



# Lowther

## *We love learning at Lowther*

### Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We're really enjoying this half term. The children are doing a super job in the classrooms and it's a privilege to see them learn, grow and develop.

Thank you for supporting us with excellent attendance, the rate across the school is over 96%. This is such a key part of school. All the evidence shows that attendance has a direct impact on how well children do at school, not just academically but socially too.

A polite request that children bring PE kit (including appropriate footwear) to school every Monday. This is an essential part of a child's school equipment. Please support us in improving this area of school life.

Finally, a huge thank you for the Readathon support, please do whatever you can to help. We look forward to sharing, what we hope will be an awesome grand total in the next newsletter.

Mark and Alastair

### Assembly themes this week

#### Performance Poetry

We shared a number of poems, from classics to contemporary pieces as part of the build up to our Performance Poetry final on Friday.

#### Reading with Fluency

WE finished our last assembly on Reading with Fluency by sharing the book "I love you already". We then talked about how you read with expression and smoothness. It's been a great fun series of assemblies, we move on to exploring Black History month for the next few weeks.

### What's been happening this week?

**New team members :** We are delighted to announce that we are welcoming two new members of staff to the team. Emma Green and Katie Packham have both been appointed to the team. We'll share more about when Katie and Emma will be starting and where in the school they'll be working in the coming weeks. In the meantime I'm sure you'll just us in welcoming them in to the Lowther School Family.

**Black History Month:** Miss Palmer (our diversity champion) has launched BHM at Lowther. The children will be learning about many different aspects of black culture and history. Miss Palmer has a couple of challenges lined up too!

### Photos of the week

ThY4 girls football team take centre stage this week. They did a great job at the Borough festival at Rocks Lane this week. Lane



Our Y5 mathematicians calculated their way through a whole host of tricky mathematics at the Hampton School Primary Maths challenge. Awesome work children.



### Upcoming events and diary dates

- ⇒ Friday 7th October Performance Poetry final
- ⇒ Monday 17th October and Tuesday 18th October Parents evening across the school
- ⇒ Friday 21st October—Harvest assembly (more details to be announced soon)

### Don't forget!

We have begun trialling our new break time snack policy. There are two simple additions (on a trial basis) to the allowed items. These are **plain breadsticks** and **plain rice cakes**. Other than those items children should only bring **fresh fruit** or **vegetables** for their break time snack (dried fruit is also ok) So far it seems to have been very successful. Thank you for your support with this.



With so much information to share with you all, we've expanded on to two pages this week. We hope you find this additional information helpful.

Our friends at Richmond Knights basketball club are hosting a half-term camp. All the details are here.

### Local job opportunity

Our local secondary school, Richmond Park Academy, has a vacancy for a Catering assistant.

This is a part-time position for 4 hours a day, 5 days a week. This is a term time only position. The catering company is called Aspens Services Ltd, so simply call Donna on 07905755101 to find out more.

**KNIGHTS BASKETBALL**

**KNIGHTS NATIONS**

**BASKETBALL CAMP**

**TEAM SKILLS - TEAM DRILLS - TEAM GAMES!**

**WHICH NATION WILL COME OUT ON TOP?**

**YEARS GROUPS: 1-7**

**DATES: 24TH - 28TH OCT**

**TIME: 10.00-15.00**

**EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE FROM 8.45**

**VENUE: WALDEGRAVE SCHOOL**

**COST: £39 FOR 1 DAY**

**£159 FOR 5 DAYS (FREE JERSEY WITH EVERY 5 DAY BOOKING!)**

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**WWW.KNIGHTSBASKETBALL.CO.UK**

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### How's pupil attendance looking?

Pupil attendance at school since the start of term (figures are from 2<sup>nd</sup> September through to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022) has been very good. We are delighted that overall school attendance is nearly 97%. In addition no class has below 95.5%. Our minimum expectation for every pupil, each class and the whole school is 96%+. An excellent start to the school year. Thank you for your support in this key area.

Class	Total Attendance
y1 Beech	97.68
y1 Pine	95.58
y2 Elm	95.67
y2 Maple	95.95
KS1 Average = 96.3%	
y3J	96.85
y3P	96.13
y4T	96.16
LKS2 average = 96.4%	
y5H	95.25
y5n	97.26
y6CR	95.79
UKS2 average = 96.1%	
TOTAL	Whole School 96.84%