk)