



# Lowther

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Welcome to edition 2 of the school newsletter. I hope you find the monthly newsletters a useful way of staying connected and fully informed with all things Lowther. We try to make sure key information is included not only here but on our website and social media platforms too and of course via Parent-mail.

It's been a start to a school year like no other, but seven weeks into term and the children are really settled into Lowther life. We're most definitely now in full swing in our "new normal". We have all been so impressed with the way the children have started the new school year. I think it says much about the comfort level pupils have in being at their school, and the super work teachers and parents did together during lockdown, to ensure all pupils had positive connections and interactions with their teachers and friends, that pupils have returned so happily. Pupils have certainly returned full of enthusiasm for learning, showing a genuine appetite for being at school with their positive, friendly and enthusiastic dispositions. There is also no doubt they have been very happy to see their friends.

Thank you all for being so marvellously flexible and positive adapting to changes to schedules and routines. It seems to be working really well – and this is in no small amount down to the fantastic support of all of you along with our awesome staff team.

We strive, every day, to ensure we have the highest standards of academic learning within a broad and balanced curriculum that is designed for high enjoyment levels amongst the children. We also know that everyone also needs a break from time to time and so we hope you all have a fantastic half term break.

## Where's my child's teacher gone?

You may have noticed that on some days, at the start or the end of the school day your child's class teacher is no on the playground/door/

This is because it is important to us that teachers with children under the age of 11 have the opportunity to take/collect their child to or from school 1 day per week.

On this day, they will arrive at school at 9:15am. Don't worry, we have excellent support staff to take the register and get the day off to a great start.

This is something we have offered to all our full-time members of the staff team.

It's sometimes easy to forget that teachers have families too and we are sure that you will agree that this is a small change that will make a big difference to them!

We were unable to host our usual performance poetry event but still managed to get all of the children competing and performing some super poetry



It's was a very successful week of poetry. Great job children.

## Lowther School @LowtherSchool · 21h

"Amazon Day" really bought learning to life in Year 4. After all, who doesn't like to be taught by a giant inflatable sloth?! 😊 Awesome work Y4!



A few quick reminders about practical and important parts of our school routine.

- No riding bicycles/scooters in the playground please — this applies to both adults and children
- Face masks must be worn by all adults on the school site before and after school. This has been really good so far this half term.
- Please leave the site promptly. Again thank you for ensuring this has happened this half term.
- After the half term break our new lunch box trolleys will be available for use. They will be stored near the Elm class room and then taken into the lunch hall by our lunch box monitors every day at 9:10am.
- Clubs will start after half term. If you missed the email please do get in touch with Tania who manages the clubs [clubs@lowther.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:clubs@lowther.richmond.sch.uk)

Inset Day: Monday 2nd November 2020

Children start back: Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Term finishes: Friday 18th December 2020

# LOWTHER'S Harvest Assembly 2020

(A little something different)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Each year group has prepared a performance for you and recorded it. We hope you enjoy watching our Harvest Assembly.

Year	Performance title	Link
Year 2	Sing the Lowther classic "Wrap a scarf around the world" and two awesome dance routines	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/12I9Gn0JkYUWItvPQwC8ZMpKdCqA9TZHbi/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/12I9Gn0JkYUWItvPQwC8ZMpKdCqA9TZHbi/view</a>
Year 3	Perform a fantastic dance set	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ACHIEcvxJI68ELO7IRHXF0CcIFEvyl7/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ACHIEcvxJI68ELO7IRHXF0CcIFEvyl7/view</a>
Nursery	Sing the lovely song "The leaves are falling down"	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/12pBqTJQeSimsM8sRu29_o06aEOlwZgY4/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/12pBqTJQeSimsM8sRu29_o06aEOlwZgY4/view</a>
Year 1	Performing a new song entitled "Autumn"	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/16jqCOxZEyKkb06stgld6ml4u1hxJnhFL/view?usp=d">https://drive.google.com/file/d/16jqCOxZEyKkb06stgld6ml4u1hxJnhFL/view?usp=d</a>
Year 6	Sing and perform the mouth-watering "Food, Glorious Food"	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gZxaJnqeXc2m0xUViveijHT8DKJeVsJZ/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gZxaJnqeXc2m0xUViveijHT8DKJeVsJZ/view</a>
Year 4	Sing the sing-a-long classic 'Wouldn't it be lovely?'"	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qpiYxkOPwHDnVo_hnrfSEDP9REsok6c_/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qpiYxkOPwHDnVo_hnrfSEDP9REsok6c_/view</a>
Reception	Perform two Lowther harvest classics... "Big Red Combine Harvester" and "Dingle Dangle Scarecrow"	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XWij9JfBpCpYz7IZoBBqxLEgJ9_Wl4il/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XWij9JfBpCpYz7IZoBBqxLEgJ9_Wl4il/view</a>
Year 5	Sing a fantastic rendition of "Living and Learning"	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KmwsEO-3Tvd8XoIRQ-RL14UTOgKFlby/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KmwsEO-3Tvd8XoIRQ-RL14UTOgKFlby/view</a>
Whole school compilation video	Lowther's Harvest Assembly (23 minutes) This is each of the year groups performances in the order we would have normally performed them live.	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/10v92kKQJCsO96s1D5ho-oYzJfju_c2R1/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/10v92kKQJCsO96s1D5ho-oYzJfju_c2R1/view</a>
Whole school highlights video	Lowther's Harvest Assembly (2 minutes) See a short clip from each of the year group's performances.	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RKsXOLuhR2pBTIs7rVtEGCkEGTnFva75/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RKsXOLuhR2pBTIs7rVtEGCkEGTnFva75/view</a>



