



Lowther

We love learning at Lowther

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We're heading towards the last half term of what has been a unique school year and there's so much to look forward to. We don't know about you but this year feels like it has flown past. The team here at Lowther are all ready to embrace and savour the last few months of the school year. We hope your children love their last half term in their current class.

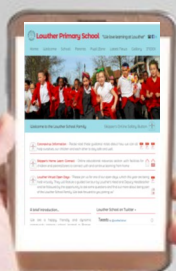
We are just putting the finishing touches to our teaching team for next year. We will release this for parents when we share the new mixed classes for next year at the start of July. It's always a very exciting time of the year and I know the children very much look forward to finding out who will be teaching them next year.

Your child's end of year report is also due out in July, this will take the same format as last year and will include a section on home learning. As in previous years there will be a link to a short survey which we'd very much appreciate you taking a couple of minutes to complete. Thank you in advance.

Finally, I hope you are able to join us for one of the many events we have in the final half term, whether it be Sports Day, The Y6 show or Arts afternoon, there really is something for everyone.

Mark and Dermot

Pictured below are our very awesome Year 6 pupils celebrating the end of their SATs week. The official SATs didn't happen this year but we felt it important to ensure our children had, what we believe, is a very positive experience and one that helps set them up for secondary school. The children did amazingly well (we will share their results in due course). They are now all very much looking forward to their production of "Robin Hood" and of course their trip to the Isle of Wight!



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A message from the Friends of Barnes Common

As you will have seen via Parentmail we've been working with the "Friends of Barnes Common" to support this fantastic local resources. Their recent crowdfunder closed last week and they exceeded their target raising an £23,389 which is a phenomenal result! They have asked if we can pass on their huge thanks to those in the Lowther community that supported the fundraiser.

Keep up to date with all the news,
become a **Friend of Barnes Common**. It's Free!


Visit: barnescommon.org.uk/support-us/become-a-friend-its-free-its-free/

Or

Fill in the details below and hand this card in at the Vine Road pop-up café:

Name _____

Email _____

 Thank you for supporting us! And follow us on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter

Now that they have these funds they are really keen to keep the momentum going and implement further improvements around the park (they have already purchased and installed 3

beautiful picnic tables) They would love more families to become 'Friends' of Barnes Common so that they can keep up to date on the progress of this and other projects of interest. It's free to join and friends receive our monthly e-newsletter with the option to unsubscribe at any time, as well as their publication [On the Common - Friends of Barnes Common](#) a few times a year.

Home-Start: A local charity

Home-Start is a registered charity that supports local families with children under the age of five through their challenging times. Home-Start's team of trained volunteers are here to offer emotional support, practical help and friendship to families across Richmond Borough.

Get Support

It's been a challenging time for many families, especially during the pandemic. If you are a family with a child under the age of five and are finding things difficult then we are here to help. Home-Start is a registered charity that provides compassionate and confidential emotional support, practical help and friendship to families through their challenging times across Richmond Borough. If you are feeling lonely or isolated, or struggling with no one to talk to, please reach out to us. For an initial confidential chat and to find out if our service is right for you contact us on 0208 487 8500 or email: info@homestart-rkh.org.uk. Or if you would like to ask for support visit: <https://homestart-rkh.org.uk/get-support/get-help-for-yourself>, submit your details and we will be in touch.



The 3 core strand to how we support great behaviour at Lowther.

Stamp Competition

We love giving children opportunities to enter competitions and to explore their creative side. Many of our children entered the recent Post Office competition to design a new stamp featuring heroes of the last 12 months. Below are just a few of the awesome designs we've sent off for the competition. Who knows, perhaps we'll see a stamp in circulation designed by a Lowther pupil!



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Year 5 pupils in the studio

Did you know?

Some of our Year 5 pupils have been participating in a recording of a song highlighting the need for Hammersmith Bridge to be repaired as a matter of urgency. Look out for the song which we'll share via social media. The children have done an awesome job.

Policy update

Behaviours and attitudes to learning are fantastic at Lowther. Over the last year Governors and Senior leaders have been reviewing the school's Behaviour policy. It is due to have its final update reviewed and then it will be ready to launch. The key foci will be ensuring clarity and consistency for parents and pupils, alongside a clear approach to supporting pupil welfare. Governors have been instrumental in developing this. We have already begun to introduce this policy and will properly launch it to staff in June and pupils towards the end of term. The policy will be made available for parents via the school website.

A group of dads come along to Lowther every Monday evening to play a sociable and fun game of basketball.

The sessions run every Monday from 8pm – 9pm.

