

Low Ash Primary School - Primary Sports Funding Statement – September 2016

The Government wants the Sports Funding to be used in a way so that physical education (PE) in primary schools is improved by: increasing participation, involving the least active, improving resources and improving how PE is taught. The funding can also be used to promote 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 It is hoped that the funding will leave a legacy, once the funding has been withdrawn, of healthier and fitter children who are more interested in sporting activities.

Low Ash received £9,771 funding to support to development of PE/sport/health in the academic year September 2015 to July 2016.

How we spent the funding

In 2015 -16 Low Ash spent the money in the following way:

- Employed a specialist gymnastics coach for half a day each week to work alongside teachers (September to July) to improve skills, knowledge of teaching gymnastics (£2,500)
- Employed a specialist dance teacher to lead an after school dance group for Year 3 and Year 4 (£1,140)
- Funded 2 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 (£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 3 members of staff (9 weeks), working with three year groups of children and leading an additional after school club for 4 weeks (£200)
- Transport costs for tournaments and competitions (£100)

Total Received: £9,771

Total Spent: £9,375 (if the repayment of the 2014-15 overspend to School Fund of £1675 is included, the actual total spend would be £11,050.00)

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/gymnastics). The teachers also benefitted from specialist advice and support from coaches over a sustained period of 6 or 7 weeks.
- Additional after school clubs (3) ran throughout the year. This meant that approximately 120 children were able to take part in clubs which normally would not have taken place
 - KS1 and KS2 Energy Club - 60 children
 - KS1 Gym – 20 children
 - KS2 Dance – 20 Children
 - KS2 Cricket – 20 children

- 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 football, rugby, tennis, cross country, badminton, 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 2016-17

- 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 all year groups over a sustained period and fund a specialist coach for the 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; particularly newly qualified and recently qualified teachers who have joined Low Ash recently