



Lowther

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Hello

Welcome to the second newsletter of the year. We've had such a fabulous start to the school year, the children have been brilliant in how they've settled in to their new classes and the school year.

This edition of the newsletter has lots of information. From updates on school events to the exciting launch of our new Facebook page I'm sure you'll enjoy catching up with all things Lowther. I would like to draw your attention to page 3 of the newsletter which is dedicated to our hugely impressive results in 2018. The children did fantastically well.



We've had two super food related events recently. Our stall at the Barnes Food Fair went very well. We raised around £350 and all our volunteers were absolutely brilliant - so chatty and friendly to passers by, they did us proud. The few cakes we had left over at the end were dropped at the Viera Gray House care home.

A huge thank you to all of you that came to the PTA barbeque—it was brilliant to see such a huge turnout for the event—it looks set to be a regular fixture in the Lowther school calendar. Thanks again for all your super support.



We are delighted to welcome Paul Mundy Castle (head of Richmond Park Academy) to Lowther on 3rd October at 9am. This is an opportunity for parents to ask questions and find out more about the exciting developments at the closest Richmond borough secondary to Lowther. All parents are welcome, but this will be particularly useful for parents in Years 4–6. Do come along if you can.

The deadline for secondary school admissions is fast approaching. We recommend going along to the open days of the local schools to get a clearer idea of each school's offer. For schools in Hammersmith and Wandsworth you will need to check their website. If you have any questions about secondary schools or the process please do drop in and see me.

Open events for Richmond's secondary schools for admission in September 2019

School Name	Date	Time
Christs School www.christs.richmond.sch.uk	Thursday 27 September	6.30 to 8.30pm
Grey Court School www.greycourt.richmond.sch.uk	Wednesday 3 October	6.30 to 9.00pm
Hampton High www.hamptonhigh.org.uk	Thursday 11 October	6.30 to 8.30pm
Orleans Park School www.orleanspark.richmond.sch.uk	Open mornings: Monday 24, Tuesday 25 September, Tuesday 2, Thursday 4 and Friday 5 October* (booking required)	9.25am. Please see the school's website
St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School www.strichardreynolds.org.uk	Tuesday 16 October	6.00 to 8.30pm
Richmond Park Academy www.richmondparkacademy.org	Wednesday 10 October	6.00 to 8.15pm
Teddington School www.teddingtonschool.org	Tuesday 2 October	6.30 to 8.30pm
The Richmond Upon Thames School www.richmonduponthamesschool.org.uk	Wednesday 3 October	6.30 to 8.30pm
Turing House School www.turinghouseschool.org.uk	Thursday 4 October	6.30pm onward
Twickenham School www.twickenhamschool.org.uk	Tuesday 9 October	6.00 to 8.30pm
Waldegrave School www.waldegrave.richmond.sch.uk	Open mornings: Thursday 4, Friday 5, Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 October * (booking required)	Please see the school's website

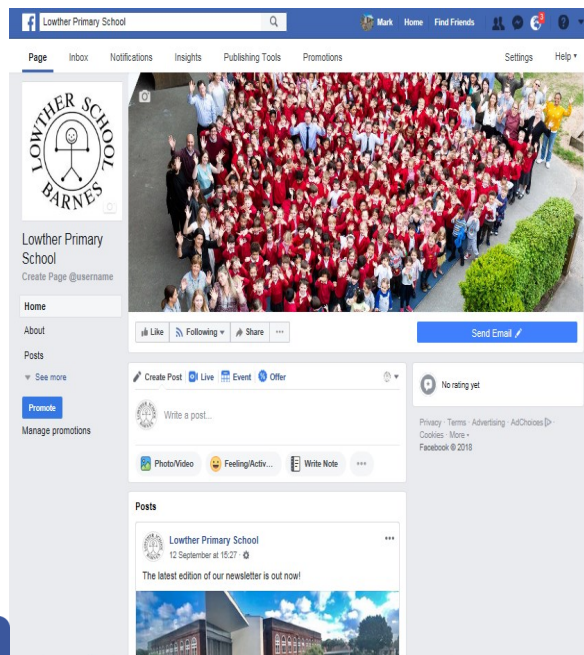
School leaders and governors are committed to ensuring communication with parents is up to date, interesting and easily accessible. As you know we set up a school Twitter account several years ago. We now have over 700 followers and have tweeted over 1600 messages. We are now launching our own school Facebook page. This will prove to be an important communication tool for the school as well as a way of spreading further more the fantastic things we do here at Lowther. Mr Bracken and I will be the moderators for the page. We will do this moderation daily. The aim of the site is to share all the latest news and events that are happening at Lowther and to share all the positive and fabulous aspects of school life. At Lowther. We hope you like it.

To find the page you can search for Lowther School via Facebook or Google. Alternatively you can use this link.

Please also share this news with your friends and other members of the wider school community.

As with all social media we will manage this carefully. If you would prefer your child to not be on any of our posts please do let Mr Bracken or I know.

Many thanks for your support, we look forward to connecting with you further.



Our website is full of useful information, great galleries and all sorts of other things about your school. We are currently doing lots of work behind the scenes to try and make aspects of our school website better for parents and other users. One of the main aims is to make the site more mobile friendly. We've made a few changes to the menu system and the design of the site recently—do let me know your thoughts and what other features you'd like to see in our school website.

Our before school routine is now firmly established and we're delighted with how much time-keeping has improved across the school. It's been excellent.

Please can you ensure you pick your child up on time from school, including after a club. It is very unsettling for a child to not be collected on time.

