

# Lowther

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### Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a fantastic start to the school year it's been! We have both been so impressed with how well the children have started the new school year and how engaged in their learning they are. We hope you've all enjoyed the return to school and getting back into a family routine too.

We've decided to try writing you a brief weekly newsletter for a few weeks as a trial and would welcome your feedback as to whether you like it or not and whether it's helpful for you as parents. Feel free to drop us a line [headteacher@lowther.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@lowther.richmond.sch.uk) or catch one of us on the gate one day and tell us what you think. Have a great week.

Mark and Alastair

### Assembly themes this week

#### Being Ready

We have 3 key words we use for all Behaviours at Lowther. These are being **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. We looked at what being ready looks like at Lowther.

#### Inspiration

At Lowther we want our pupils to be inspired by what happens at school. Last week we thought about whether school has inspired anyone to try something new. This week we thought about whether it was possible to inspire happiness!

### What's been happening this week?

**New Routines:** We hope you like our new morning and evening routine. We've loved seeing everyone on the gate and believe these changes have made our very broad and large site even safer for our wonderful pupils.

**Enriching Learning:** We love enriching learning in lots of different ways at Lowther. Alongside the fantastic learning that takes place in each of our classrooms we have numerous trips and visits planned too. Our first visitors to school (RockSteady) came in this week to talk about children learning a musical instrument. We've also already had the Richmond road safety team in with Year 3 to take them out locally and learn about staying safe when crossing roads etc, Year 6 went on the first school trip of the year last week to Westminster Abbey and Y4 boys footballers played in our first sports matches of the year. There's lots more excitement and opportunity planned for your awesome children too.

### Photo of the week



Year 1 pupils counting creatively

### Upcoming events and diary dates

- ⇒ Monday 19th September: **School is closed** so we may all pay respect to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
- ⇒ Friday 23rd September: Our **new library** is being fitted
- ⇒ Friday 23rd September: Our annual **welcome BBQ**. We look forward to seeing you there.
- ⇒ Friday 30th September: The **Y6 bake sale** —the first fundraising cake sale of the year!

### Don't forget!

Children should only bring **fresh fruit or vegetables** for their break time snack (dried fruit is also ok)

Please send your child into school with their **PE kit** each Monday and ask them to bring it home every Friday. This means they will have their PE kit available for use all week.

Our **new library** is coming soon! We're so grateful for the incredible fundraising you all did to help us make this happen. We look forward to launching it to the children at the beginning of October.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

WOW, what an amazing first week. The children have settled well and are beginning to explore the different areas of the Nursery. We have started formal carpet times, which include some songs which we sing each session. Ask your child about the 'Hello' song, Weather song and Days of the Week song.



This week we have been learning—the names of our new friends. We are learning to share our resources with our new friends. We have been learning to tidy up before snack time and before home time each session.

Next week we will be learning - we are starting to do some assessments with the children. These are done during continuous provision in the Nursery. We are drawing a self portrait, writing our name, doing some counting, trying a cutting activity and naming some colours. This will allow us to find out what the next steps will be for each child.

### Upcoming events and diary dates

Monday 19th September additional Bank Holiday for Queens funeral.

Half Term break is Monday 24th October until Friday 28th October.

### Don't forget!

Please remember to drop off your fruit each week, a box of tissues or packet of wet wipes each half term and your £10 termly contribution. The box will be out daily, please just ask the member of staff at the gate.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Wow what a week! The children have almost-completed their first two full days and we are extremely proud of how well they have settled. They are already forming strong new friendships, exploring the environment and becoming confident in our Reception routines. We are so excited for the adventures to come this year!

*Mrs Hammant, Miss Tittle and Mrs Blaxland*



## This week we have been learning

All about who we are. The children will have had the opportunity to share their 'all about me' bags with the rest of the class and talk about what makes them special.

We have also painted our very own self-portraits, using mirrors to help us choose the correct colours and we have shown off some amazing maths skills. In phonics the children have been working on their ability to orally blend words. Oral blending is when a child hears a word broken up in to its individual sounds and is able to 'blend' or 'put' the sounds back together (e.g. a child hears c-a-t and says cat).