Entrance to the court is via the gates by the blue astro pitch,

There is no cost for attending the session.

Please email me
headteacher@lowther.richmond.sch.uk
 if you're interested in coming along.

The offer is open to the Lowther staff team and family friends of our school's dads too. Please let me know if you're interested.

Best (s)wishes
 Mark



Dads
 Basketball
 at **Lowther**

Attendance Update!



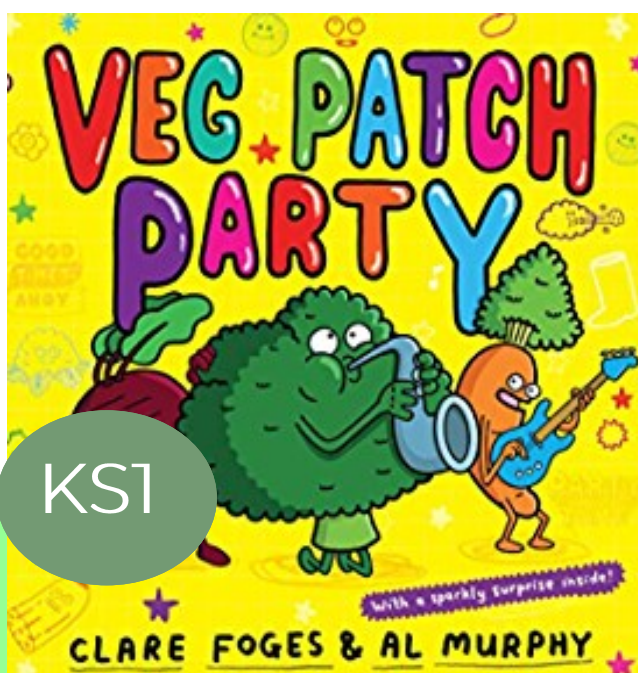
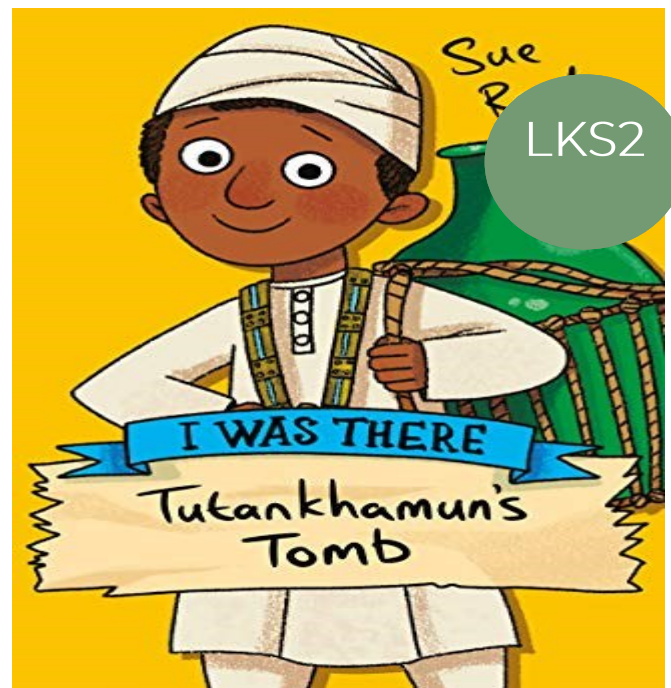
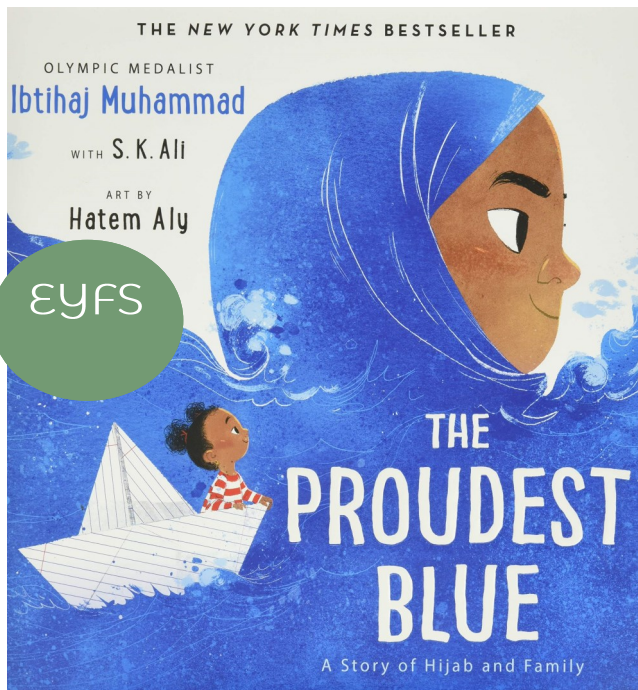
Thank you for supporting us so brilliantly with great attendance this term. We're above 96% (which is our minimum attendance) Please continue to ensure your children come to school every day in the Summer Term.

