



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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High Quality Teaching

At Lowther we strive to work together to make the children's learning experience the best it can be. We are continually reflecting on and renewing our teaching strategies. All our staff are trained to meet your child's needs wherever they are on their learning journey. We value the partnership between parent, pupil and teacher as this gives children the best chance for reaching their potential. Teachers are observed regularly as part of their professional development. In addition to this we work as a team to develop our skills base and share the best practices that we have at the school.

LGT—The final

A huge well done to all our performers who displayed a wonderful array of talents—you definitely proved Lowther's got talent! We all had a great afternoon, look out for the online gallery (now live) and DVD available for purchase for £7 very soon. In the meantime here are some of the pictures.



Let's work together to make North Barnes cleaner. I hope you may have noticed the new yellow signs about dog fouling that have been put up along Stillingfleet Road. I am sure you feel the same as the rest of the local community about the amount of dog mess that is on our local streets. We want a clean and safe North Barnes. A number of parents and local councillors are trying really hard to do something about this. Please sign the petition they have set up. There is an online version and we have a petition at the desk in the office too. By working together we can help clean up North Barnes.

Happy Holidays!

We hope you all have a wonderful half-term holiday together as a family. The children have been working very hard so we hope they get the chance to re-charge those batteries and come back firing in a weeks time.

Homework Help

We would really appreciate your feedback on a new part of the website. We have set up a homework help section. The idea behind this is that we will be able to put tips and ideas to support both children and parents with homework. To start with we have made a small number of "help" videos for Maths. Do let us know if you'd like to see more of this sort of thing.

ICT work

Y6 have been working alongside Mr Broughton from RPA to design their own websites. These are now live and online. They are Maths based sites and offer some great games and links to Maths activities.

Go to the ICT project part of the website and check them out.

Y5 will be the class producing the next lot of websites!

EASY fundraising

We're delighted to let you know that we have raised a lot of money through easy fundraising. It's a REALLY easy way to raise funds for school. They are about to send us another cheque for **£235.04!** Thank you to all of you that have signed up for this. There are currently 70 people signed up—just imagine how much we could EASILY raise if we had more people using this. Check the website for details.

COLD WEATHER

Brrrr! Please make sure your child has a winter coat, hat and gloves during this spell of cold weather.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box is overflowing with lovely warm coats, jumpers and gloves! Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled. Thank you.

What RPA parents say....

An invitation...

Date: Thurs 9th Feb 2012

Time: 7 - 9pm

Place: Year 7 Base, Richmond Park Academy
Entrance on Hertford Ave

You are invited to drop in and talk to parents of existing RPA students. Hear first hand how their children are progressing, what RPA is doing and how we are doing it.

We very much look forward to seeing you.

Staff will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have about our academy and future plans.

Please join us for wine and light refreshments.

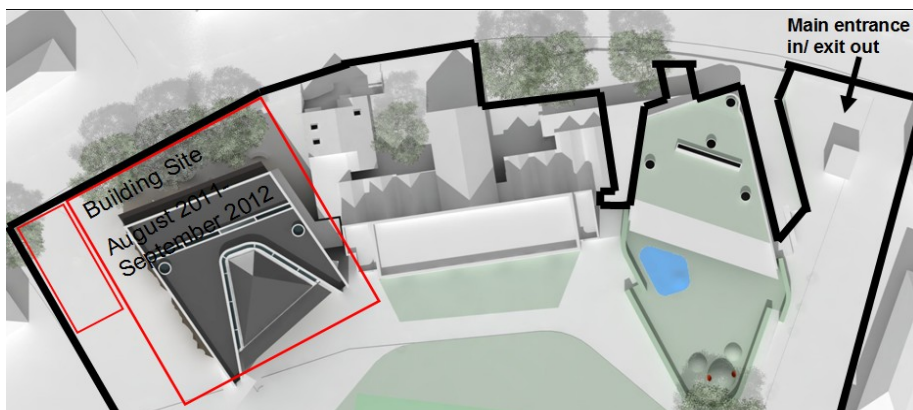
Please reply to icolton@richmondparkacademy.org



Lowther Primary School

Secure line 2011-2012

At Lowther the safety of the children is of paramount importance. We review our site security very carefully and regularly and so thought it would be useful for parents to see the school's site security plan. The thick black line shows the school's secure line. Children cannot access outside of this area during school time. The lobby area is open as are the front gates so families can access Children's Centre services and also make general school enquiries. We also believe it shows the ethos of the Lowther School Family – that we are welcoming. No member of the public has any access to the main school and any area where the pupils are without authorisation. Additionally no children can access the front of the school without parental or staff supervision. We hope this makes our school site safety a little clearer. Do come and see us if you'd like further clarification.



Late Day

Timekeeping is an essential life skill. School starts at 9.00am so arriving by 8.55am is essential. **Wednesday 22nd February** is 'Late Gate'. We will be monitoring time keeping closely in the coming weeks. It would be fantastic if every single pupil was on time and ready to learn at nine! Please help support your children with this.

Some things that may help you get to school on time

- ✦ Get everything ready the night before (eg uniform, PE kit, book bag, shoes!).
- ✦ Allowing plenty of time to get to school.
- ✦ Helping your child organise homework.
- ✦ Making sure you have time for breakfast.
- ✦ Making sure your child has enough rest and is not over stimulated by too much time on the computer or TV before bedtime.
- ✦ Establish a good bedtime routine. Even simple things like making sure the room is dark enough to enable your child to sleep well can make mornings easier and less of a struggle.

Setting an alarm clock!

What should you do if you have a problem getting your child to school on time?

- ✦ Talk to your child first.
- ✦ Talk to your child's teacher
- ✦ Ask for help. Remember we are all here to help. We want to work together to find solutions so that little problems don't become BIG ones

Homework Challenge 4

The Time Capsule!

I've had quite a few entries for the time capsule—they're fab! We're going to put all the goodies in the capsule and dig it into the ground on the building site. All entries will be invited to see the capsule being "planted" and win a lovely golden bling bling. Extended deadline!

All entries need to be in by Friday 10th February 2012. Good luck!



Football Team

The football team played excellently at the Borough tournament last week. Great teamwork, determination and no shortage of skill. Well done to the whole team—our best results at the tournament in a while.



Website news

There are lots of new developments on the website

- Blogs!
- Videos!
- Galleries!
- Homework help!
- Children's work!

Go check it out.