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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We're gearing up for an exciting last week of the half term. Thank you all for making the start of the school year so successful for Lowther.

Fortunately Covid cases have been rare in the last 6 months. As such we no longer issue school work for children to do whilst they are off from school. Parents are politely requested to look out for symptoms in their children and notify the school immediately if their child tests positive. We have just started to see 1 or 2 cases across the school and so this is something important we all need to work together on.

Coats—the weather is quite variable during the school day and so we politely request that all children have some sort of coat available to them in school during the autumn and winter months. Thank you for your support with this matter.

We hope you've been enjoying the **weekly newsletter**. As next week is the last week of the half term there will be no newsletter next week. Have a great weekend when it arrives.

Mark and Alastair

Assembly themes this week

Black History Month

Mr Ripley led assembly and we looked at what racism is and how it is wrong. How people both now, and in the past, have had to fight oppression and racist views. We took time to consider the importance of trailblazers like Rosa Parks and Carter Woodson.

Black History Month

Ms Palmer led our assembly and we looked at the cultural significance of different hair styles in Africa. We also

Photos of the week



Champions!

The Y34 boys football team took part in the Richmond and Kew FC tournament this week. They performed excellently to make their way to the final (after two nail biting penalty shoot-outs). They won the final 1-0 to come out as winners of the plate. A great achievement.

Our Y5 athletics ran superbly in the Harrodian cross country competition this week coming in 4th overall. Great job children!



What's been happening this week?

Bingo : We hope you are able to join in the fun of our PTA bingo night on Friday. Mr Green is going to be calling the numbers and it's sure to be a lot of fun!

Black History Month: Miss Palmer has been busy working with all the teachers on their lessons for BHM. We're also been talking about some inspirational black people too.

Harvest Assembly: Next Friday is our annual Harvest Assembly. All the year groups from Reception through to Year 6 will be performing. It's a popular event so please plan accordingly. The event will start at 9:20am and we will open the main hall doors from 8:45am

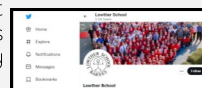


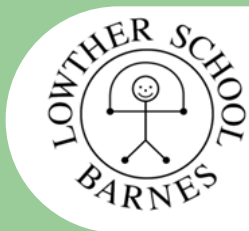
Upcoming events and diary dates

- ⇒ Monday 17th October and Tuesday 18th October **Parents evening** across the school
- ⇒ Friday 21st October—**Harvest assembly** (more details to be announced soon)
- ⇒ Friday 21st October—we break up for **half term**
- ⇒ Monday 31st October—**Inset Day** (school closed for pupils)
- ⇒ Tuesday 1st November—children **return to school**

Don't forget!

Lowther posts regular videos and photo content of all sorts of fantastic things on our Twitter account. If you haven't seen our stream before you can view it either on our homepage of the website (www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk) or on Twitter itself. You do not need to have a Twitter account to view the content. Do consider following us. We usually post a few times each week and the content is not available anywhere else. Recent posts include videos of the Performance Poetry final and Y2's boat trip. Go explore!





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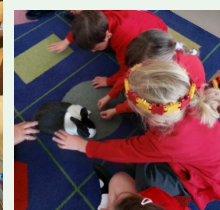
We can't quite believe next week is the last week of our first half term in Reception! We honestly couldn't be prouder of our little superstars. There have been plenty of firsts over the last six weeks! We have been busy rehearsing a few catchy tunes to perform at another first, Lowther's Harvest Assembly. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all there if you can make it. One more week, and then have a lovely, restful, well deserved break!

Mrs Hammant, Miss Tittle and Mrs Blaxland

Photos of the Week!



Painting jungle animals.



Mrs 's rabbit came to see Nursery and hopped into Reception before he went home.

This week we have been learning...

- Phonics— Phase 2 phonemes. ck, e, u, r and the HRS words 'to', 'go' and 'into'.
- How to Find a Fruit Bat— we have enjoyed trying different fruits and recording the ones we liked or didn't (drawing and labelling them) and writing words and simple sentences about parts of the story.
- Diverse stories—Reception have been celebrating Black History Month reading stories including—Look Up! Handa's Surprise, Lion Hunt and Billy and the Dragon.
- Maths— we have gone pattern mad! Everything we see has been arranged to be an AB repeating pattern!

Next week we will be learning...

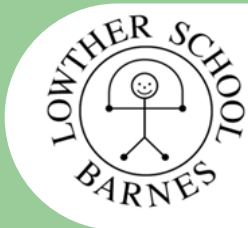
- Phonics— digraph 'ss' and HRS word 'pull' followed by reviewing our learning in Phase 2 so far.
- 'Astro Girl' will be our text of the week. We will also begin to look at Autumn, noticing the changes that happen during the season.
- Maths— 1, 2, 3! Children will have opportunities to identify, subitise or count to find how many and make their own collections of 1, 2, and 3.

Upcoming events and diary dates

- ⇒ Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th Parents Evenings -please sign up **online** for your meeting and speak to the office if there are any issues.
- ⇒ Friday 21st October—**Harvest assembly** in the New Hall at 9.15am, doors open at 8.45.
- ⇒ Friday 21st October—we break up for **half term**
- ⇒ Monday 31st October—**Inset Day** (school closed for pupils) . Tuesday 1st November—children **return to school** .

Don't forget!

- Coats and wellies! We are very happy for these items to stay at school.
- Please ensure your child's reading **record and books** come to school everyday in their bag.
- Autumn treasure! If you are out and about over the weekend (or next couple of weeks) collect conkers, leaves etc and bring them in.
- PE kits! We will be starting to use these after half term



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

The penultimate week of the term has been really busy for the children of Year 1. Since the last newsletter, children from Beech and Pine competed at the Performance Poetry Assembly. They were absolutely amazing, bravely reading poems they had written in front of a large audience! Well done to those involved. This week's Black History Month lesson taught the children about the incredible story of Harriet Tubman. Ask them all about it! There has been so much more besides, so check below to see what else we've been doing in the run up to the last week of term. Best regards,

Will Gradidge and Leah Hobart.



Some of our proud Performance Poets!

This week we have been learning:

- Maths (Part-part-whole models / Writing addition number sentences / Number families).
- English (What is a sentence? / How could we save the planet? / Persuasive writing, A.K.A. bossy writing!).
 - Phonics (wh, ph, ew, oe).
- Wider curriculum subjects (Black History Month—Harriet Tubman, Italian—Halloween characters, PATHS—Being a good friend, Rainbow Learning—Charlie and Lola book reading and acting).

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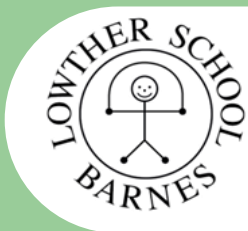
- Maths (Subtraction fluency).
- English (Persuasive letter writing—Can we get Mr. Tuffney to save the planet?!).
 - Phonics (au, ey, a-e, e-e).

Upcoming events and diary dates:

- **Parents Evening** meetings next week!
- **Harvest Assembly Friday 21st October** at 9:20am—Come and see the children sing their hearts out!

Don't forget!

- Book your **Parents Evening** appointment via Parent-mail—For technical help with this, please contact the ladies in the school office.
- The weather is getting colder and wetter—Please send your child to school with an **appropriate coat**, clearly marked with their name.
- P.E. kits should be **on pegs all week long**, please!
- Next week is the **last week of term!**



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It's week 5 and Year 2 continue to impress us with their amazing learning! The jump from 1 to 2 is a big one and we are so proud of the way they have settled and their brilliant work ethic! After a superb performance poetry assembly, we now have scooter training, and a harvest assembly coming up for the children—alongside their homework books coming in for the first time this year on Monday. We can't wait to see all their fantastic work. With Parent's Evenings and the Harvest Assembly there won't be a newsletter next week, so this is it for the half term! Thank you as always for all of your support - bring on Autumn 2!

