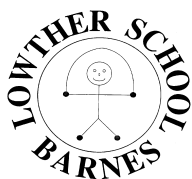


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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Firstly, I'd like to apologise for the lack of newsletters in the last month. We will get back to our fortnightly (on a Friday) letter going forward. What I can update you with is that 2018 is proving to be an exciting year for everyone at Lowther. There's been the awesome writing of Screen your Story, the amazing costumes and enjoyment of books on World Book day, there's the amazing learning that is taking place in each and every one of our classrooms. Of course there was even the fun of three days of snow! Our school is a fantastic environment for your children and we are all determined to carry on making 2018 a year to remember,

Expansion of Barnes Primary School

The consultation period has now passed for the proposed expansion of Barnes Primary School. We have sent way over 100 letters of objection, along with the school's official objection and the collective objection of the eight local primary schools. It is now up to the council to decide whether to proceed with the proposal. They are due to make their decision on the 15th March. As soon as I have an update for you all I will share with you via Parentmail.

I must say we have been so well supported by you, our local community. It really does show the passion and commitment for our school and our community.

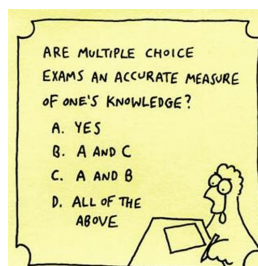
After School Provision

Our after school providers, Fit for Sport, are working hard to ensure our offer for families at the end of the school day is as good as possible. Our site manager is Jastey Singh and you can contact him either in person or via lowther@fitforsport.co.uk. He would really like to hear from families about the sort of things they'd like to see Fit for Sport offer, so please do drop him a line.

Quiz night — this FRIDAY!

There's quizzes and then there is the Lowther Quiz! Please do come along to our quiz night, it's going to be a lot of fun. The doors open at 7.30pm with the quiz starting at 8pm. There will be a bar with great value drinks! Mr.Green, Mr.Bracken and myself are hosting and we will be setting challenges and playing the odd game as well as asking all sorts of questions on everything from "Name that tune" to "Are you smarter than a 10 year old?" There are prizes to be won too!

You don't need to come as a team, just get yourself down to the Hall on Friday and we guarantee you'll have a good time. See you there!



Amazing fundraising efforts

Our recent disco for the younger children was a huge success. The children had a great time and the event raised over £1500. Wow! Our cake sale last Friday also raised a further £200. The support families continue to give our school is truly fantastic. In such tough financial times for schools this is appreciated more than ever. Thank you.

Community Day 2018 coming soon

One of our favourite events of the year, Community Day, is just around the corner. The date this year is FRIDAY 23rd MARCH 2018. As usual we'll be getting the whole school out in the playground for a dance/warm up session before embarking on our annual fun run around the local roads. Children will then take part in a series of different activities around the school during the day. Parents and families are very welcome to join us for any part of the day. More details to follow, we just wanted to make sure you all had it in your diary! Don't forget you can check out the dates for all school events on our school calendar on the website. It's up to date and easy to access: <http://www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk/school-calendar.php>



Surveys

Before Christmas we asked for your feedback on Homework at Lowther as well as your views on Healthy lunches and break time snacks. We are slowly working our way through all your feedback and want to make sure that if we make any changes, that they are the best for your children. Watch this space, we hope to have some further updates for you soon.

Football success!

Having won the local league, qualified for the final of the St. Paul's primary football tournament, our football team have now qualified for the quarter finals of the borough championships. A really fantastic season! Mr. Green and the team will be working hard to prepare for the quarters which are in March.

Good luck boys!



Lowther
PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

Quiz Night

9th March 7.30 - 11pm
Tickets £7 including entry and first drink
Available NOW from Reception!

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World book day 2018

Wow! The costumes for World Book Day were, as we've come to expect at Lowther, truly awesome. We had a fantastic day, reading stories, exploring books, doing quizzes and just generally enjoying the magic of books. Thank you for your brilliant support!



Things are looking up!

We've recently taken groups of children from Y5 and Y6 to experience climbing at Twickenham Academy. We're always on the look out for new experiences which build different skills in the children, whether that be confidence building, mathematical challenges, learning new sports etc./ Please do let us know if you have any suggestions for further opportunities for our children.



Blue Peter at Lowther!

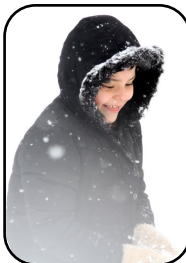
Well done to our pupils in Y6 who were selected to appear on Blue Peter as part of World Book Day. They spoke brilliantly on the piece. It's available on our Twitter feed and via I-Player. If you access the Blue Peter website there's an additional video clip too. We love giving children additional opportunities at Lowther!



Snow fun!

I was so impressed with how nicely the children played in the snow. We made sure the whole school went out at 9.10am on Wednesday to enjoy the magic of playing in the snow. It was (as I'm sure you have heard) a LOT of fun, and not just because the children got to throw snow balls at their teachers!

We were all determined to be open each day and ensure children were still able to come to school and for the school site to be safe. A huge thank you to all our teachers and support staff for ensuring that happened.



Open NOW! Richmond Borough in Bloom FLORAL ART COMPETITION 2018 in partnership with Achieving for Children

This annual competition is open to pupils of all ages who attend a school within the Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

The entry chosen as best overall will be used to illustrate a special poster to publicise this year's gardening and floral display competitions for residents and businesses. It will be displayed in libraries and elsewhere throughout the borough.

The paintings will be judged in five age categories, from under 5 years to sixth form (see the box next page) and there will be a winner and two runners-up in each age category. All these 15 top entries will go on exhibition at special events during the year.

Entries may be submitted through the school or may be submitted individually by boys and girls, sent direct to Achieving for Children at the address on next page.

What the judges are looking for

- * Will the painting be a truly eye-catching centrepiece of the poster, drawing viewers' attention to our gardening competitions?
- * Does this painting show artistic talent which stands out within the entrant's age group?
- * Does it depict one or more flowers or shrubs seen in gardens during the summer months?
- * Does it reveal a keen observation of blooms?

The awards

In each age category there will be one winner and two runners up. Each of the 15 finalists will receive:

- * Richmond Borough in Bloom certificate
- * prize pack of art materials giving many hours of enjoyment.

The overall competition winner, chosen from the five age category winners, will also receive a unique commemorative trophy to treasure for a lifetime.

Each school whose pupil is a category winner will be awarded a special Richmond Borough in Bloom commemorative certificate to display.

Award winners will be invited to a presentation ceremony and celebration tea party.

How to enter See next page for full entry rules.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY MARCH 23RD 2018



Winning entry 2017
Wen Lan Chan, age 12
The Lady Eleanor Hall School