



# Lowther

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Hello

As we approach the end of an exciting half term it's always good to reflect on the success of the term. I hope you have enjoyed seeing your child settle well in to their new class and year group and continue their educational journey at Lowther.

In this newsletter I would like to draw your attention to the results tables on Page 3. These give the summary attainment of our pupils for the academic year 2017/18. As with all data there is an important narrative that accompanies them so I would encourage you to come to the data evening we have planned for parents on Tuesday 6th November from 6pm until 7pm. Alternatively feel free to come and see Mr Bracken or myself and we'll gladly talk you through the numbers.

Harvest is also just around the corner—the details are on the newsletter—please be aware that as it's Reception classes first whole school event it is likely to be very busy. Thanks again for a fabulous first half term.



If you have a child due to start Primary in September 2019 then please make sure you get your application in on time. The details are illustrated below. We have one **Open Evening** left on the **19th November** from **5:30pm until 6:30pm**. Informal visits are also always welcome. Do tell your friends.

Parents of children in Year 6 and starting Secondary school in 2019 the deadline for applications for your school of choice is the end of October.

## Starting primary school 2019 Information for parents

Please find below a summary of key information which should be read in conjunction with the Admission to Richmond's Primary Schools 2019 brochure, available on the Council's website at [www.richmond.gov.uk](http://www.richmond.gov.uk)

### Key dates

#### School open days

These will take place during the Autumn term. For full details please see each individual school's website.

#### Closing Date

**Monday 15 January 2019** You must submit your application and any supplementary information forms by this date.

#### National Offer Day

You will be sent the outcome of your application by email during the evening of **Tuesday 16 April 2019**.

If you apply on a paper form you will be sent the outcome of your application by first class post on **Tuesday 16 April 2019**.

You must accept or decline your offer by **Tuesday 30 April 2019**, either through the eAdmissions system if you applied online, or on the reply slip if you applied on paper.

### The application process

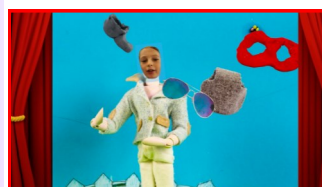
Please ensure that you read the complete Admission to Richmond's Primary Schools brochure online at [www.richmond.gov.uk](http://www.richmond.gov.uk)

Apply online at [www.eAdmissions.org.uk](http://www.eAdmissions.org.uk)

Your application will be managed by the Council's School Admissions service where you live (eg if you live in the borough of Richmond, this is your home council).



What a fabulous result for our young film makers in Years 5 and 6. Children from across the year groups won two awards at the Barnes Film Festival — Best Film and Best Screenplay. What a tremendous achievement. What's even better is that the story they made into a film was the award winning story written by our very own Nico Williams from Year 2. Amazing stuff. This is all part of our work to give children a wealth of opportunities and also to help us promote quality writing even further.



Our annual performance poetry competition was another huge success. We had children from all the years from one to six perform poems for the whole school to listen to. There were individual performances, groups, raps, songs, poems with strong messages, poems which made us all laugh. It was a great deal of fun and really showcased the range of talents we have in our fantastic school. Superb job children.







More great sporting performances by our awesome children. We came an excellent 3rd in the locality athletics tournament with many notable individual race victories. Our Y4 girls football team put in an excellent showing in their recent tournament and our Y56 boys football team won their opening match 6-1 vs Sheen Mount. Super stuff!



We would like to inform you of the revised arrangements for ordering photos of your children. If you would like to purchase photographs you will need to come to the school office to view the photos and let us know which ones you would like to buy, we will then pass your email address to the photographer who will send you a link to be able to make your purchase. Please note that the previous method to log on has been taken off the site.

I am looking to set up a small parent group to give us some feedback and views around our school website. This is an important element of our school which we're keen to develop further. It would just involve a couple of short meetings to discuss your views. Do let me or the office team know if you're interested in getting involved and helping the school develop it's website further.



Lowther's awesome allotment helped Barnes to win Gold in the Richmond in Bloom competition with the judges loving our allotment, complete with our fantastic chickens.



## Harvest Assembly 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Harvest assembly is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am in the main hall. Each year group has a short performance for you to enjoy. We aim to be finished by 10.15am. This year, as part of our Harvest celebrations, we are collecting the food stuffs listed below. Traditionally we have donated your contributions to the Community Centre. However, again this year, based on the community centre's feedback, we will use the donations to supplement children's cooking activities at Lowther. Cooking is one of the most popular subjects at Lowther and is an area of the curriculum the school has heavily subsidised in the past. Your support will be very much appreciated. Many thanks, Mr Bracken.