Miss Newton, Mrs Tucker and Ms Rogan
CLASS TEACHERS

Picture of the Week!



Year 2 loving the London sight seeing on our boat trip last week!

This week we have been learning...

English - In English we have planned and written a recount of our London trip and are now merging briefly with history to work writing our own Samuel Pepys style diary entries about the Great Fire of London.

Maths - In Maths we consolidated our understanding of number bonds to 10 and 20 and are now beginning work on addition and subtraction.

Science - This week we conducted an experiment to work out which materials were best for different purposes (eg. We tested whether they were waterproof, absorbent, transparent etc.)

History - Understanding the causes of the Great Fire of London - what factors caused the fire to spread so rapidly?

Art - Applying our knowledge of colour to create amazing artworks based on the Great Fire of London

R.E. - Looking at the importance of Islamic signs and symbols and making our own mobiles.

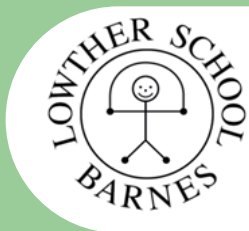
P.E. - Ball skills (Attack /Defend/ Shoot) and Real Runners Session 5

Upcoming events and diary dates

- Year 2 Scooter Safety Training - Friday 14th October
- Parents Evenings - Week c/o 17th October - please sign up online for your meeting and speak to the office if there are any issues.
- Harvest Assembly - Friday 21st October—9:20am

Don't forget!

- **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.
- **Spelling Homework Books**—please ensure that these come in on a Friday as we need to give children their new spellings for the next week.
- **Homework is due!** - Homework books are due in on Monday 17th October. This homework will be shared and acknowledged before books are returned at the end of the week.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Homework:

MyMaths online

Instead of an activity from the grid, your child can learn the lyrics to our Harvest assembly song. The lyrics are stuck into your child's homework book.

Another terrific week of learning, amongst numerous other things taking place. Well done to Nick, Mila and Fin for their brilliant performance in the Performance Poetry finals. We were incredibly proud of all performances from Year 3, and we wish we could have sent through more people to perform! We have our Parents Evenings next week on the 18th and 20th October. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

Mr Picken and Ms Palmer

This week we have been learning:

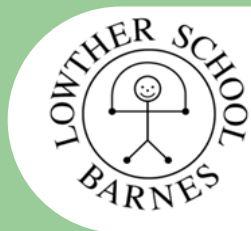
English– Stone Age Boy– After reading Stone Age Boy, we were able to write a book review of the book, and will now be moving into writing our own alternate parts of the story
 Maths– Moving deeper into Addition and Subtraction this week, and beginning to add and subtract 3 digit numbers.
 Science– We will continue to develop our understanding of fossils and soil
 History– Developing our understanding of how Stone Age people lived, as well as what they ate
 Outdoor PE– Netball Indoor PE: Dance (song: Ku lo sa by Oxlade)
 Singing– We are going to be signing Cauliflowers fluffy for our Harvest Assembly



We will not be sending a newsletter next week, but we will be seeing you at parents evening. See you then!

Don't forget!

Every day— Reading Records
 Tuesdays—Homework books
 Thursdays– Homework will be sent home
 PE Kits should be in school every day



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Hello everyone. It's been an exciting week in Year 4, with lots going on across the curriculum. Thank you to everyone who attended the PGL meeting last night- I'm very excited about the trip, and I am sure the children are too! For any parents/carers who were unable to attend, I will send out the information provided, and please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Mr Thomas

This week's
home learning

This week, I'd like the children to learn their verse of our poem for the harvest festival assembly next Friday, 21st October. They should also complete one activity from the homework grid, continue to practise their focus times tables and record their reading in their journals. Don't forget the Black History Month challenge.