March 8 th 2021 until 10 th May 2021	
Group	March to present
Reception (Oak 98.4% and Willow 96.2%)	97.3%
Year 1 (Beech 98.4% and Pine 97%)	97.7%
Year 2 (Elm 96.4% and Maple 97.8%)	97.1%
Year 3 (3P 96.8% and 3R 97.8%)	97.3%
Year 4 (96%)	96%
Year 5 (Y5P 92.9% and 5N 95.3%)	94.1%
Year 6 (Y6C 97.2% and 6R 96.5%)	96.9%
Overall school attendance	96.7%

Lowther Literature

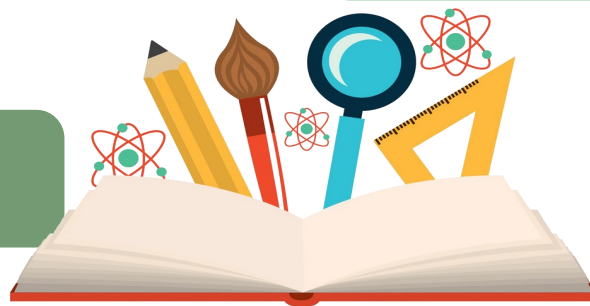


We recommend these books as a super read



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Year Group Updates



Nursery

During these last few weeks of May the Nursery children have been learning a lot about life cycles. We have been really lucky to have live tadpoles and caterpillars which have now changed into beautiful butterflies. One of our pupils asked "Mrs Murphy, did you know that butterflies only see purple flowers?" What a fantastic piece of knowledge. We are going to be letting the butterflies go out to live in the wild. We have completed lots of super observational drawings of the caterpillars, the chrysalises and the butterflies. The children have enjoyed doing the sequence for the tadpoles and are eagerly waiting for them to start growing their legs and turning into cute froglets.



The Nursery chefs have been extremely busy making yummy cheese scones this half term. Lots of weighing, rubbing in of the ingredients and dividing the dough into 2 pieces for their own scones to take home. Our families certainly had a real treat there! We love to cook, it's great fun and it also gives us the chance to use fantastic Maths language too!

Our book recommendation for children and parents this time is 'Creepy Crawly Calypso' written by Tony Langham. This is available with a singalong CD. You can also access it on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkClvjPCgUI>



Reception

Another month means more amazing learning from the children in Reception!

We began the month by learning about St George's Day. We heard the story of George and the dragon, and then worked together to plan a big St George's Day party. We made scones, cakes, sandwiches and decorations, and then wrote invitations to invite Mr Bracken and Mr Tuffney to celebrate with us. It was a brilliant afternoon!

We then moved on to learning about traditional tales. We began by reading Goldilocks, and the children were incredibly shocked to discover that she had come into our classrooms and made a terrible mess! They wrote 'wanted' posters and stuck them around the school to make sure that people knew that she was around and causing trouble. We then read the story of the Three Little Pigs. The children retold the story using story maps, and then added their own imaginative twist by changing the character and the setting. We were very impressed with how creative the stories were! We finished the month by learning all about the Muslim celebration of Eid. The children make Eid biscuits, cards and decorations and Ms Zahra painted their hands with mehndi.

The children have continued to work hard to develop their maths skills this month, reviewing addition, number bonds and subtraction. They have also made excellent progress in their phonics sessions and are now blending much longer words and learning a whole new set of tricky words. We are so proud of them!



Next month we are looking forward to getting out in the sunshine and learning all about minibeasts. We know we already have some minibeast experts in Reception and we cannot wait to hear their fantastic knowledge!

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Year 1

We have had a busy half term studying our Animals around the World topic. In English, the children have been using non-fiction books to investigate endangered animals. In Science, we have been observing life cycles and Animal Kingdoms. We have been caring for some American Robin Moths which have laid their own eggs. The caterpillars have hatched and are now growing fast! In P.E., the children have been working with Miss. Kiri to create a spectacular animal dance which we have shared on google classroom. In Maths, the children have been working on Fractions. They have been developing an understanding of cutting objects, pictures and quantities into halves and quarters.



In addition to these busy activities, we also had an amazing visit from some real birds of prey this week. The children were able to find out about British birds of prey, watch how their handlers use whistles to call for them and watch as they swooped over our heads! In cooking, Chef Sarah and Chef Claire have been taking the children in groups to cook lots of wonderful cakes and biscuits.

