



Lowther

We love learning at Lowther

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We have had a very busy week of learning and excitement. Some particular highlights for us were Year 1's awesome Chinese restaurant where we enjoyed a feast, some fantastic maths from Year 6 and seeing so many brilliant stories in progress from our wonderful children for Screen your Story. Wishing you a great weekend.

Mark and Alastair

Assembly themes this week

Writing

This week Mr Ripley celebrated the skills of writing a great story and also launched the "Screen your Story" competition

Being Creative

We had so much fun in assembly on Wednesday when we looking at the importance of being creative in solving problems and tackling challenges in different ways. The children enjoyed trying out some creative responses to the challenges set for them.,

E-safety

It is essential in 2023, as parents and teachers, that we are all confident and able to advise and support children in keeping safe online. I strongly recommend this session – Peter has a great presentation style and is extremely knowledgeable and practical in his approach. Do go along!

Message from Ms Chalbot, our computing lead.

At Lowther we take our commitment to e-safety seriously, and so we are pleased to be able to invite all parents from YN-Y6 to join our online session with Peter Cowley, the Richmond Borough lead for Online Services and Safety for Achieving for Children. Peter works with groups of parents and carers, school staff and governors, children and young people, social workers, front line professionals and the police in helping to keep children and young people safer while online.

The session will run from **6.30-7.30pm** on **Wednesday 1st February 2023**.
(A link will be sent out closer to the time)

Photos of the week



Athletics! Our Y5/6 athletics squad did a great job at the locality indoor athletics event held at Richmond Park Academy this week. They came in 3rd overall.



Check out these awesome, branded high vis jackets for Reception playtimes and school trips. They have the Lowther logo printed on the front and the phone number on the reverse. Huge thanks to our fabulous PTA for organising these

Upcoming events and diary dates

- ⇒ It's **Lowtherness** live auditions next week—the auditions take place on Wednesday and Thursday.
- ⇒ The first **teachers strike** is planned for Wednesday 1st February 2023 (details are on a separate letter to families)

The school site

We've temporarily put a barrier up to restrict access to the field as it's becoming very muddy for the children—particularly along the edge where it adjoins the climbing frame trail. We only intend to keep this in place for a short period. We really value our field as a great resource and as such it needs careful management. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Auditions: 25th and 26th January 2023

Decisions for finalists: Friday 27th January

Live Final:

Friday 3rd February 2023



General School reminders

Uniform

A polite request that all families ensure their children are in the correct uniform. This ensures all children look smart, is fair for all and is also safe. Thank you in advance for your support regarding uniform matters:

Please note the following and ensure your child has the **correct Lowther uniform**.

- **ALL uniform** (including coats and hats) to be named please. We continue to find a lot of unnamed jumpers and coats around school.
- **No boots** to be worn at school.
- **No jewellery** is allowed at school (except stud earrings) and watches
- **No shoes with logos** that are not in black.
- Shoes/trainers must be all one dark colour (ideally black)
- **No Lowther sports hoodies** to be worn to school please — these are just for PE lessons in the winter months.

Packed lunches

Please note ALL packed lunch boxes should be stored carefully (before and after use). We also politely request that plastic bags are NOT used for packed lunches as this isn't in line with our school's attempts to minimise our use of single use plastics.

Before and after school

- NO ball games (unless at a sports club)
- Children should not use the swing and the large climbing frame equipment at this time.
- NO scooting or cycling on school grounds for safety reasons please.
- School finishes at 330pm. Please ensure you are on time to collect your child.

Thank you for your support in these important matters.