



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Key Stage 2 Open Evening

Mrs Anderson and the Key Stage 2 team have wonderful evening planned for parents on **THURSDAY 10th March**.

This is an open invite to **ALL** parents — though we'd especially love parents from the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 to come along to really find out about life in Key Stage 2. It should be an informative and fun evening. There will be the opportunity to see work done by children in KS2, hear children speak about life at Lowther, watch performances, try out food and explore what children do when they get into Key Stage 2 at Lowther.



Dance, Maths and Cooking—just some of the things you'll be able to experience on Thursday.

Community Day fun 2011 style!

Friday 18th March is Community Day. There will be lots going on for BOTH children and adults throughout the day. This is the basic timetable for the day. (A fully detailed separate letter will follow)

- A Healthy breakfast to kick start your morning from 8.15am
- Tai Chi to wake the body and the mind from 8.15am
- Community Centre activities will run from 10am-2.30pm including Zumba, boxercise, pampering etc
- School activities will run from 9.30am to 3pm including sports, arts and creativity
- The running of the Lowther Marathon around the local streets at 10 am
- Fair-trade tea for all to enjoy at 3.15pm



Last years community day was brilliant—come and join in the fun this year

Chicken helpers needed urgently!

The school chickens are winging their way to school for Monday 21st March. The chickens don't need lots of looking after but we do need a group of volunteers to help make sure they're ok. On the 21st at 10am there will be an opportunity to find out what this would involve (with no obligation to then volunteer) Please do get involved — it's a great learning opportunity for the children by having the chickens — but we need your help!



Red Nose Day 2011



It's Red nose Day on Friday 18th March —The PTA are selling red noses in the welcome lobby. Buy yours **HERE** at school.

On the Friday (18/3) children can wear some groovy socks and also do their hair in an extra cool and trendy style—perhaps even something a little unusual or funny!



Mrs. Henchie's OBE day

The children had a marvellous time at the palace where we had a royal time cheering Mrs. Henchie—so much so that tourists believed she was a celebrity and started taking her picture! I must say a big thank you to the children in Y4/5/6 whose behaviour, attitude and respect for the occasion were magnificent. The performances by all the children on our return to school for a special assembly were fantastic. It really was a great celebration.





This newsletter can also be found at
<http://www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk/newsletters.html>

Mr.T's Whole School Homework Challenge 5!

My brain is starting to hurt from some of the fantastic puzzles and challenges the children have set me. You have until Friday to get your puzzle in. Go for it! As a reminder here's the challenge.

PUZZLE time!

I love trying to solve mathematical puzzles and problems. However, I'm fed up because I've run out of ones to try and solve. I need YOUR help!

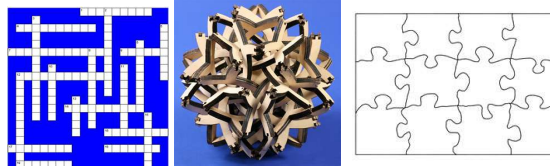
Please design/make/invent/set me a problem or puzzle to solve. It could be that you make your own jigsaw, it could be a huge number sum, it could be a shape problem, it may be a hard logic problem, it could involve numbers, shapes, time, logic, making and being creative.

It could be something a little different. For example just last week we worked out how many blades of grass were on the school field - an unusual problem maybe but one that involved estimating, accurate measurement, area, multiplication and problem solving. (I'm not telling you the answer by the way)

Start thinking about a good puzzle or problem. I look forward to you getting my brain working extra hard!

The Homework Rules

Here's the catch — YOU have to know how to solve the puzzle/problem (as I may need help if I get stuck!)



Entries in by Friday 11th March 2011

All entries receive a well done "Bling Bling sticker"

Best entries will go into an online E-book on the school website.

Good luck and happy puzzling!

Basketball stars of the Future

I was lucky enough to take 20 children to experience a professional basketball training session at Westfield shopping centre last week. They received autographs from Los Angeles Lakers legend Robert Horry and then received a coaching session from one of my basketball heroes — Clive Allen, formerly of the Birmingham Bullets.



We then entered teams into 2 tournaments at Westfield on Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday our under 9's played magnificently and won 18-0 in game 1 and then lost narrowly 11-12 just missing out a place in the final by 1 point! It was their first ever competitive matches and Victor, Leon, Caine and Owen played superbly as a team showing great skill, sportsmanship and wonderful team work—they were a pleasure to coach.

On Sunday we entered 3 teams (such is the children's enthusiasm for basketball) Once again the children played with skill and determination. We were up against some very good club (not school) teams and so didn't progress to the semis. Well done all 12 players—Alfie, Megan, Charlotte, Ermir, Archie, Chloe, Matthew, Azeem, Munaza, Aysha, Komalpreet and Philip.

We may not have won—but we had the best fans (and the most fans!) and also the best sportsmanship. Thank you to all of you that came along and cheered the teams on.

Super Swimmers! Well done to our swimming team who competed in the Borough heats on Tuesday. Mrs. Webster was very pleased with the effort and determination the team showed.

Spring Cleaning Day

Don't forget on Saturday 19th March 2011 we are having a big spring clean. Please come and get involved—it will help keep our wonderful school looking sparkly and should be great fun—the last gardening session on a Saturday was enjoyed by all.

The Spring clean is from 10am - 12 noon.