As part of our R.E. learning this half term about celebrations, we have looked in depth into how people celebrate Ramadan and Eid. As a Key stage we showed what we had learned by having a



spectacular Eid party in school.



Year 2

What a busy month May has been in Year 2. We have investigated many different homes and habitats, become Caribbean explorers, published authors and wildlife experts!

Having researched, drafted and published some amazing information books about British woodland creatures we're currently becoming Julia Donaldson experts. We really enjoyed reading lots of her books last week and are now writing her biography, making comparisons between her stories and choosing our favourite to write a book review.



In geography we have thoroughly enjoyed studying life in St Lucia and investigated the similarities and differences between Barnes and Soufriere. Denise has shown us around her island, informed us of the key human and physical features of St Lucia and tested our map work skills through both Ordnance Survey and Google Earth techniques. We're planning to take a local walk around Barnes to investigate our own human and physical features after the half term (having been rained off this week!) Our final humanities topic of the year will see us answer the question 'What do we find where the land meets the sea?' where we

will be investigating coasts and learning how to use four figure grid references to explore maps. Our RE topic has seen us learn what makes a good teacher or leader and have investigated some leaders and teachers in our community.

As scientists we have really got to grips with why animals live in different habitats and how their survival relies on the conditions in which they live. We have extended our life processes learning from animals and into humans - Mr T even helped us investigate the question 'Do we get faster as we get older?' last week. (Don't tell anyone, but he didn't do very well!) Our final science unit next half term will see us plant, observe and compare different seeds and bulbs and their optimal growing conditions.



We have loved showing off our dance moves to Miss Mason and learning some new steps! We have learnt 2 dance routines this term and have continued to develop sequences considering levels, direction and spacing. We have also been developing our ball control skills and have learnt to pass accurately and dribble a ball.

It is sad to think that the final half term has come upon us so quickly, but we have some real treats to look forward to! We are really looking forward to tasting, designing and making pizzas, planting a range of seeds and bulbs, investigating coasts and we're even hoping to take a trip together before the end of the year!

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Year 3

This month has flown by in year 3! We have been busy working on our writing skills and creating some excellent Egyptian stories, full of suspense and tension. The children have impressed with their use of personification and other descriptive devices to help bring their story to life.

In maths, we have begun to look at fractions and are looking forward to deepening our knowledge and understanding of this area of the maths curriculum throughout the next half term also.



Over the past month, many celebrated Eid and we also shared in these celebrations in year 3, decorating our corridors and learning all about the festival of Eid and the Islam religion.

In science, we have loved learning all about how the plants around us grow. We have enjoyed learning about all the different parts of the life cycle of a plant from germination to seed dispersal and we, the teachers, have loved seeing and hearing about the children's trips to the Isabella Plantation to explore a wider range of botanical beauty.

Our history topic, the Egyptians, has taken us back in time. We are loving learning all about the different ways that the Egyptians lived and the traditions that they upheld. We will continue to look at this next half term and soon be expert Egyptologists.



Throughout the half term we have been getting ready for sports day, learning and perfecting different athletic skills during our P.E lessons.

Year 4

And just like that it's May! The children have really settled back into school life as we head towards the final part of the year.

In English, we have continued our work on Varjak Paw, further developing our inference and comprehension skills, alongside looking at the features of play scripts and having a go at writing our own. We have also been combining our English learning with Computing and Science as we research and put together our own information booklets on digestion.

In Maths, alongside our continuing work to improve the fluency of our timestables, we have been working hard on decimals. We have been working on our understanding of what a decimal is, ordering decimals using place value, rounding decimals and converting to decimals from fractions! As I write we begin our transition from decimals to money.



In the wider curriculum the children have had lots of opportunities to develop their artistic skills, producing some beautiful mixed media pieces whilst in Science they have learnt about all things digestion!

Finally we have been working hard on our Year 4 Original Play/Film this half term! The children have been rehearsing and learning lines and filming starts imminently! I have been really impressed with their efforts and I'm sure you will be too!



I am so looking forward to things opening up even more and spending a fantastic final half term with fantastic Year 4!



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Year 5

Year 5 have been scaling new heights in our Mountains topic, as we learned about George Mallory and Sandy Irvine's expedition to the world's highest peak in 1924, as well as Tenzing Norgay and Sir Edmund Hillary's successful climb to the summit of Mount Everest 29 years later (pictures below).