## Next week we will be learning

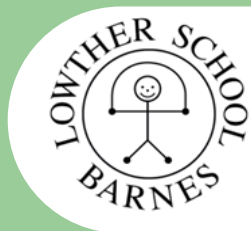
We will read our first class text, a real classic - We're Going on a Bear Hunt.

## Upcoming events and diary dates

- Monday 19th September—Bank Holiday for the Queens Funeral school will be closed.
- Wednesday 28th September—Reception Curriculum Expectations meeting .

## Don't forget!

- Labelling** - please check everything you send into school with your child is labelled. We have already found 10 unnamed jumpers! Thank you in advance for your support with this.
- Please ensure your child comes to school with their **bookbag** and water bottle everyday.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to the first **Year One newsletter!** The children have had another fantastic week of learning and are settling in nicely. In this newsletter, you can find information about the curriculum, up-coming dates and answers to some of the questions you may have at the start of a new school year. We hope you find this informative. *Please let us know if you'd like us to add or change anything over the weeks.* Best regards, Miss Hobart and Mr. Gradidge.

Your Year 1 Teachers!



### This week we have been learning:

- Maths (counting in twos and number formation)
- English (Writing a fact file)
- Phonics (Revising and assessments)
- Wider curriculum subjects (Art - Still life drawing, P.E - Team games, Science - Seasonal changes).

### Next week we will be learning:

- Maths (one more and one less)
- English (Charlie and Lola story telling)
- Phonics (ay, ou, ie, ea)

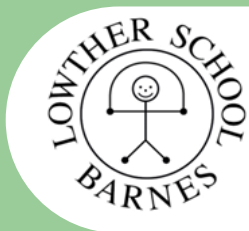
### Upcoming events and diary dates:

- Wednesday 21st September - 5pm (**Curriculum meeting.** All adults in Year One invited to Pine Class).
- Friday 23rd September - **Christmas card** designs released to parents and carers.
- **Harvest assembly** - Date TBC

### Don't forget!

- **P.E Day is Thursday**, but please ensure your child has a P.E kit on their peg every week day. Children will take their P.E kits home on Friday to be washed.
- Please ensure your child's jumpers and coats are **correctly named** to avoid loss of items.
- Don't worry! You have loads of new books! **We will explain** how to use these in the curriculum meeting.





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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a great start to Year 2! The children have come back to school so brilliantly and we have been really impressed by the way that they have settled. We have now had a full week of our Maths and English lessons, and the children have shown that they are ready for this next stage, already producing some fabulous work. We are looking forward to hopefully seeing many of you at our Curriculum Forecast Meeting next week where we will go over all things "Year 2". Here's to a great year!

Miss Newton, Mrs Tucker and Ms Rogan  
CLASS TEACHERS

### This weeks home learning...

Homework books were sent home last week and are not due back in until **Monday 17th October**. We hope that the children enjoy completing their choice of activities!

Children will be sent home on Friday with their guided reading books alongside their choice of library book. Please ensure that they are reading with an adult at least **5 times** each week.

### This week we have been learning...

**English** - In English we have started studying our class text "Katie in London" the children have really enjoyed practicing their English skills by sequencing the story, using time adverbials accurately (Next, Then, After that) and even acting out some scenes to get into character!

**Maths** - In Maths we have been working on our understanding of number and place value by partitioning numbers into their different values ( $32 = 3 \text{ Tens and } 2 \text{ ones}$ )

**Science** - Exploring different materials

**History** - Using sources to identify how the Great Fire of London spread so quickly

**Art** - Consolidating our understanding of primary and secondary colours and exploring colour mixing

**R.E.** - Looking at the importance of signs and symbols in both day to day and religious life.

**P.E.** - Consolidating fundamental movement skills / Real Runners sessions with professional marathon runner and coach, Josh Grace

### Upcoming events and diary dates

- Bank Holiday to Honour the Queen – **Monday 19th September**
- Year 2 Curriculum Forecast Meeting - **Wednesday 21st September, 3:40pm, in Elm Class**
- Year 2 Boat Trip on the River Thames - **Friday 30th September**

### Don't forget!

- Please ensure that P.E. kit is in school each **Monday**. (We will then send home on a Friday/as needed)
- **Reading Records** - please sign these each time your child reads to you.
- **Rocksteady** - Don't forget to get the forms back to us if your child was interested in joining these sessions.