Thanks for your support in ensuring school starts and ends bang on time, this is really appreciated.

We are really pleased with the response to our new packed lunch policy. Thank you all for your fantastic support with ensuring children's lunch boxes are so healthy.

A quick reminder that this policy does include school trips. So if your child has a trip and requires a packed lunch please ensure you follow our guidelines for this.

The main items not allowed are

Chocolate products

Crisps

Drinks other than water.

The policy is available for all families either via the website or the school office.

Thanks again for your support



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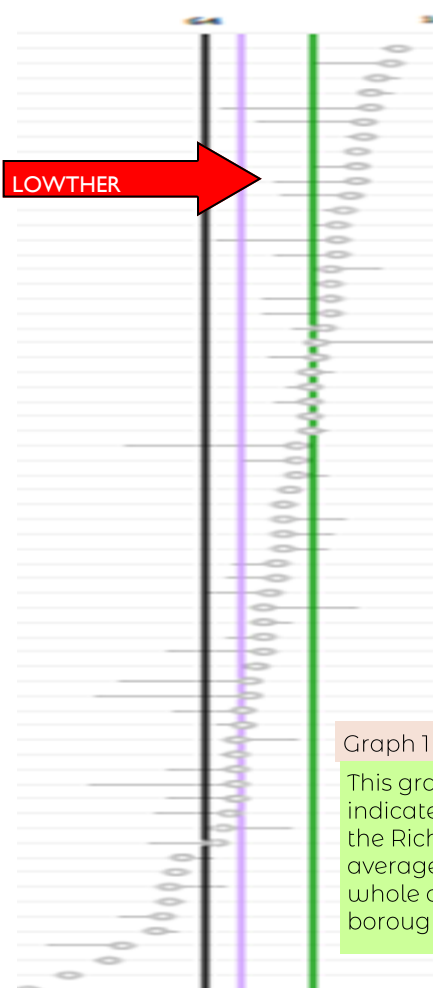


The children really enjoyed the Really Big Pants Theatre show at the Community Centre. The theme was healthy eating—a subject close to our hearts here at Lowther.



The children took these lovely pictures of play time. We work hard to ensure the children have positive experiences at school. Play is a hugely important part of that.





On this page of the newsletter are some graphs and charts that we thought would be of interest to parents. As I'm sure you will be aware, children in Year 6 complete end of Primary School assessments. These assessments are known more widely as "SATS"

At Lowther we have a clear and consistent approach to how we support children in taking these assessments. We believe in encouraging hard work and enjoyment of learning. We make sure effort is rewarded and we are very clear that the focus is purely about doing your best. Our children respond fantastically to this positive and nurturing approach. The evidence of this is in our truly excellent results.

The graphs on this page show some of the results and analysis of how well our children have done at Lowther Primary School in 2018. The results show you just how high the academic standards are at Lowther, but also how much progress children from various starting points make at our fantastic school. Beside each graph is a short description of what the graph actually shows.

Mr.Bracken and I will be doing a full and detailed data presentation for all parents on our results from across the school in 2018. This will include EYFS results, Y1 phonics, end of Key Stage 1 assessments (Year2) as well as the key end of Primary assessments in Year 6. This evening will allow parents to explore the data more and to ask Mr Bracken and I any questions that they may have, The evening is planned for Tuesday 6th November 2018 from 6pm until 7pm. We hope you are able to join us.

In the meantime should you have any questions about the academic data presented here, please do come and see one of us. We hope you find the information interesting and useful.

Graph 1

This graph shows the local context. All the Richmond and Kingston Primary schools are indicated by the clear circles. There are 65 primary schools in the data set. The Green line is the Richmond average, the purple the Kingston average and the black line is the National average. To put things into context further, Richmond is THE top attaining borough in the whole of the country—and just look where Lowther (indicated by the red arrow) sits in the borough — an incredible set of results!

Chart 2 shows the average scaled score (attainment) of pupils at Lowther in Reading and Maths combined (a key measure) in 2018. This shows that Lowther pupils on average attained a score of 109.0 on their assessments. This puts the school in the Top 5 of schools nationally. Truly impressive work by the children and all the teachers they've had over their time at Lowther.

Chart 3 shows the progress measure for children in Reading and Maths in 2018. This shows that as well as incredibly high attainment Lowther children also were in the top 16% of the country's schools for progress in these two key areas.

Chart 2



Chart 3

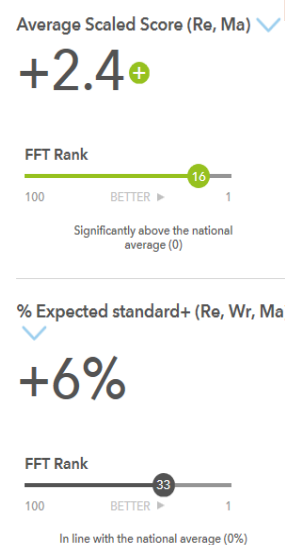


Chart 5

Chart 5 shows the percentage of children at Lowther that attained the expected standard in Year 6 in all three of the core areas (Reading, Writing and Maths) The results in 2018 put us in the Top 10% of schools nationally.

The graphs that accompany Charts 2 and 5 show the school's attainment performance over the last 4 years which you can see is consistently very strong. It is worth noting the dip in 2016 was the same for all school as this was the year the assessment system changed.

Chart 4

Chart 4 shows the progress of pupils in Reading, Writing and Maths combined in 2018. This shows that Lowther pupils made 6% better progress in these subjects combined (not individual subjects) This means children's progress was in the top third of the country's primary schools.