In English we have written recounts as diary entries, changed a text from the first to the third person and used drama to re-enact the final moments of the fateful 1924 expedition. In Geography, we are developing our understanding of local mountain ranges and learning how they differ from others, while in Art we have used charcoal to create some dramatic mountain skylines. We have been impressed with the pupils' enthusiasm for this topic, and they have shown this with some excellent and imaginative home learning.

In Maths, we have begun studying geometry. Year 5 have been identifying and measuring angles, and are now drawing their own using protractors. We will be moving into polygon recognition, and seeing how we can identify different triangles and quadrilaterals.

Our Science topic has moved on to Living Things and Their Habitats, and we have been learning about reproduction in flowering plants. The children particularly enjoyed dissecting lilies and identifying the parts of the flower they had been learning about.

We have also been enjoying some exciting Computing lessons, designing and creating our own websites and using micro:bits to measure temperature (pictures below). We have again been so impressed with the way the children have conducted themselves in these lessons and it has been great to see them using the new Chromebooks so enthusiastically and responsibly. They really are having a great year!



Year 6

Year 6 have had another busy and successful month, completing their end-of-year SATs with amazing attitudes and determination. We are so proud of all the children in the year group, who demonstrated huge resilience and maturity to showcase the progress and incredible learning that has taken place during their time at Lowther. Well done to all of the children in Year 6!

In the wider curriculum, we have been learning about the British Empire and the History of Medicine. The children have greatly enjoyed investigating primary and secondary sources to examine how Britain came to have such a large empire, what this meant and what happened to the empire. In History of Medicine, we have learnt about how life expectancy has changed so drastically in the past 250 years, the causes and effects of the Great Plague and are beginning to research the important medical milestones of the past centuries, including penicillin and the smallpox vaccine. The children are identifying the clear parallels to the current pandemic, and this has proved a fruitful area for discussion and debate!



In computing, we have been exploring our maths topic of shape further with the use of direction language and angles using scratch; programmed with HTML & CSS to send our own e-cards and coded Micro:bits with our own tunes!

Our science topic - Classification - has led to interesting research and investigation into different organisms and microorganisms, and we are currently observing the growth of mould on bread using different variables! We have enjoyed learning about animal groups, and how they can be classified and sorted according to their characteristics and variations. Did you know a platypus is a mammal that can lay eggs and has a poisonous claw on its foot!

Now that restrictions have lifted slightly, we were pleased to visit Holly Lodge in Richmond Park, where we focused on British history and within that, our local history. Richmond Park was incredibly important during WWI; it was the location of a South African hospital, the site of new war invention testing as well as providing valuable allotments for growing food. It was very hands-on and we took full advantage of their unique historical classroom, pharmacy and kitchen garden to find out about this local resource!

We are looking forward to a very busy end to the year - including camping, cycling, the Y6 show and of course the Isle of Wight! Phew! Have a great half term :)



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Lowther Loves Events!

JUNE 2021

Date	Event
Week commencing 7th June	
Wc 7th June	Year 1–6 RSE lessons
Tuesday 8th June	Whole Class Photographs
Wednesday 9th June	Family and individual photographs
Friday 11th June	Film premiere of Year 4 Production <i>(This will be available for parents to purchase for a small fee)</i>
Week commencing 14th June	
Wc 14th June	Year 4 Timetables tests
Wc 14th June	Assessment week (whole school)
Thursday 17th June	Y6 Camp over at School
Friday 18th June	School Inset Day (school closed)
Week commencing 21st June	
Monday 21st June	School Inset Day (school closed)
Wc 21st June	Assessment week (whole school)
Wednesday 23rd June—Friday 25th June	Creative Arts Week
Thursday 24th June and Friday 25th June	Y6 Production <i>(We expect Parents to be able to attend this event)</i>
Friday 25th June	Arts Week assembly (1pm) <i>(We expect Parents to be able to attend this event)</i>
Week commencing 28th June	
Wc 28th June	New class lists and teachers re-leased to parents and pupils
Monday 28th June	Year 3/4 Locality Sports Event
Wednesday 31st June to Friday 2nd July	Healthy Activity Week
Friday 2nd July	Sports Day <i>(We expect Parents to be able to attend this event)</i>

