



Website: <http://www.lowickholylslandschools.org.uk> Tel (01289)388268 E mail: [Admin@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:Admin@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk)

Headteacher : Mrs Rebecca Simpson [rebecca.simpson@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:rebecca.simpson@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk)

## 28th March 2025

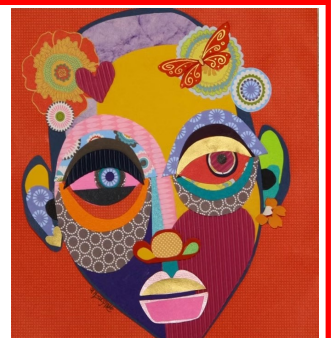
We have had an exciting week this week. We welcomed the November Club theatre group into school. They began building the performance set on Friday last week and worked over the weekend to create an exciting experience for the children based directly on the work they had done with Lisette Auton last term. We were really pleased with the impact the performances had on our children as they suspended disbelief and lived up to our school values so wonderfully by offering to befriend and help the alien who landed in our yard. We were also really pleased that so many people from the communities were also able to join us for the after school and evening performances. Thank you so much for your kind and enthusiastic support and we look forward to Lisette coming back into school on 7th April to follow up with the children. Photos will be on the website shortly.

Other exciting moments this week was our first go at the steel pans we have borrowed from Whittingham CE Primary School. You may recall that we are part of the AIn Alliance of schools with them, and they have kindly lent us a set of 15 drums for this half term. The class 2 children were incredibly quick to pick up the rhythm and knack of playing them and were already beginning to experiment with harmonies. We will be playing them on Monday for our Caribbean day and class 1 will also get a chance to play them. In PE the children are learning and practising their cricket skills.



## Celebrating the Caribbean day

We will be having a Caribbean themed day on Monday next week (31st March). **Children can wear their own clothes** (think fun party clothes but ones we can cook and dance in). We will be enjoying Caribbean stories, cooking, making and appreciating music, creating art themed on the work of Brianna McCarthy (<https://www.briannamccarthy.com/press-publications>), exploring Notting Hill Carnival's roots (children's day) as well as designing carnival headdresses and inventing dances.



### Parents & carers survey

We would be grateful if parents and carers could take 5 minutes to fill in a short survey about our schools to help us understand how we are doing as a school from your perspective. The survey can be accessed from this link: <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/H7YnYfax> and will close in 14 days time.



### Staff Car Park

For the safety of our children, please be advised that the school car park is reserved for **staff only**. We kindly ask that parents park outside the school grounds and are also welcome to use the White Swan Car park.

This will ensure a safe and secure environment for all our pupils. We appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping our school a safe place.

### Easter egg decoration competition

Children are invited to decorate eggs on a theme of their choice for a fun competition. (It's fine to use artificial eggs too). Please bring entries in by Wednesday 9th April and there will be prizes for each class winner (including nursery).



### Parents meeting

Please remember we have a parents meeting planned for **Thursday next week (3rd April) after school (3.15pm start)**. This is a chance for us to sit down together and talk about changes to the school as we transition into being a primary school. We welcome your ideas, comments and suggestions as part of this meeting. We would like your thoughts in particular on developing responsibility as the children get older (for example, do we allow children to walk home from school without being collected etc), uniform, homework, leadership opportunities and so on.

### Dates for your diary

**Monday 31st March** - Caribbean Day to tie in with our learning theme of Coasts and Islands

#### Thursday 3rd April -

2.40pm phonics parents meeting for year 1 parents

3 - 4pm general parents meeting in school to discuss plans and ideas for when we become primary schools

**Monday 7th April** - Lisette Auton (children's author) follow up visit.

**Tuesday 8th April** - Easter RE day and **church service at 2pm at Lowick Church.**

**Tuesday 8th April** - parents' evening

**Friday 11th April** - musical performance and Lesley Bradbury's leaving assembly - planned for late morning as the causeway closes at 1pm. More details to follow.

Easter holiday is from **14th April for two weeks.**

Summer term begins on **Monday 28th April**

**Monday 5th May** - bank holiday - school is closed

**Thursday 8th May** - 80th anniversary of VE Day

**Week beginning 12th May** - SingFest week finishing with concert on Saturday 17th May - more information to follow. We hope to be taking part in a workshop during the school week as part of this on Thursday 15th May in the morning..

**Friday 16th May** - skipping workshop for class 1 and class 2

Half term holiday the week beginning **26th May**

**Monday 2nd June** - Teacher training day - no children in school