

Low Ash Primary School

January 2016 Newsletter

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More Sporting Success!

Low Ash continue to dominate the North Bradford area school sporting competitions. As mentioned in December, the **Under 11s Athletics Team** won the North Bradford Area Finals at Hanson and will take part in the Bradford Finals on February 9th. Also there will be our **Under 11 Football Team**, who won their North Bradford League quite convincingly.

Congratulations also goes to our **Cross Country Teams**. The Under 9 Boys and Girls teams both won their events and go on to the Bradford Finals, as do the Under 11 boys team.



And finally, the **Under 11 Low Ash Basketball Team** are the North Bradford champions too! Well done to all our teams for an excellent first term, with a special thanks to our sports coach, Mr Renardson. With 5 more new trophies already we have asked a local joiner to extend our trophy display area, so if you come in the front entrance at any time, please take a look.

A reminder that the **'Billy Bantam' penalty shootout** will be taking place next Tuesday, 2nd February. Please send in your child's **sponsor form only** on the day to be signed. The children will then bring the form back home and the money should be brought in later.



Music Award

Following a Music Service audit on the 7th January, I'm pleased to announce that Low Ash have achieved the **Silver Music Award** for the quality of our music provision throughout school. Well done to Mrs Meer, Mr Ebbage and Miss Hansen for all their efforts.



Progress Sheets

You should have received a Parent/Carer **'How well you child is doing'** progress sheet last week. We hope that the information about the next steps your child needs to focus on will be useful to you, as it has been designed in response to the Parent/Carer questionnaire where you asked for more information about progress.

Parent Consultation Evening

The next Parent/Carer Consultation Evening will be held on Wednesday 24th February from 3.30pm to 7pm and on Thursday 25th from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. This is the first week back after the February holidays.

The way to sign up for a consultation will be changing this time. Instead of having to come into school and sign up, **from Monday 8th February you will be able to sign up online**. If you are unable to do this, office staff will be able to book an appointment on the new electronic system for you by telephone. More details of how to sign up online will be sent out in a few days.

Outcomes from the previous consultation questionnaire in November

Please read each statement and tick the box that best fits how you feel.	Agree or agree strongly	Disagree or disagree strongly	don't know
1. My child enjoys being at Low Ash.	98%	2%	0
2. My child feels safe at Low Ash and is well looked after.	98%	2%	0
3. My child is making good progress at school.	95%	3%	2%
4. My child is taught well at Low Ash.	96%	0%	4%
5. Low Ash works closely with parents and helps me to support my child's learning.	93%	5%	2%
6. Low Ash keeps me well informed about my child's progress.	91%	7%	2%
7. Low Ash encourages children to be healthy and active.	97%	1%	2%
8. There is a good standard of behaviour at Low Ash	92%	5%	3%
9. Low Ash deals with unacceptable behaviour well (including bullying).	80%	4%	16%
10. Low Ash responds well to any concerns or questions I raise.	89%	1%	10%
11. Low Ash is led and managed well.	91%	4%	5%
12. Overall, I am happy with my child's whole experience at Low Ash.	96%	3%	1 no ans.

Bad Weather

A reminder should we get heavy snow still. School will close if there are serious concerns about the safety of children, parents/carers or staff, or if several teachers are unable to get to school. If this is the case, I will contact Bradford Council. The Council will then



inform local radio stations of the closure. You will also be able to find out if the school is closed on the School website - www.lowash.bradford.sch.uk or by 'Googling' the 'Bradford Schools Online' website. Once on this site click on 'Closed Schools' at the top of the page.

Hair Colouring

Lately, several children have come into school with their hair coloured quite brightly. Whilst accepting that some parents may want their children to have their hair dyed in a natural colour, dying hair in bright colours such as green, pink or blue is not acceptable. I trust I can rely on your support on this matter.

School Website

The new School Website continues to go from strength to strength. If you haven't been on it lately it's well worth a look. You can find out lots of information about how to help your child, recent letters, upcoming events, see our Local Authority Review and view a whole host of exciting activities going on in the 'Latest News' on the Home page and in many of the class sections.



Mr Burnley, our ICT and Communications Leader will be contacting local businesses and community organisations very soon to see how our website might be able to promote your organisation.

Your support in continuing to make Low Ash an even better school is much appreciated - thank you.

Terry Woollin (Headteacher)

Important Dates Coming Up

Key Stage 1 Open Morning (Reading)	Thursday 28 th January
Poetry Day	Tuesday 2 nd February
Billy Bantam Penalty Shootout	Tuesday 2 nd February
Nursery Open Morning (Reading)	Thursday 4 th February

School closes for February holidays	Friday 12th February
School re-opens after holidays	Monday 22nd February
Parent Consultation Evenings	Wednesday 24th February 3.30 to 7.00 Thursday 25th February 3.30 to 5.30