- Self raising flour
- Plain flour
- Bread flour
- Caster sugar
- Brown sugar
- Butter (real)
- Tomato puree

- Chocolate (plain)
- Olive oil
- Vegetable oil
- Rice
- Pasta
- Stock cubes
- Tinned tomatoes



Please note this assembly is likely to be VERY busy with parents as it's Reception classes first whole school event.

Academic attainment commentary to accompany the tables of results on page 3. The results on page 3 are all from key benchmarks that are used to assess how well our school is performing and supporting it's pupils. We have included data results from the national picture. This is helpful as the demographic profile of Lowther is broadly similar to the national average context. You will be able to see that across the board we compare very favourably against this context. We have also included the data from both Richmond and Kingston boroughs. This is included as this is our local context. It is important to note, that at primary level, Richmond is the top attaining borough/local authority in the country. Again, much of our data is very favourable and competitive within this context. What is particular impressive is the number of children at Lowther that attain at the higher standard —this is evident in all year groups from Reception through to Year 6. Examples include the number of children in Early years attaining at the higher standard in Shape, space and measure is in the Top 15 in Richmond and Kingston borough (a total of 65 schools) At Key stage 1 an impressive 29% of children attained the higher standard in Reading — the national is 25%. In Key Stage 2 a staggering 57% of children attained the higher standard in Reading, compared to a national of 28%.

Results in Early Years were good and were strong in the number of children at the exceeding standard. Targeted work to support children at different stages of their development was highly effective.

Reception Good level of development	2016	2017	2018	3 year average
Kingston LA	75	76	77	76
Richmond LA	77	78	81	79
National	69	71	72	71
Lowther	75 ↑	86 ↑	79	80

Phonics in Year 1 saw another good performance, again bench marking above the national average. Our 3 year average shows how consistently effectively we are in our teaching of phonics across the school.

y1 Phonics	2016	2017	2018	3 year average
Kingston LA	87	85	86	86
Richmond LA	89	89	88	88.6
National	81	81	83	81.6
Lowther	87 ↑	88 ↑	84	86

Key Stage 1 results were good, with performance in all areas above the national picture. Attainment at greater depth was also good. Again skilled teaching and strategic interventions greatly supported pupils making excellent progress.

KS1 Attainment 2018			
Percentage of pupils attaining the expected standard			
	Lowther 2018	National	Richmond
Maths	83%	75%	82%
	Lowther	National	Richmond
Reading	77%	76%	83%
	Lowther	National	Richmond
Writing	69%	68%	73%
	Lowther	National	Richmond
RWM	67%	64%	69%
Percentage of pupils working at a greater depth			
	Lowther	National	Richmond
Maths	23%	21%	29%
	Lowther	National	Richmond
Reading	29%	25%	36%
	Lowther	National	Richmond
Writing	15%	16%	21%

Our stand out results this year were in Key stage 2. Whilst we knew this was a particularly strong year group the results delivered were exceptional. Our pupils average point score in Reading and Maths combined placed us in the Top 5% of schools nationally and the number of children meeting the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined placed us in the Top 10% of schools nationally.

KS2 data summary with the local and National context.

Measure	Kingston 2017	Richmond 2017	National 2017	LOWTHER 2017	LOWTHER 2018
RWM Expected Standard	64%	76%	61%	66%	84%
Reading Expected Standard	76%	86%	71%	91%	93%
Writing Expected Standard (TA)	76%	84%	76%	71%	91%
GPS Expected Standard	85%	89%	77%	91%	93%
Maths Expected Standard	82%	86%	70%	93%	91%
Science Expected Standard (TA)	87%	89%	82%	83%	93%

KS2 data summary with the local and National context.

Measure	Kingston 2018	Richmond 2018	National 2018	LOWTHER 2017	LOWTHER 2018
RWM					
High Standard	14%	20%	10%	9%	20%
Reading					
High Standard	35%	47%	28%	36%	57%
Writing					
High Standard (TA)	22%	30%	20%	14%	36%
GPS					
High Standard	44%	55%	34%	41%	55%
Maths					
High Standard	33%	42%	24%	30%	36%