



# Lowther

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Welcome to edition 2 of the school newsletter. I hope you find the newsletters a useful way of staying connected and up to date 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.

I'd like to draw your attention to our school's academic results (some of which are outlined on page 2) We're having an evening for parents to go through our excellent results. This evening is on the 22nd October. Of course academic results don't tell you how happy our children are, how well they've done on the sports field or on the stage or what opportunities and challenges they have taken on or the friendships they have built. 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. Do come along on the 22nd if you can.



The Lowther Eco Group started in the summer term 2017 when three Lowther mums realized that they had a common vision: to reduce the amount of single-use plastic waste generated at the various PTA events. Teachers and the PTA have been fantastically supportive and if you attended the Welcome BBQ last week, you may have noticed that bubbly and wine were served in reusable plastic glasses and free water was available from the metal water stations, replacing plastic water bottles that used to be for sale. In 2018, Mr Picken agreed to be the Group's teacher liaison and set up a wonderful team of eco ambassadors from Years 5 and 6, who have run several activities including trash mobs on the school grounds talking to all year groups about climate change ahead of last week's school strike. We are in the process of developing a time line of activities for this school year and will keep you updated. You can also follow the Lowther Eco Group on twitter @LowtherEco. If you want to get in touch, email us at [lowtherecogroup@gmail.com](mailto:lowtherecogroup@gmail.com).



Lowther noticeboard

We are delighted to share with you all Mrs Hunter's fantastic message we received last week. "Amelia was born on Friday 20th September at 17:37 weighing 7lb 13oz. We are completely besotted with her. I hope that you are all having a great start back, I'm sure we will be in to see you soon."

Our first bike sale was a great success. Thank you all for supporting the initiative so whole heartedly. Something we'll definitely do again at some point.

Thank you all for coming along to the welcome BBQ. It was a fantastic event and there was such a great atmosphere generated by you all. I must say I thought the food was delicious too! Thanks to our fabulous PTA for organising it—do look out for the other events they're holding over the course of this school year—there really is something for everyone and we'd love you to come along and get involved.



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
- No ball games before or after school
- For safety of all, families to enter school through the end gates (not through the lobby please)
- Children are welcome to use all the playground equipment before and after school, except for the large swing.
- Please do return the Flu consent form

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- Y6 classroom
- 6pm until 7pm



## Our School Results 2019

An evening for parents to review the academic results at Lowther in 2019

Details: Come along and review our school's excellent academic results for school year 2018-19. During this evening we will look at results in Early Years, Year 1 Phonics, Y2 core subjects and Y6 core subjects. Hosted by Mr Bracken and Mr.Tuffney.

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Every year we hold a Results Evening for parents. This is a great opportunity to come and find out how well the pupils at Lowther did last year but also to understand more about school data and results. This year the meeting is on Tuesday 22/10/19 from 6pm - 7pm, and will be in the Y6 classroom. Please do come along and review our school's excellent academic results for school year 2018-19. During this evening we will look at results in Early Years, Year 1 Phonics, Y2 core subjects and Y6 core subjects. The evening will be hosted by Mr.Tuffney and Mr. Bracken.

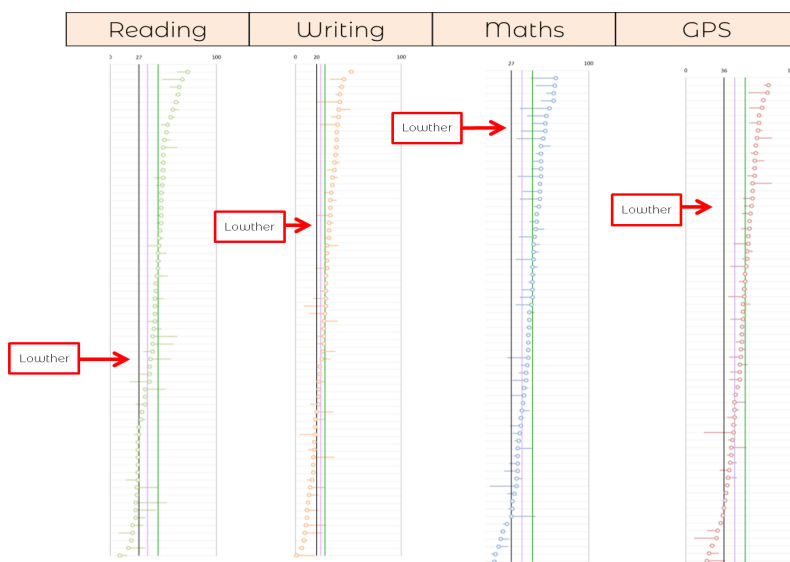
Richmond Borough ranks consistently at number one pretty much across the board for pupils attainment in the end of primary school assessments. This is ranked against all other local authorities nationally.

