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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We're really into the thick of the first half term of school and are loving seeing the children really settle so well into their new classes and their learning.

So many fantastic things happen each week (and day!) at Lowther it is a genuine pleasure for us to be in each of the classrooms and seeing the awesome learning your children are doing.

We also have areas of school life that we want to make even better in the future and we will share some of these plans with you in future newsletters. We hope you have a great weekend when it arrives.

Mark and Alastair

Assembly theme this week

Fluency!

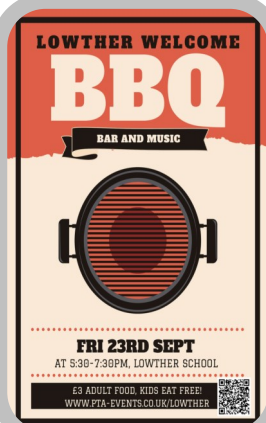
A huge area of focus for the whole school is Reading. In assembly this week we explored reading fluently and what this means. This included reading with expression, varying the pace and pitch, reading in different voices and with varying emotions. The children responded brilliantly and it was a lot of fun!

What's been happening this week?

Curriculum Forecast Meeting : We hope you enjoyed meeting with your child's class teacher and finding out more about the curriculum your children will be learning at school this year. Please do talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions or would like to know more about how you can support your child at home.

School Welcome BBQ We love holding the BBQ to start the school year. It's always a great event. We'd love to see you there. Book your food now!

School Library - the furniture has started arriving and we're getting all set for the fitting on Friday. We will share photos on Twitter and via this newsletter next week.



Please do go along to the Welcome BBQ

Photo of the week



Year 3 footballers who competed brilliantly in the Rocks Lane football festival

Upcoming events and diary dates

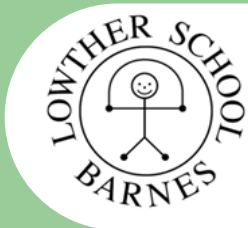
- ⇒ Friday 23rd September: Our **new library** is being fitted
- ⇒ Friday 23rd September: Our annual **welcome BBQ**. We look forward to seeing you there.
- ⇒ Friday 30th September: The **Y6 bake sale** —the first fundraising cake sale of the year!

Don't forget!

Clubs have now started. Pick up from clubs is now at 4:30pm from outside the large wooden school sign.

Children should only bring **fresh fruit or vegetables** for their break time snack (dried fruit is also ok) Please look out for a letter in the coming days with further details of our snack time policy.

Please send your child into school with their **PE kit** each Monday and ask them to bring it home every Friday. Wearing PE kit for sport and PE lessons at Lowther is compulsory. Thank you for your support with this.



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We made our first batch of playdough this week. Lots of children had a turn to measure the ingredients and help with the mixing. We then had lots of fun rolling and squishing it. I have added the recipe below.

We played more name games using a ball outside in the garden to help us to learn each others names.

We have been talking about things we like about ourselves and our new friends.



Playdough Recipe

You can use any size of cup as long as you use the same one for the salt and flour.

- 1 cup of table salt,
- 2 cups of plain flour,
- 2 tablespoons of cream of tartar,
- 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil,
- 2 cups of hot water (from a kettle),

Food colouring and flavouring/fragrance are optional.

Add all of the dry ingredients into a mixing bowl, add the oil to the hot water and if using the food colouring at this point. Mix ingredients well together until a dough is formed. Knead well until it is no longer sticky. An adult should do this until the dough is cooler. We sometimes add dried herbs, glitter or beads. You can substitute half of the flour for either chocolate



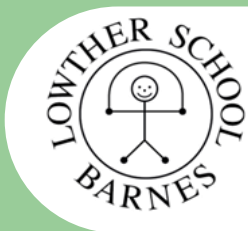
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This week we have been learning to share our resources by playing games in small groups with an adult.

We are really good at tidying up now and are getting better at listening to and following instructions.

Don't forget! Please continue to send in your £10 contribution and weekly fruit donations.

Please remember the school Welcome BBQ on Friday this week between 5.30—7.30. A chance to meet some more parents and PTA members to find out about the amazing job they do at school.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We are well and truly in the swing of life in Reception. The children continue to astound us with the way they have risen to challenges and approached new learning in both phonics and maths with enthusiasm and excitement. The children will be swapping their library books for the first time and bringing new books home on Friday. We hope you enjoy sharing these books with your lovely little ones. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hammant, Miss Tittle and Mrs Blaxland

Photo of the Week!



This week we have been learning...

- Phonics—during our very first phonics lessons we learnt the phoneme: s, a, t and p.
- Bear Hunt—retelling the story with super actions, creating our own story maps and bear pictures.
- Maths—matching and sorting objects, spotting simple patterns.

Next week we will be learning...

- Phonics—i, n, m, d and HRS (harder to read and spell) words—I, the, no.
- Non fiction texts—including their features and to help us find out facts about bears.
- Maths—comparing amounts.



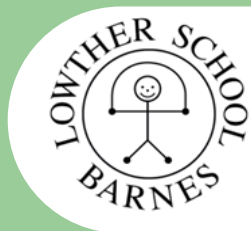
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Upcoming events and diary dates

- ⇒ Friday 23rd September-Welcome BBQ please do come along!
- ⇒ Wednesday 28th September-Reception Curriculum Expectations meeting @ 3pm in Reception classroom.
- ⇒ Monday 26th September-Receptions very own Bear Hunt around Lowther School!
- ⇒ Monday 26th Sept-3rd Oct—Readathon (letter will be in bookbags today)

Don't forget!

- Labelling—thank for labelling uniform etc could we kindly ask water bottles that come into school are labelled too.
- Please can children bring a pair of wellie boots with them on Monday 26th September to wear on their Bear Hunt.
- As the weather is changing please ensure you send your child in with a light rain coat.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Hello everyone! The children have had another fantastic week. We are so proud of how well they have settled into Year One and we can't wait to see what they will achieve in the year ahead. Thank you for attending our curriculum meeting on Wednesday; we hope you found it helpful. If you were unable to attend, or have any questions about our curriculum, please do come and ask us!

Leah Hobart and Will Gradidge

Maths learning in action!



This week we have been learning:

- Maths (More and less than a given number—Practising number fluency)
- English (Writing and editing sentences—Descriptions of a new character)
- Phonics (ay, ou, ie, ea—Practise these at home if you like! How many words can you find with these sounds?)
- Wider curriculum subjects (Art - Christmas cards, which will be coming home for you to order this week, P.E. - Team games, Italian - Family).

Next week we will be learning:

- Maths (Comparing and ordering numbers to 10)
- English (Performance poetry—Learning and performing with expression)
- Phonics (oy, er, ue, or)
- Wider curriculum subjects (Art—Continuing our work on still life drawing, Music—Writing music down and performing it as a group, P.E.—Balance and shape, R.E.—Celebrations)



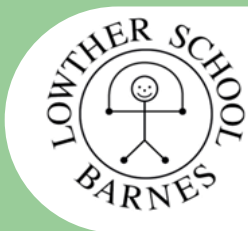
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Upcoming events and diary dates:

- Lowther BBQ this Friday!
- Christmas cards coming home this Friday, and to be returned by 30/09/2022 to the office.
- School trips TBC
- Lowther's Readathon 2022! Letters sent home this week for more info.

Don't forget!

- P.E Day is Thursday, but please ensure your child has a P.E kit on their peg every week day. Children will take their P.E kits home on Friday to be washed.
- Please check the front of your child's reading diary to see what day their books need to be returned to school. Please note, we cannot give a new book, unless the old one has been returned.



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Thank you for another superb week!