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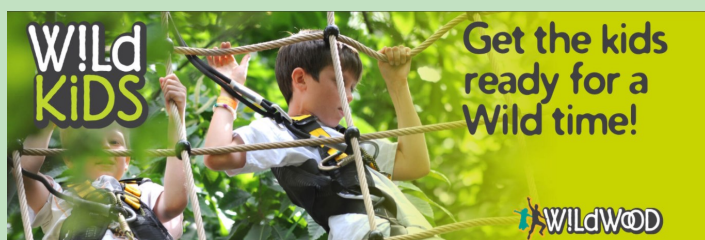
Date	Event
Week commencing 5th July	
Wc 5th July	End of year Pupil reports due out
Monday 5th July	Head start day for Year 6 pupils
Monday 5th July	Shuffle up day for all children <i>(children go up to their new class)</i>
Tuesday 6th July	New Reception parents evening <i>(We expect Parents to be able to attend this event in person)</i>
Thursday 8th July	Year 6 Dinner <i>(We expect Parents to be able to attend this event)</i>
Friday 9th July	Y6 End of Primary School results due
Week commencing 12th July	
Wc 12th July	Y6 Isle of Wight trip (all week)
Week commencing 19th July	
Monday 19th July	LAFTAs awards evening (7pm) <i>(We expect Parents to be able to attend this event)</i>
Tuesday 20th July	Staff leavers assembly (1:30pm) <i>(We expect Parents to be able to attend this event)</i>
Wednesday 21st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (1:30pm) <i>(We expect Parents to be able to attend this event)</i>
Wednesday 21st July	Last Day of Term We finish at 3:15pm. The Children are due back Thursday 2nd September 2021 (Wednesday 1st September is an Inset day for staff)

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Lowther Loves family Days out

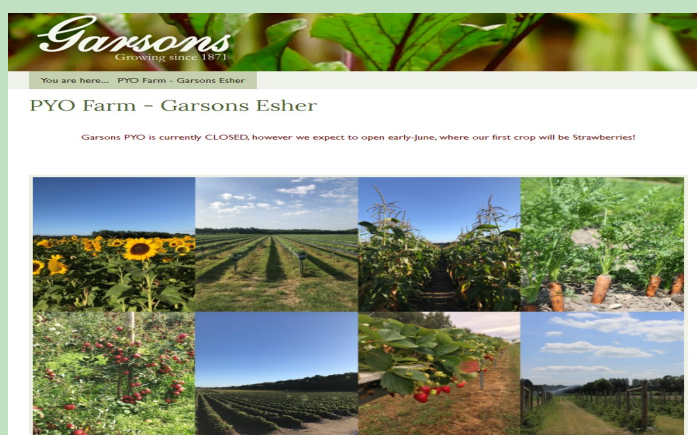
London has so many fantastic things to do with your children right on your doorstep. Here are a few some of us on the team recommend you checking out.

Mr. Tuffney recommends



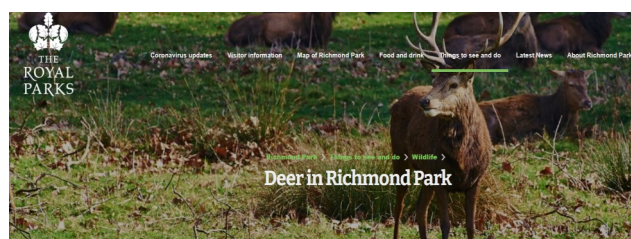
I love this place (Wildwood Adventure) just down the A3 in Guildford. It's a great challenge for children and adults alike. Wild Kids is fun for all the family, but primarily aimed at children aged between 6 and 12 years. It strikes a nice balance of being easy enough to be fun, tricky enough for a sense of achievement. Bridges, logs, zips from tree to tree, cargo nets, wobbly things, climbing wall traverse and more. For the older children there's a great, more advanced, challenging course too. If your children like climbing and taking on challenges Wildwood may be worth checking out.

Mrs Cox recommends



Garson's Farm in Esher is a great place to take the children. They can explore the fields and pick their own fruit. Mrs Cox also recommends Paddle boarding on Wimbledon Park lake, Blueberry picking at the Avalong Garden Centre and Mayfield Lavender Farm just down the road in Banstead.

Mr Ripley recommends



Richmond Park is a National Nature Reserve and deer park with 630 Red and Fallow deer roaming freely. We all know it's on our doorstep so we actually make use of its amazing space. It's great fun to explore the park, spotting the deer and taking the opportunity to perhaps build a den or go on a nature hunt or a family walk.

Other recommendations



Lots of the teachers recommended Battersea Park. It has a riverside promenade, a large lake, many notable trees and ecological areas, children's play areas, a children's zoo, the Pump House gallery, ceremony venue and sports facilities. It also has a Go Ape and, of course, the recumbent bikes (which if you've never tried you should!)

Mrs Hughes suggest The Transport Museum, London. There are lots of great family events going on here over half term

Miss Palmer recommends the Isabella Plantation in Richmond Park and Bishops Park (just on the

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Events update!