### KS2 national rankings

Ranking	Kingston			Richmond		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
KS2 Expected or Above RWM	36	15	24	2	1	1
KS2 Expected or Above Reading	19	6	10	2	1	1
KS2 Expected or Above Writing	65	37	26	5	2	1
KS2 Expected or Above Maths	16	20	17	3	2	1
KS2 Expected or Above GPS	6	13	5	3	1	1
KS2 Expected or Above Science	6	4	6	2	3	1
KS2 High Standard RWM	15	13	8	2	3	1
KS2 High Standard Reading	14	10	6	1	1	1
KS2 Greater Depth Writing	73	35	23	5	4	3
KS2 High Standard Maths	15	8	7	1	1	1
KS2 High Standard GPS	27	11	12	2	2	1

The children and primary schools in Richmond have once again done incredibly well. In the end of primary assessments in Year 6 Richmond borough has come out as number one across the board in all subjects (bar one category) This is an incredible achievement which says much about the superb family of schools that Lowther is part of and just how awesomely the children in our local area have done academically. Brilliant stuff!

Attainment: Percentage of children attaining the high standard (Richmond and Kingston)



These graphs show how well pupils at Lowther did within the local context (i.e. Richmond and Kingston). The graphs illustrate the percentage of children that achieved the HIGH standard in each of the core areas. It shows our position relative to the other schools in the local area. Our children's attainment is incredible — look at where our school sits for the high standard in the TOP performing area nationally! Our children smashed it!



# KS1 Attainment 2019: Expected Standard

Percentage of pupils attaining the expected standard

	Lowther 2019	Lowther 2018	National 2018	Richmond 2018
Maths	89% ↑	83%	76%	82%

	Lowther 2019	Lowther 2018	National 2018	Richmond 2018
Reading	85% ↑	77%	75%	83%

	Lowther 2019	Lowther 2018	National 2018	Richmond 2018
Writing	74% ↑	69%	69%	76%

	Lowther 2019	Lowther 2018	National 2018	Richmond 2018
RWM	74% ↑	67%	65%	73%

The table above shows our Key Stage 1 results for 2019. As you can see from the table the results are excellent, with us exceeding the national average by some margin in all areas and being about the Richmond average (number one attaining authority) in Maths and Reading and Reading, Writing and Maths combined. Well done teachers, support staff and children — a superb achievement.

If you found looking at these results interesting then you would enjoy our results evening when we look at all the results from last year in a little more detail. Do come and find me if you'd like to know more about school data and what it all means.

We've had incredible sporting success over the last 3 or 4 years at Lowther. Our first sports competition of the new school year took place this week. Our Year 3 and 4 athletics squad did a great job competing in the local-ity sports event this week against the other local primary schools. The children competed in sprints, long distance and relay races as well as the long jump and vortex throw in the field events. The children performed superbly with enthusiasm, energy and determination and finished in an excellent 3rd place overall and had many notable individual and team podium finishes too. What a great start to the new sporting year at Lowther. Well done Team Lowther!







Can you spot your child?! Look out for our fantastic new whole school photo which will be up in the entrance lobby soon. Which one of these will it be?!