This week we have been learning...

The children have really enjoyed our learning about Black History Month. They were very enthusiastic when researching Africa's countries and capital cities as part of Ms Palmer's challenge. Get learning over the weekend! We are also finding out about the influence of Black culture on music, which the children are enjoying. In maths we moved on to addition and subtraction and in English, we have started to write our descriptive pieces about the rainforest. Next week, we'll be performing a harvest song in the form of a poem at the harvest festival assembly, which is very exciting.

Black History Month Challenge



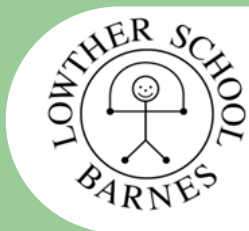
Upcoming events and diary dates

- ⇒ 13.10.22 Boys' football tournament
- ⇒ 17th, 18th and 19th October Parents' consultations
- ⇒ 18.10.22 Basketball tournament
- ⇒ 21.10.22 Harvest festival assembly
- ⇒ 21.10.22 Break up for half term
- ⇒ 1.11.22 Return to school

Coats and PE kit

As the weather is becoming more changeable, children should have a coat in school every day. Please ensure it is named.

Thank you for your support with PE kit. It should be brought into school on Monday and remain in school for the week.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It's been another hardworking week in Year 5, the children have been fantastic and showing great listening and focus. This week we have been working hard on writing our own Greek Myth in English based on our plans, the ideas and engagement has been brilliant.

The children are very excited for our trip to the Science Museum tomorrow. As it is parents evening next week, there will be no newsletter.

Thank you for all the support!

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 have been studying hard and creating our own Greek Myth and Legends.

Maths– Line Graphs—We are learning about the key features of Line Graphs and how to interpret line graphs.

Science– Studying the how the Earth and Sun can effect the length of the day.

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

PE– Netball and Gymnastics

Upcoming events and diary dates

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.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Year 6 ventured into London last week, with a terrific trip to the 'National Army Museum'. There, they not only discovered more about combats that had effected the world over the centuries, but took part in a workshop - *Body Builders* – where they got hands-on with robotic arms, using our computing, science and engineering skills.

Ms Chalbot and Mr Ripley

Home learning from this week's topics

Long Multiplication / Column Method: Please rewrite and complete the chosen level of questions (A, B, or C) in your books, adhering to the presentation we expect in school. Maths should be completed in pencil, presented neatly and with one digit per box. As always, use estimation and common sense when checking your answer. We would like:

Questions 1-4 written using column multiplication method.

Questions 5-8 written using grid multiplication method.

Extra for Experts: Create your own problem question with a real life context using decimals.

Please then solve this demonstrating your long multiplication skills!

Times Tables Practice: This has been set online. Please ensure you continue practising these tables. Instant recall is invaluable. If you are having problems logging on, please come and talk to us.



Multiplying
decimals



Grid Method



Multiplying
decimals

Black History Month Quiz

The children in Key Stage 2 have been set a quiz to remember the names, capitals and flags of all the Caribbean countries! There will be a prize for the individual who is best able to recall these facts. Check out our quiz to help you remember ☺



Upcoming events and diary dates

Parent Teacher Meetings: Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th October:
Please make sure you book a time talk about your children's progress

Harvest festival: Friday 21st October

All Welcome to join our assembly

Inset Day: Monday 31st October

Please come to school on *Tuesday 7th November* ☺

Deadline for Secondary School Applications:

Monday 31st October

Please do ensure you have registered on line.



Evacuation Photo

The correct one! ☺



Don't forget!

- PE Kits back in Monday mornings (going home on Fridays)
- Regular times table practice: 1-12 & 15 times tables
- Spelling test practice for Friday with spelling folders due each Monday
- Reading Records in daily; completed by pupils and signed by parents