



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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It's the second half term — let's get learning!

It's the start of a BIG half term of learning. This is an exciting part of the school year—the children have all got to know their new teacher, have got used to life in their new classroom and are now ready to make MEGA progress. The teachers and other staff will be setting your children some great challenges and providing opportunities for learning in lots of different ways. Thank you for your fantastic support in getting this school year off to a good start. I am sure even greater things lie ahead. Let's get learning!

EASY-fundraising—get signed up!

It is coming into the time of year when people spend the most money—Christmas! Did you know Easy fundraising is a great way to shop and help the school at the same time (result!). Easyfundraising is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores including Amazon, Argos, Next, Debenhams, John Lewis, Toys R Us, HMV and over 2000 others. Just use the links on the Easyfundraising site whenever you shop online and, at no extra cost to you, we'll receive a free donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make. It really is that simple! We currently only have 57 registered supporters. We're aiming for 200 by Christmas 2011. If 200 people each raised £20 per year then we'd raise £4000 by simply doing what people do anyway, buying things on the internet! To help the school all parents, friends and teachers could sign. Check the school website (PTA section) for full details.

1 week left to do Homework Challenge 2—Build the future!

Don't forget about Homework Challenge 2 — **Design the new building at Lowther.** This could take the form of a drawing/painting/collage/ a 3D model/a computer drawing. You could make it out of Lego, clay, recycled materials. Be creative and get stuck in! To see what the actual design looks like visit the website. However, if you want to come up with your own design that would be amazing too.

The deadline for entries is next Monday — the 7th November 2011.

As with all the Homework Challenges every entry will receive a gold sticker. In addition outstanding entries for Homework Challenge 2 will receive a special certificate and a guest tour of the actual building site.

Good luck and happy designing and building!

Singing Success

The PTA paid and organised for the children to have a 2 day singing workshop with the rather fantastic Dom. The children sang beautifully on the last Friday afternoon of the half term. It was a great culmination to the 2 day workshops that the children had with Dom Stitchbury. The range of songs and quality of singing was wonderful. Dom loved working with the children and commented on their fantastic enthusiasm and willingness to get involved. A special well done to the parents and teachers that sang too. It made it a real team effort!

Attendance Success Stories

A massive well done to

1st place — Year 6 with 97%

2nd place — Year 4 with 96.1%

3rd place — Beech/Year 3 with 96%

All 4 classes have hit our school target of 96% for the first term of 2011/2012.

Pine had 94%, Elm 95%, Maple managed 94% and Year 5 93%.

The school total for the first half term was 95%. This is a good start but we really want to hit that magical 96%. The main reason at the moment we haven't hit 96% is term time holidays. Please support the school and the children's learning in this key area.

The winners are.....

It was incredibly difficult judging the photo challenge. The 5 winners were



By Cassius (Oak)



By Emily ~(Beech)



By Christina (Maple)



By Leon (Y5)



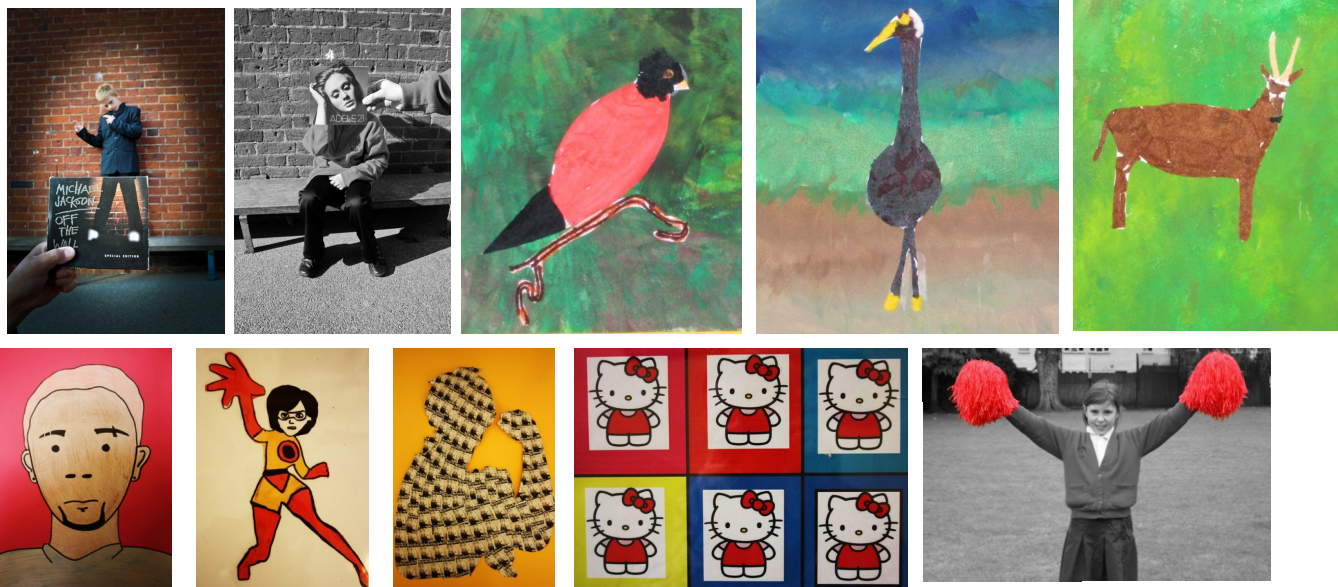
By Warren Brierly (Parent)

Do check out the photo book in the lobby to see all the fantastic entries. Well done to everyone that entered.



Art Showcase

At Lowther we love art and being creative. Here are some examples of some of the wonderful work the children have been doing across the school.



Upcoming Events

Some big events are coming up!

Takeover Day is on Friday 11th November 2011

and Fry-up Friday for Dads is on Friday 18th November. Further details will be released soon. Check the online calendar on the school website for all the different events going on at Lowther

Our next 2 weeks are here →

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	November	2	3	4
Theatre Exchange Co. – 'An evacuees Story' Year 6 (pm)	Hammersmith Fire Station Yr 2 Maple Willows to library Yr 6 to Richmond Magistrates' Court		Thames Explorer Trust Kew Bridge Yr 5	Food Friday Yr 3
7	8	9	10	11
KS2 Parent evenings	Wisley Gardens Rec Oak & Willow Yr 3 to library KS2 Parent evenings	Parents' Assembly – KS1 Yr 3 Richmond Museum Yr 2 Magic Show	Natural History Museum Yr 4	Food Friday Yr 4 Takeover Day

REMINDER **

PTA MEETING WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER, 7.30-9PM ** REMINDER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please join us for our PTA meeting on where we will be discussing and planning for the *Christmas Fair* (which is on Friday 2nd December)!

All are welcome and we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas about how we can make these festivities really fun for the children!!

Please spread the word and come along! We look forward to seeing you there.

Maxine Neely (PTA Chair)