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Happy Holidays!

Here we are, the final newsletter of the year. There's only one way we can possibly start the last newsletter – and that is of course by paying tribute to the infectious enthusiasm and marvellous attitudes to learning that all our pupils at Lowther have. They've been truly awesome this year (again!)

I hope you, as a family, have enjoyed this school year and really seen your child blossom and develop. There have been so many successes this year, from exam results to sports to school productions to Ofsted visits. Thank you all for your tremendous support of our school—the way our community works together is a genuine strength of Lowther.

Have a fabulous summer, it's such an important time for families to enjoy together and we look forward to welcoming you back to Lowther on Wednesday 4th September 2019. Happy holidays!

The class of 2019

Year 6 are enjoying their last few days at Lowther. They've been a tremendously successful year group, whether that be academically, on the sports field or in their overall contribution to life at Lowther. They're ready and prepared for their next step, up and onto secondary school.

They had a blast at the Isle of Wight last week—what a fantastic way to celebrate your time at Lowther with all your friends.

A huge well done the class of 2019, goodbye and good luck for the future from everyone in the Lowther School Family,



Our academic results across the school, from Reception to Year 6, are now in. The overall headline is the children have performed very well. Across the board we compare very favourably with both National (nearly all results well above this) and Richmond (nearly all results in line with) averages. This is fantastic news for our children as well as our schools growing reputation within the community. Our teachers have worked tirelessly and skilfully to ensure Lowther maintains that delicate balance of being prepared and confident around any testing as well as not worrying or not understanding that they are just one part of judging a child's progress. I think we strike this balance very well.









We have now completed our new Homework policy for 2019/20. This will be on the website for all parents to access and we will also email this out at the start of the new term. We have worked hard to include all the different feedback we received from parents regarding homework. We think the new policy will really support children's learning and our home school partnership.

Thank you for all your support and helpful feedback on this matter.

General School news

We have finished the school year as we started it - with continued sporting success: Our Borough Sports Team did amazingly well at the borough wide athletics competition. We had six individual first places, won the whole team combined relay and were right up there with a chance of a podium finish in what is an extremely competitive event. We've also had children from Year 1 and Year 2 perform very well indeed at the borough football festival and at the Year 2 basketball festival hosted here at Lowther. This week Lowther also hosted and ran a Y2 locality athletics at Vine Park—which our Year 2's won in style—beating off all the other local schools. It was a tremendous team performance! We really believe in trying to get our children involved in as many different sports events as we can.



Lowther Teaching Team 2019/20					
Foundation Stage	Nursery Mrs Murphy 	Willow Miss Tittle PE 	Oak Mrs Hughes FS lead 	SEND/COs Mrs Bere 	PPA and cover teacher Mr Mahi 
Key Stage 1	Y1 Pine Mr Gradidge The Arts Mr Agarwal  	Y1 Beech Mrs Sandeman 	Y2 Elm Mrs Cox Mr Mahi  	Y2 Maple Mrs Tucker KS1 lead 	
Lower Key Stage 2	Y3P Miss Palmer 	Y3R Miss Rogan LKS2 lead 	Y4M Miss Mason Inclusion 	Y4N Miss Newton 	
Upper Key Stage 2	Y5N Mr Nelson English 	Y5P Mr Picken Maths 	Y6C Mrs Chalbot Computing 	Y6R Mr Ripley Teaching and learning UKS2 lead Science 	

We are delighted to announce our teaching team for 2019/20.

We have a very talented group of teachers who all love working at Lowther and are fully committed to ensuring each and every child has a fantastic school experience.

We look forward to providing your children with a superb education in 2019/20.

Also illustrated below is our highly skilled leadership team for next year.

Phase Leaders	Core Subjects	Broader curriculum	Wider school life
FS: Mrs Hughes*	Maths: Mr Picken	Music and the Arts: Mr Gradidge	SENCO: Mrs Bere
KS1: Mrs Tucker	English: Mr Nelson	PE: Miss Tittle	Inclusion and Creativity: Miss Mason
LKS2: Miss Rogan	Science: Mr Ripley	Computing: Miss Chalbot	
UKS2: Mr Ripley			



This week in assembly the local library came in to tell the children all about the annual Reading Challenge that the library service puts on. The theme this year is "Space Chase"

It's always a good challenge and one we recommend the children get involved in. Pop down to Castelnau library to get all the details.

Creative Arts Week was a fantastic celebration of creativity across the school. I thought our showcase gallery and arts assembly were both of a very high standard. Well done children!



CHAMPIONS OF LONDON!

I felt obliged to include in the newsletter one of the proudest moments I've had as a member of the Lowther School family and as a teacher. We've done a lot of amazing things over the 18 years I've been at the school. Seeing our basketball team win the London Youth Games a week or two back is right up there. To be the best school basketball team in the whole of London is literally a dream come true. We deserve our success and I am so proud that sporting success is helping to show everyone that Lowther is a school that gives children amazing opportunities and does things to such a very high standard. To quote the Director of Richmond Knights Basketball: "A fantastic achievement and much deserved for a school that goes above and beyond in providing opportunities for pupils"

The squad played superb team basketball, rock-solid defence and smooth offence to beat all other London borough teams.

Team Lowther beat Ealing 16-14, Camden 15-6 and Barnet 12-4 in the group stages.

Quarter finals defeated Newham 10-8

Semi-finals defeated Redbridge 16-12

Final beat Barking and Dagenham 8-4.

The children were absolutely amazing – and to think just this season Lowther has been the runner up in Netball, Football and Boys swimming in the whole of Richmond borough and has also won the borough basketball and London wide basketball. Wow, what an incredible achievement for our school

Proudest moment



And finally....

When you get to this point of the school year it's pretty much impossible to not reflect back on the events of the last 10 months. Both Dermot and I feel very privileged to lead the Lowther School Family and to have the opportunity to work with the awesome children, families, colleagues and community that make up our school. 2018-19 has been fantastic, we both see no reason why we can't move things on again and make 2019-20 even better! Together, as a school community, we can do it!

Thanks for an awesome school year, see you in September!