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# LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



## Happy Holidays!

Thank you all for a really fantastic first half term of the year. The children have been truly awesome and we hope they all have a really fantastic week off, enjoying spending time with friends and family. Don't forget there's an Inset Day on Monday 30th October which means the children are due back on Tuesday 31st October. Happy holidays one and all.

## Record Breakers!

We recently (thanks to Luke in Y5) got the children setting all sorts of Lowther records. Just some of the records the children set were

- A huge 13 glue stick tower
- Non-stop hula hooping for a mammoth 13 minutes
- Reciting the alphabet in KS1 in just 4.43 seconds
- Creating a tiny pencil that was only 1.5cm long
- Scoring 16 jump shots in basketball in 1 minute

The children entered in to the spirit of the challenge fantastically well and deserve their places in the Lowther record book!



## We love Art!

Whether it be portraits, still life, painting, drawing, model making, crafts, you name it, if we can get the children being creative we will!



## Work with our partner Locality schools

We have planned our next locality inset day for Monday October 30th. I'm really delighted that this is happening and that all the local primary schools ( Barnes, East Sheen etc.) are all working together to support each other. The training is covering a wide range of topics, from Computing to leadership to outside learning and will be hugely beneficial to our team. The children are due back in school the day after — on Tuesday 31st October 2017.

## Assemblies at Lowther

We have changed our assembly format for this school year. Mr Bracken now leads Monday assembly and I take an additional assembly on Wednesdays. Mr. Bracken's assemblies focus on behaviour targets for around school. He has also introduced weekly opportunities for teachers and pupils to have "Reflection" as part of our weekly routine. I have started my assemblies for this year with two different themes "Winning and Losing" and "Family". I use these assemblies to focus on the key pastoral aspects of school life and growing up in our whole school assemblies. Next half term we will be starting with a look at story writing and story telling.

## Treating the elders!

Our Y6 classes recently worked with the chefs to cook up some treats for the elders at Castlenau Community Centre. I think the pictures show just how much the children enjoyed doing so and how much the elders enjoyed their tasty food! Great job Y6!



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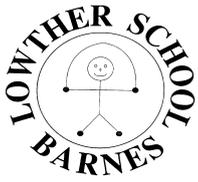
## Calling all hoop fans!

Whether you've played basketball before or not you should check out the Richmond Knights half term basketball camp. Their provision is excellent and comes highly recommended. Have fun!

## Good bye and good luck

Lisa Said and Gaynor Brunt are moving on from Lowther. Lisa has decided to spend more time with her 1 year old daughter and Gaynor has secured a new role working in a school office. Both have contributed so much in their time at Lowther. We wish them both the very best in their new endeavours.

Thank you all so much for attending Harvest assembly and for all your fantastic donations. We will put them to very good use!



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Below are a selection of photos that hopefully give you a flavour of life at Lowther this first half term of the year.



We had over 30 clubs operate this half term, including traditional sports based clubs, but also more unusual ones like the very popular Forest school club (pictured)



Our school sports teams continue to do well. Here the rugby team get themselves ready for their tournament by performing the Haka! It seemed to work as they made it to the quarter finals (losing by only try in that final match)



Y1 wrote secret messages and sent them off on balloons to see if anyone would write back to them!



We love children being able to learn in lots of different ways. Pictured below, Y1 learn about keeping their teeth healthy from a local dentist.



The many different social part of school life such as playing, making friends, winning and losing, taking responsibility, having fun together are massive parts of coming to school at Lowther. They form a key part of our ethos and are really important to all of us.