



# Lowther School Family Newsletter

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## School Council News

The school council have set up a new initiative for lunchtimes.

Once a week on a Thursday there will be a new game introduced for children to play with the FFS team and the school council. This week it's Dodgeball, in the coming weeks they have cricket, hockey and dance amongst others in the pipeline.

## Shop and make the school money!

Good news from Easy fundraising - they're sending Lowther Primary School PTA a cheque in May for £160.31. Do sign up if you haven't already. It's literally EASY to fund raise in this way. For further information please see the PTA\Fundraising section of the Lowther School website.

## Homework Challenge 6 — Sports Day Event

As 2012 is Olympic year I thought that we really ought to have a sports based homework challenge.

The challenge is in 2 parts – one set by me, the other set by the school council.

### Part 1 – Mr T's Challenge — DESIGN AN EVENT FOR THIS YEARS SPORTS DAY

Sports Day is on Friday 6th July this year. We usually have a series of team events in the morning and then running races in the afternoon. Your challenge is to design a new event for the morning team events.

The best design will actually be one of the events on Sports Day 2012. Wow! All entries will get a "Bling Bling" of course and I'll do special sporty certificates for all really excellent entries.

All you need to do is decide what you think would be a great event—and then show that either through a drawing, a model, perhaps you could make a short movie of you doing the event, perhaps write a set of instructions. It really is up to you—be creative but be practical and realistic too.

### Part 2 - School Council Challenge — 5000 skips and 1000 keepy ups!

The School Council want every one to get a bit fitter. In the playground there will be 2 squares on the playground floor. One is the skipping zone, one the keepy up zone. During playtimes and lunch-times you can go into the zone and try a few skips. The school council have put two scoreboards out – our aim is for the school to get to 1000 keepy ups and 5000 skips! Good luck!

## Uniform reminder

The children have been looking really smart this year. I'd like to clarify a few points regarding our uniform policy.

Shoes —should be plain black shoes or other plain dark coloured appropriate footwear. (Trainers are acceptable only if they are plain and unbranded)

Jewellery —should not be worn to school (plain small studs are acceptable)

Hair — longer hair should be tied back

In addition children should not wear any sort of make-up including nail varnish, fake tattoos etc

Thank you for your help with keeping our pupils looking super smart.

Please refer to our policy which is online or pop in and see us if you need any further clarification on uniform expectations.

## Happiness!

At Lowther we want your children to strive to be the very best learner they can be. We all genuinely believe that a happy child is a child ready to learn. The whole school family plays a vital part in ensuring that Lowther is a happy, caring and supportive place for your children to learn. Thank you for your support in building an atmosphere that is so welcoming for all.



## Year 6 SAT busters!

A MASSIVE well done to Mr Pritchard and his team of Year 6 learners. Their mature and focused attitude was a pleasure to see last week during their SATs assessments. We all look forward to seeing the results that should show children have smashed their personal and class targets.

Pink Day

**The whole school got fully behind Pink Day—raising £480. Team Lowther's Power walkers also raised £1700 and still rising.**



## A Royal Occasion

Mrs Webster and Mrs Colenso were SO impressed with the spirit, cheer and behaviour of all the children that ventured to Richmond Park to see the Queen. Despite rain and hail the children still managed to make a great afternoon of it — that really is the Lowther way!



## Litter

We have been getting an increasing amount of litter on the school grounds. It is especially bad around the lunchbox area and the Foundation Stage garden. Please support us by reminding the children about keeping Lowther tidy. We are lucky (and very proud) to have such wonderful grounds. Let's keep them looking fab!



Do you find that there is still homework to do on Sunday evening?

Would you like there to be somewhere to study with support available if there is a problem?

**FRIDAYS 3.30 – 6.30pm**

**AGES 7-16**



Just call in to the Powerstation in Mortlake after 3.30 on any Friday or call the MCA office on 020 8487 5500 for more details.

The session will include time to have a healthy snack and you could stay on for the regular youth club session 6.30 - 8.30pm



Some of my favourite times of the week are the 2 whole school assemblies we share. It's great having the whole school all together. Won't it be fantastic next year to have an even bigger space to share these special school family times.



## Local Authority News

**Foster carers open days** The Fostering Team is holding two open days for prospective foster carers just after Fostering Fortnight on 29th May from 11.30am until 5.45pm and on 31st May between 9.30am and 3.45pm. Both days are at York House in Twickenham. People are welcome to drop in at any time between those hours.

Please contact the Fostering Team on 0800 085 7072 or [fostering.info@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:fostering.info@richmond.gov.uk)

**Free Olympic open weekend - celebrating 50 days to go** Try a range of sports including badminton, indoor rowing, trampolining, hockey, tennis, cycling, gymnastics, basketball, wheelchair basketball, judo, archery, football, fencing, boxing, diving, swim races and water polo; competition and challenges; prizes to be won; membership offers.

Saturday 9th June: Shene Sports & Fitness Centre 9am-1pm, Whitton Sports & Fitness Centre 10am-3pm, Teddington Sports Centre 9am-2pm

Sunday 10th June: Hampton Sports & Fitness Centre 10am-1pm, Orleans Park Sports Centre 11am-2.30pm, Teddington Pools & Fitness Centre 12.30-3.30pm

## Did you know facts about Lowther.....

An assortment of interesting (and rather random) facts that you may or may not know!

- We are now over half way through the school expansion
- 26 different languages are spoken at Lowther
- Our progress data put us in the top 5% of schools nationally last year
- Our attendance target is 96% this year
- Some of our school priorities this year include - to use creative teaching strategies to ensure positive attitudes to learning, raise further the standards across the school in Reading and Writing, to provide opportunities for children to showcase their work to different audiences. (If you'd like to know more about the priorities the school has to improve further do pop in and see me).
- Our last survey showed 99% of pupils really enjoy coming to Lowther
- Mrs Johnston is now the longest serving member of staff — at (ahem) over 20 years
- The ethos and name “The Lowther School Family” came from pupils of the school..



## Come and join us for Ground afternoon

Next Friday (1st June 2012) is our annual grounds afternoon. The children are busy preparing different songs and dances to perform, Do come along and watch. The afternoon starts at 1.30pm and finishes at 4pm. This includes our Jubilee Tea at the end of the school day.

## New Videos online NOW!

There are photo montage videos now online for

- Community Day 2012
- What a Knight show 2012
- Latest Building progress

Go check them out!

## Medical News

If your child has an asthma pump please let the office know — thank you.