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### Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Hello everyone and welcome to Year 4! It's been a fantastic start to the new term; I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children in Year 4 and the Lowther community as a whole. It's been great to meet lots of you at pick-up over the last two weeks and I look forward to meeting you all properly soon. The children have made an excellent start. They have settled in well and have approached our learning with energy, enthusiasm and hard work. I have been particularly impressed with their efforts with the Daily Mile. I'm looking forward to a very exciting year ahead.

Mr Thomas

### This week's home learning

One maths activity and one activity from the homework grid, which you will find in your child's homework book. Children should be reading every day for at least 10 minutes and recording this in their reading journal. Please initial each entry. They should also complete one activity each week in their journal and should aim read a variety of books.

### This week we have been learning...

We have had an exciting start to our curriculum in Year 4. In **maths**, we have been focusing on place value and in **English**, we have begun our rainforests topic by researching rainforest animals. Our **science** topic this term is 'living things and their environments' and we started by classifying animals and plants in different ways. In **geography**, we are learning about climate—this week focusing on the UK. The children are learning to play netball in **PE** and in **art** the children are learning about colour theory.

### Well done...

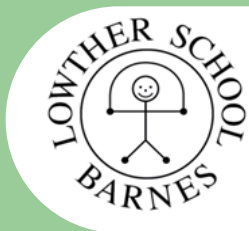
To those children who took part in the **Richmond School Boys' Football Festival** on Wednesday— they represented the school brilliantly, and had a great time. There will be further opportunities for others late in the year.

### Upcoming events and diary dates

- ⇒ 18.09.22 Bank Holiday to mark Queen Elizabeth II's funeral.
- ⇒ 22.09.22 Curriculum Forecast Meeting (3:45pm)
- ⇒ 23.09.22 Roald Dahl Day.
- ⇒ 27.09.22: Visit to Sky Studios.

### Don't forget!

- ⇒ PE kits to be brought into school on **Tuesday** and they should remain in school for the week and be taken home on Friday.
- ⇒ Homework will be sent home on **Thursdays** and is due back on **Tuesdays**.
- ⇒ Reading Journals to be in **every** day.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a fantastic start to Year 5! The children have returned to school exceptionally well and we are very impressed with the way they have begun the new school year. Their attitude has been excellent and we are very pleased with the way they have responded to the step up into Upper Key Stage Two. Routines with homework, Reading Journals, Spelling Folders and PE kits are becoming established and we would like to thank you for your support in this area as we encourage the children to take more responsibility for things. Thank you to everyone who attended our Curriculum Forecast meeting, both in person and online. Here's to a great year!

Mr Nelson and Mr Harrison

This week's  
home learning:

MyMaths task and one activity from the subject grid in the red home-work books.

Reading every day for 10 minutes and one task at the back of the Reading Journals. Spelling Folders Monday to Friday.

This week we have been learning

**English**– Greek Myths and Legends– We have begun studying a variety of myths and have used drama to retell stories as well as creating and writing a description of our own hero/heroine (we are updating the myths to include strong female role models).

**Maths**– Place value and rounding – Rounding numbers to the nearest ten, hundred, thousand and ten thousand.

**Science**– Introduction to space and learning about the Earth, Moon and Sun.

**History**– Introduction to Ancient Greece its main achievements.

**PE**– Netball, Daily Mile, Basketball try-outs

**Computers**–E-Safety–Staying safe online and how to use the internet safely.

Upcoming events and diary dates

26/9/22—Launch of Performance Poetry Competition with finals on National Poetry Day, 6/10/22.

14/10—Trip to Science Museum to support learning about Space.

17/10 & 18/10—Parents Evenings.

Don't forget!

- ⇒ PE kits to be brought into school on Monday and taken home for washing on Friday.
- ⇒ Homework is sent home on Thursdays and is due back on Tuesdays.
- ⇒ Reading Journals and Spelling Folders to be in every day.