We're delighted to announce that we will be heavily involved in the Barnes Literature festival again this year. We're going to be hosting two events by the internationally renowned Globe Theatre. What fantastic news! In addition children from across the school will be attending other events at the festival with their class.

We are fully committed to extending opportunities for all children beyond the normal school day, it's such an important part of what Lowther is all about.

Please do share this event with your friends and family. It should be super!



The OSO is a local community theatre serving the Barnes and Richmond community. After a long period of online performance, they're very happy to have re-opened and to be welcoming audiences back in person. They're particularly excited to be hosting two really fun shows for children and young people over the next few months! - you may well want to check this out.

A CHILDREN'S SEASON AT THE OSO ARTS CENTRE

The OSO is excited to welcome families back to the theatre for our Summer 2021 season! After a year of online school and performance, we are particularly excited to be hosting two live shows for children and young people: **The Dark Room for Kids** (20th June, 430pm), and **Blue Planet III** (3rd July, 430pm).



For everyone from those who got hooked on Fortnite over lockdown to those who never want to see a screen again, we've got the perfect show: **The Dark Room for Kids** is the family-friendly version of the world's only live-action video-game! This one man/multiple victim interactive game show is a cult-hit worldwide. Kids (unsurprisingly!) love yelling, violence, and computer games, and parents love the nostalgia of the 8-bit graphics and letting the kids know what it feels like to be on the receiving end of a barrage of unreasonable demands for a change. Part stand-up comedy show, part theatre, but all interactive and insane, this genre-defining mixture of improv comedy and retro gaming combines to become a deranged rock n' roll game show. If the kids win, there are really terrible prizes! But if they lose, the Dark Room keeps whichever of their parents they like the least.

Praise for **The Dark Room for Kids**

"Not to be missed" - the Guardian
 "Take your offspring... the kids absolutely eat this stuff up!" - Voice Magazine
 "You must see the Dark Room at least once in your life" - The Sun British Comedy Guide
 "John Robertson has his young audience in raptures" - Three Weeks

In **Blue Planet III**, two idiots at the BBC are making another Blue Planet, but how do you know what a fish is if you've never left your office? Nominated for Best Kids Show at the Leicester Comedy Festival, this is an aquatic adventure for all ages featuring swashbuckling swordfish, hammerhead and spannerhead sharks, wailing whales and nasty things that lurk at the bottom of the sea! Put on your polar ice caps and climb aboard this adventure to save the oceans.

Praise for **Blue Planet III**

"Take the kids, take the parents, you will all have a laugh" - The Scotsman
 "David Attenborough meets clowning" - Broadway Baby



Leaving the kids at home? You might enjoy **Baby on Board**, a new comedy-drama by local theatre group **Putney Theatre Company** exploring the highs and lows of expecting a baby (15th-17th July, 8pm, 430pm Saturday matinee). Written by Sheen resident Marcia Kelson, the play follows three couples who have signed up to the same ante-natal class: teacher Hilary, attempting to keep order, has more faith in whale music and mood lighting than epidurals. Late to parenthood, Adam worships his wife Kate who's expecting the child he thought he'd never had. Alice, already anxious about giving birth, is expecting twins. Will partner Mark's endless google searches help alleviate her concerns? And where is Fiona's partner, Gareth? Been at an ante-natal class recently? Good news - babies in arms are welcome at the Saturday matinee!

Tickets for all our shows are available at <https://www.osoarts.org.uk/whats-on/>

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SCHOOL YEARS: 1-8

Venue:
Waldegrave School
 Fifth Cross Rd, Twickenham, TW2 5LH

Time:
9:15 am - 3:15 pm
 (30 min arrival/collections windows)

Dates:
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Cost:
£139 for 5 days (best value) | £129 for 4 days | £109 for 3 days

Arrival Window Time:
9:15-9:45 am

Collection Window Time:
2:45-3:15 pm

Our friends at Richmond Knights Basketball Club offer fantastic holiday clubs. The details for this half term are illustrated above, They're always very well run and great fun for children of all ages and abilities

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Community CLEAR up Day

On Friday 11th June from 1pm until 7pm we're going to be having a huge clear up day at Lowther. We can have up to 30 people at any time on the site doing various jobs around the school. Please do come and volunteer even if it's just for a short period of time. 30 minutes, an hour, anything you can manage. There will be a list of jobs that need doing from cutting hedges, to general tidying, to helping clear the allotment. We'd really appreciate you getting involved.

During the day I am going to be working with groups of children from Year 5 during the day and other teachers will be taking their classes out for short periods to help too. It should be a great day.