Optima Racing are offering bursaries for children and families that are serious about Triathlon racing. The team trains adults and children in Barnes and Richmond Park and has a small gym in Kew. It's a fantastic sport. Check out their website for more details.



**Optima Racing Team** @OptimaTeam · Sep 16

Absolutely delighted to be able to launch a bursary programme for any kids looking to join a triathlon club.

If your family financial circumstances have been adversely effected by COVID-19 or if your child is on a free school meals programme then assistance might be available.

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**Optima Racing Team** @OptimaTeam · Sep 16

We are keen to try and break down as many barriers to triathlon as possible and give as many kids a chance to participate in this great sport.

See below for further information or visit [optimaracingteam.com/about-us/membe...](https://optimaracingteam.com/about-us/membe...) for an application form 📄 📄 📄 #Triathlon #team



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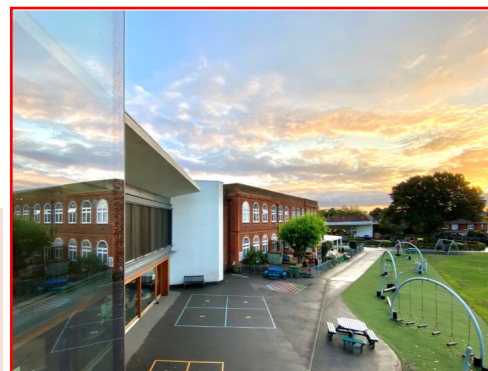
Our toilet refurbishment work is progressing slowly but surely. All of the old Key Stage 1 cloakroom is being renovated – with the boys loos being increased significantly in size too. The work should be completed for when the children come back after half term. There is also work being undertaken to improve and upgrade the loos to the main hall. All of this work will be a welcome and significant improvement to our facilities.

Our Year 6 friendship relay raised an incredible £9000! Wow! Thank you all.

The money has now been spent. We purchased a truly fabulous interactive large screen for Reception and Key Stage 1 (pictured below) as well as 15 new Chrome books and a charging trolley. The Chrome books are due mid-November. The screen has already arrived and is proving a huge hit! Awesome stuff!



October is Black History Month and in our assemblies this month we've been discussing and talking about important black historical figures and their fight for equality for all. Teachers have followed up the assemblies with work in class (including these rather fantastic Black History Month book marks)



We can't run our usual Open Days this year but we will be offering a number of virtual tours for parents. There will be a video for families to be able to watch alongside a live virtual tour including a Q and A session with Mr. Tuffney and Mr Bracken. Please look out for the adverts for this.

The details are on our website and we will be sharing the details on Parentmail and Social media. Please do tell your friends who may be thinking about schools.

The first two virtual tours are:  
**Friday 6th November at 9:30am**  
and  
**Monday 9th November at 6pm.**



Lowther Primary School PTA

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## School Resources Fundraiser

### Why we need your help

We need your help.

Over the course of the last year we have done a lot of work to really further develop our curriculum across the school (it is worth noting that this is a KEY part of any Ofsted inspection). As part of our developing our curriculum it has become clear that there is a significant need for new and additional learning resources across the different subjects and year groups.

Over the course of the school year we always try to ensure we provide resources for the children which enrich learning and make it come to life. This is something that is increasingly hard as the school faces real budgetary pressures. As such, we are asking for a voluntary **£10 donation from each family** for this term which we can use to pay for the extra learning resources we use in class. This allows teachers to really be creative in the classroom and promote a wide range of learning opportunities linked directly to our curriculum. Of course if you'd like to donate more than £10 we'd be delighted and very appreciative.

**£5,560.95**

raised towards **£2,000.00** target

### Spread the word

[virginmoneygiving.com/fund/resource](https://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/resource)



We set up a fundraiser to purchase new school resources with the aim of raising £2000 for the school. Parents have been truly amazing and we have raised over £5,500 with an additional £1,300 in Gift aid giving us over **TRIPLE** our target. We are using the funds for resources for curriculum areas that are in need of new and/or additional resources. We will share some photos of the resources we have purchased. Thank you all for your fabulous support.