

Low Ash Primary School

March/April 2018 Newsletter

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Sports News



'Congratulations' to the **Low Ash Under 11 Netball Team**, who won the North Bradford area competition and go on to the Bradford Finals.

Two of our **Under 11 Tag Rugby Teams** will also be competing in the Bradford Finals in June, as they finished 2nd and 3rd in the North Bradford League – we wish them well.

At the recent West Yorkshire **Cross Country Finals** several children ran exceptionally well. Emily Lister finished our highest place, coming 21st. The Girls Team finished an excellent 4th place overall – well done!



Congratulations too to the Under 11 **Athletics Team**, who competed really well in the Yorkshire Finals, finishing 7th overall.

Minibus Appeal

The success of the various sports teams is a real credit to the work of Mr Renardson, Mr Robinson and Miss Broadbent. However, thanks also go to the support of the many parents and family members who help transport the children to various events both locally and further afield. In order to take part in more competitions, improve

access to better training facilities and lessen the burden on parents, we are hoping to raise enough money to buy a minibus. This will also be useful for transporting other groups (such as the School Choir) to events and groups of children to various places linked to the topic work in lessons.



We are hoping to use part of the PE funding money we get from the Government each year and part of the funds we have built up over the last few years through events like non-uniform days and the Billy Bantam Penalty Shootout. We hope to raise another £5,000 through different activities for the children and family members such as: An Evening of Clairvoyance (15th May), a Quiz Night at the Hepworth and Idle Cricket Club (22nd June), a sponsored 'fun run' (w/c 2nd July), a sports kit non-uniform day (25th May) etc.

The aim is to have enough to buy the minibus by around October.

We have asked local businesses and some of the contractors we use to donate to the Appeal. Parents and carers can also donate by using ParentPay.

Bradford City Penalty Shootout

Wow, what a result! An incredible £6,960 was raised, beating our previous total of £6,343 in 2016.

Thank you for sponsoring the event so well, which raised over £3,000 for the Bradford City Community Charity. The children really enjoyed taking part too!



School Expansion Update



On the 6th March the Council's Executive Committee gave the final approval for Low Ash to expand. We now have a Project Manager (Darren Hindle from the local authority) and a Design Consultant (Fiona Kelly). Both will be visiting school on Friday 27th April to start to plan for the changes needed for the extension to the school building. Approximate dates are as follows:

- **May/June 2018** – Agree plans for new extension
- **July/August 2018** – Plans submitted to Council Planning Department
- **September/October/November 2018** – Plans agreed
- **December 2018 /January 2019** – Building Contractor appointed
- **Spring 2019** – Building work to commence

In response to community concerns over parking and increased traffic because of the expansion, Emma Lister (Chair of Governors) and I met with Philip Davies (MP for Shipley) to see if there was any further Government funding we could access to improve parking facilities near the school. Mr Davies was keen to help and contacted the Secretary of State for Schools, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Chief Executive of Bradford Council on our behalf. Unfortunately, there is no additional funding to support improved parking and upgraded road systems. Any scheme to address the issue will need to come from the £3.6 million allocated for the expansion project by the Council. Whilst this is disappointing, we are still insisting that any plans drawn up address your concerns.

Arts Week

Our first ever Arts Week was a tremendous success. The children really enjoyed working with the 3 artists who visited school and the variety and quality of the children's work amazed us all. If you visited the Art exhibition on the last day and saw all the children's work, I'm sure you will agree that it really was a 'WOW!' moment when you walked in the Hall and saw all the children's work together.

Well done to Mrs Woollin for organising the week and for the hard work of the staff and children.

Staffing News

Sadly, Mrs Gibson our SEN and Inclusion Leader has decided to take early retirement and will be leaving Low Ash in July. Mrs Gibson has worked tirelessly over several years to support our children who have additional needs and many families too. We wish her well in her retirement. Following interviews last week, we have appointed Miss Grimshaw as our new Inclusion Leader for September. Over the next few weeks Miss Grimshaw will be visiting school and meeting with Mrs Gibson to ensure a smooth handover of information. She will also be getting to know the staff and children too.

Warm Weather Warning for Sunny Days



The warm weather of last week seems to have gone for the time being. However, this is a reminder for parents and carers about the dangers that come when the sun begins to shine for longer and the days are getting hotter.

Please ensure your child is protected against the sun throughout the summer term. Sun cream can be applied before school or at school by your child. Various sun hats are available to buy from the School Office too.

Important Dates Coming Up

Many thanks, Terry Woollin (Headteacher)

Monday 7 th May	School Closed for May Day
W/C 14 th May	Year 6 SATs
Friday 25 th May	School Closes for Spring Bank Holidays
Thursday 7 th June	School Re-opens after Spring Bank Holidays