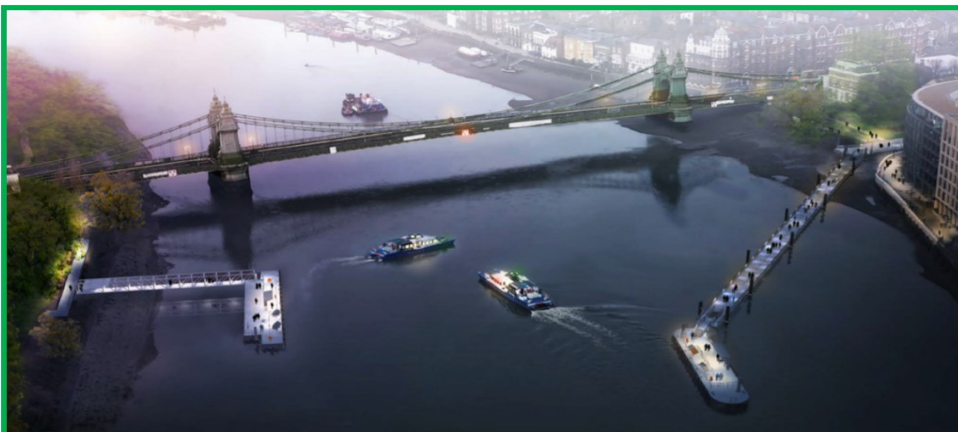
Year 6 Relay

Following the incredible success of the Year 6 Relay last year we're going to be running it again. Details of the event are on the final page of the newsletter. Please do make a donation if you can and if you would like to cheer them along the route. Maps etc. of the plan for the day will be shared with you. I'm looking forward to it.

The relay will take place on Saturday 12th June and will make it's way around all of Barnes.

It's a really unique and special event and we do hope you can support it.

Hammersmith Bridge Update



- The crossing will take 1 minute 30
- The cost is the same as if you were taking a bus journey
- The aim is to try and get the service up and running by the end of September (though this is thought to be ambitious)
- You can make contact to ask any questions by emailing HammersmithBridge@TFL.gov.uk



Last week I was invited to attend an update for schools on the Hammersmith Bridge situation. Whilst things seem to be taking forever there does seem to be some light at the end of the tunnel. The ferry is expecting to go ahead, and whilst not a replacement for the bridge, it will offer that important connection for Barnes to Hammersmith. Here's hoping I have further positive updates to give you soon.

The proposed timetable has been designed to deliver a reliable and punctual service.

- 06:00 – 22:00 on weekdays
- 08:00 – 22:00 at weekends

Peak

- 1,116 passenger movements per hour during peak times (a passenger movement = 1 crossing in either direction)
- Weekday peak services will operate using two vessels from 06:00 – 10:00 and 15:00 – 19:00 in both directions
- Frequency between 5-7 minutes in both directions
- The weekday peak service will operate using two vessels

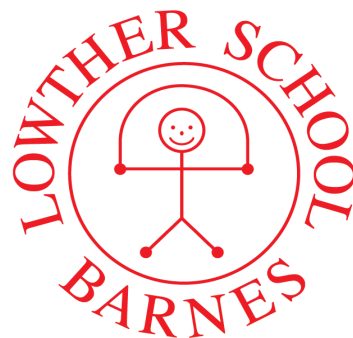
Off peak

- 620 passenger movements per hour during off-peak periods (a passenger movement = 1 crossing in either direction)
- Weekday off-peak services will operate using one vessel from 10:00 – 15:00 and 19:00 – 22:00
- Frequency between 10-12 minutes in both directions
- The weekend service will operate using one vessel from 08:00-22:00.



For those who feel strongly, please do feel that you can write to the lead councillors on both sides. Their official email addresses are in the public domain and are below for quick reference:
LBHF lead councillor: Steven Cowan, lead councillor (stephen.cowan@lbhf.gov.uk)
Richmond lead councillor: Gareth Roberts (cllr.g.roberts@richmond.gov.uk)

MESSAGES OF KINDNESS RELAY



LOWTHER LEAVERS RAISING MONEY FOR LOWTHER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6 kids will either run, walk, jog or skip their way from their house to their closest classmate, passing on a message of kindness to that person.

Please clap them along the route and help them raise money as their legacy to Lowther Primary School.

The relay route will take in all the sights of Barnes, finishing at Lowther Primary School. Full details will be posted soon on instagram @lowtherschoolpta

**SUNDAY
13TH JUNE
9:30AM - 12.00PM**

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT
uk.virginmoneygiving.com/lowtherschoolpta

Fundraising for our wonderful school has ground to a halt during the pandemic so we are grateful for any donations, large or small