Thank you also to all those who were able to attend our Curriculum Forecast Meeting on Wednesday. I hope that you found it informative! If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to be sent through the information please do let one of us know as we would be more than happy to send it through.

Have a fantastic weekend, when it comes!

Miss Newton, Mrs Tucker and Ms Rogan
CLASS TEACHERS

This week we have been learning...

English - In English we have continued reading "Katie in London" - focusing this week on sentence structure, with the children writing noun phrases and adding in exciting adjectives and conjunctions.

Maths - In Maths we have continued our work on partitioning numbers by splitting them in different ways (32 can be split into tens and ones- $32 = 30$ and 2 , but I can also split it this way- $32 = 22$ and 10)

Science - Exploring different materials—continued

History - identifying details in sources to order events and create accurate timelines.

Art - Consolidating our understanding of primary and secondary colours and exploring colour mixing

R.E. - Looking at the importance of signs and symbols in both day to day and religious life.

P.E. - Ball skills (Attack/Defend/ Shoot) and Real Runners Session 2 with professional marathon runner and coach, Josh

Upcoming events and diary dates

- Readathon - Mon 26th Sept- Mon 3rd Oct
- Performance Poetry Assembly—Friday 7th October
- Parents Evening - Week of 17th - 21st October

Picture of the Week!



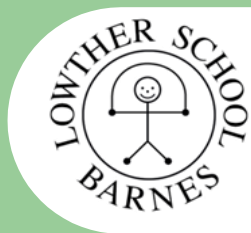
Y2 pupils playing a materials description game in Science



Please do go along to the Welcome BBQ

Don't forget!

- Please ensure that P.E. kit is in school each Monday. (We will then send home on a Friday/as needed)
- Guided Reading Books—please ensure that these live in the children's school bags as we need the books for their guided reading sessions in school.
- Reading Records -please sign these each time your child reads to you. They need to have read 5 times each week.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

After an emotional weekend, it was lovely having Year 3 back in school on Tuesday. We have continued our learning and have begun planning for Roald Dahl day on Friday (23/9/22) and our Stonehenge trip on 28/09/22.

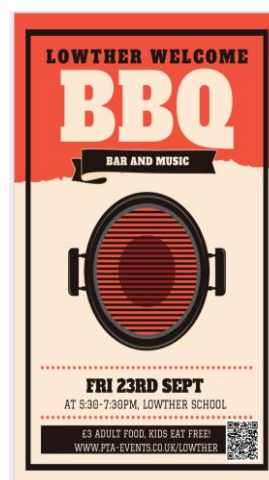
Stonehenge trip- please can all children wear trainers or hiking boots and a suitable coat for the weather in Wiltshire. All children must bring a packed lunch and water. Lunch must be in a backpack, as we will be walking for most of the day.

Parent volunteers- Thank you to all parents who volunteered to accompany us on our trip. We have now selected and spoken to the few parents about volunteering. Thank you again for your support and we hope to see you on our Year 3 trip.

Thank you to those parents who could attend the Curriculum Forecast meeting and to those who couldn't, we have uploaded the slides onto our Google Classroom.

Thanks for all your support and hard work at the beginning of the year, and we are looking forward to a terrific year ahead.

Mr Picken and Ms Palmer



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This week we have been learning

English- Poetry- Continuing to develop our poetic voice, learning about similes and alliteration. Well done to all children, who created their own magic potion poem!

Maths- Place value- Finding 1, 10 and 100 more or less than a 3 digit number

Science- Continue to develop our understanding of different rock types

Upcoming events and diary dates

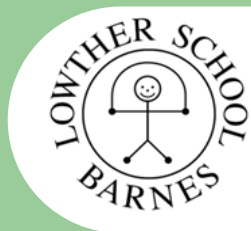
Rugby (27/9/22) tournament- A small selection of pupils will be involved in these tournaments

Roald Dahl Day (23/9/22)

Stonehenge trip (28/9/22)

Don't forget!

