

Low Ash Primary School - Primary Sports Funding Statement – September 2017

Overview

The Government wants the Sports Funding to be used in a way so that physical education (PE) in primary schools is improved by...

- 1. Increasing participation, involving the least active**
- 2. Improving resources and improving how PE is taught**
- 3. Promoting a healthier lifestyle**

It is hoped that the funding will leave a legacy, once the funding has been withdrawn, of healthier and fitter children who are more interested in sporting activities and living a healthy lifestyle.

In the academic year September 2016 to July 2017 Low Ash received £9,780 of funding to support to development of PE/sport and healthier lifestyles.

How we spent the funding

In 2016 -17 Low Ash spent the money in the following ways:

- Employed a specialist dance and gym coach for half a day each week (October to April) to work alongside teachers to improve skills, knowledge of teaching gymnastics and dance (£1,470)
- Employed a specialist dance teacher to lead after school dance clubs for Years 1 to 6 (£1,162)
- Funded teaching assistants to deliver 'Change 4 Life', a healthy eating/energy programme to targeted children from both KS1 and KS2 throughout the year (£760)
- Funded a teaching assistant to support after an after school gym club for children from Year 1 and Year 2 from September until July (£380)
- Funded staff costs for attendance at inter school competitions at local and county level (£1064)
- Employed a Sports Coach at break times each day from September until July to work with all classes in both Key Stages (£3,231)
- Funded a specialist cricket coach ('Chance to Shine') to lead staff training for 4 members of staff (for 8 weeks), working with two different year groups (£200)
- Transport costs for tournaments and competitions (£200)

Total Received: £9,780

Total Spent: £9,633 +£1,279 overspend repayment to school funds for 2015-16 = £10,912

What was the impact of the funding?

- All teachers involved improved their knowledge, skills and understanding of particular sports which previously they felt less confident about teaching (cricket/dance/gymnastics). The teachers also benefitted from specialist advice and support from coaches over a sustained period of either 4 or 6 weeks each
- The subject leader for PE (new position September 2015) was heavily involved in the training provided and held additional discussions regarding preparation for gymnastic competitions and advice on how to pass on skills, knowledge and understanding to colleagues in the future

- Additional after school clubs (3) were able to run throughout the year. This meant that **107** children were able to take part in clubs which normally would not have taken place
 - KS1 and KS2 Energy Club - 33 children
 - KS1 Gym – 22 children
 - KS2 Dance – 52 Children (Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6)
- Specific groups, including children from 5 years of age and the least active children, were identified and encouraged to take part in activities over a sustained period. Further advice on eating more healthily was also given as part of the ‘Change 4 Life’ programme delivered to children in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
- The increased hours of our Sports Coach by 5 hours per week meant that all classes in both KS1 and KS2 had access to a bespoke physical activity programme delivered at break time for 15 minutes every day
- Costs for competitions meant that different aged teams in athletics, football, rugby, tennis, cross country, badminton, gymnastics, netball and basketball were able to compete successfully at area, city and county level

In addition, Low Ash continue to fund a Sports Coach every lunchtime for classes from Year 2 to Year 6 throughout the year, as we have for several years, using normal school funds as opposed to the Sports Funding Grant.

Low Ash were awarded the **West Yorkshire Games Gold Standard** in the academic year 2015-16

PE Funding Focus for 2017-18

- Continue funding a Sports Coach at break time
- Continue to fund additional (gym, dance and Change 4 Life) pre-school or after school PE/sports clubs
- Continue to fund specialist coaching in gymnastics for different year groups over a sustained period and fund a specialist coach for a gymnastics club for Key Stage 1
- Continue to participate in inter school competition to county level
- Continue to target younger children and children who would benefit from additional exercise
- Improve teacher knowledge and skills in gymnastics and dance; particularly newly qualified and recently qualified teachers who have joined Low Ash recently

NB When proposed additional funding is confirmed (approximately £9,500) and the outcome of a consultation for possible expansion of Low Ash is known (December 17), further activities and foci (eg whole school focus ‘Healthy School’ weeks, Daily Mile track) will be considered.