- Every day- orange Reading Record
- Monday- PE kits
- Tuesday- Homework books
- Thursdays- Homework will be sent home .



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Thank you for another brilliant week in Year 4. The children have continued to be hard-working, enthusiastic and curious about their learning. I'm looking forward to meeting many of you later at our Curriculum Forecast Meeting. I will upload the slides to google classroom for anyone who is unable to attend, or do ask at pick-up if you have any specific questions. By the end of this week, all children should have brought home their guided reading book. The children should bring these books into school every day. Thank you for all your support so far this term; have a fantastic weekend.

Mr Thomas

This week's home learning

One maths activity and one activity from the homework grid, which you will find in your child's homework book. Children should be reading every day for at least 10 minutes and recording this in their reading journal. It would be amazing if the children can do some extra reading next week for 'Lowther's Readathon 2022' and raise lots of money for the library.

This week we have been learning...

We have continued with our new topics this week by learning about place value to 10,000 in **maths**. In **English**, the children have enjoyed writing Kenning poems to describe their favourite rainforest animal. In **geography** we investigated climate patterns in the UK and in **computing** we set up and joined our new google classroom. In **PSHE**, we have established the key elements of a successful learning environment. We are very much looking forward to Friday's **Road Dahl Day**, when we'll be discussing our favourite books and taking part in lots of fun activities across Years 3 and 4.

Next week...

We are all very excited about our trip to **Sky Studios** on Tuesday. We will be preparing for the visit on Monday by doing some research on the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle and keeping fit. We'll be looking ahead to the day and thinking about our news broadcast.



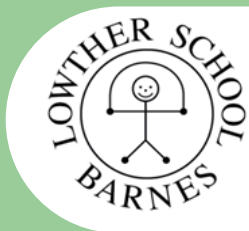
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Upcoming events and diary dates

- ⇒ 22.09.22 Curriculum Forecast Meeting (3:45pm)
- ⇒ 23.09.22 Roald Dahl Day- please bring a prop, or you can dress up as a favourite character.
- ⇒ Week commencing 26.09.22 Lowther's Readathon
- ⇒ 27.09.22: Visit to Sky Studios.

Don't forget!

- ⇒ PE kits to be brought into school on **Monday** and they should remain in school for the week and be taken home on Friday.
- ⇒ Homework will be sent home on **Thursdays** and is due back on **Tuesdays**.
- ⇒ Reading Journals to be in **every** day.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

After an emotional weekend, it was lovely having Year 5 back in school, it has been another brilliant week!

The children have continued to be hard-working, enthusiastic and curious about their learning.

We are continuing with our Math and English lessons, focusing on place value and Greek Myths and Legends, which the children are thoroughly enjoying. Thank you for all your support so far this term, have a fantastic weekend. *Mr Nelson and Mr Harrison*

This weeks home learning:

MyMaths activity and one activity from the grid.

Optional reading task at the back of their reading journals, to be completed in reading journals.

This week we have been learning

English– Greek Myths and Legends– We are continuing our learning in Greek Myths and Legends, studying a variety of stories and understanding the key features of a Greek Myth.

Maths– Place value, rounding and negative numbers– Rounding numbers to tens, hundreds, thousands and ten thousands and hundred thousands . Introduction into negative numbers.

Science– Introduction into space and looking at the Earth, Moon and Sun.

Computers—Studying coding and learning about Lost in Space through scratch.

PE– Netball and Gymnastics

Computers—E-Safety—We have looked into how to be safe online and how to use the internet safely.



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Upcoming events and diary dates

03/09/22—Launch of the Performance Poetry Week.

14/10/22—Trip to the Science Museum

17/10/22 & 18/10/22—Parents Evening

Don't forget!

- ⇒ PE kits to be brought into school on Monday for the week ahead.
- ⇒ Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back on Tuesdays.
- ⇒ Reading Journals and spelling folders to be in every day.