

Low Ash Primary School - Primary Sports Funding Statement – September 2018

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It is hoped that the funding will leave a legacy, once the funding has been withdrawn, of healthier and fitter children who are more interested in sporting activities and living a healthy lifestyle.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 2017 to July 2018 Low Ash received £19,560 of funding to support to development of PE/sport and healthier lifestyles.

How we spent the funding

In 2017 -18 Low Ash spent the money in the following ways:

- Employed a specialist dance and gym coach for half a day each week (October to December and April to June) to work alongside teachers to improve skills, knowledge of teaching gymnastics and dance (£1,250).
- Employed a specialist dance coach to lead dance CPD for all teachers in the spring term (£150).
- Funded a 'Healthy Schools Week' in the summer term to promote healthy lifestyles and provide pupils with the opportunity to take part in a wide range of physical activities (£2,900).
- Employed a specialist dance teacher to lead after school dance clubs for Years 1 - 6 (£931).
- Employed a specialist Yoga teacher for Reception class January to July – (£3,750)
- Part funded a specialist Yoga teacher to deliver a yoga club for KS2 pupils – (£68)
- Funded a specialist gym coach to lead after school sessions for pupils in Years 1 and 2.(£1,215.50)
- Funded a teaching assistant to deliver 'Change 4 Life', a healthy eating/energy programme to targeted children from both KS1 and KS2 throughout the year (£380).
- Funded a teaching assistant to support after an after school gym club for children from Year 1 and Year 2 from September until July (£627).
- 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 (£3,420).
- 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 (£250).
- Transport costs for tournaments and competitions (£200).
- Part funded a mini bus for the academic year 2018-2019 (£2221.20).

Total Received: £19,560

Total Spent: 18,426.70 plus an overspend repayment to school funds for 2016-17 of £1133.30 = £19,560

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 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 **110** children were able to take part in clubs which normally would not have taken place.
 - KS1 and KS2 Energy Club – 12 pupils
 - KS1 Gym – 40 pupils
 - KS2 Dance – (Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6) – 47 pupils
 - KS2 Yoga – 11 pupils
- 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.
- 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.
- All pupils in schools benefitted from participating in a range of different sports during Healthy Schools Week (some of which will be continuing in the form of after school clubs 2018-2019) and in activities promoting healthy lifestyles.
- Reception pupils benefitted from weekly yoga sessions which helped them learn how to use their bodies in a healthy way, manage stress and build concentration.

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.

PE Funding Focus for 2018-19

- 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.
- Begin to fund an after school Fencing Club.
- Fund a gym / dance specialist to work with the PE leader to develop skills in monitoring this part of the subject.
- 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 by continuing to fund specialist coaching in gymnastics / dance for different year groups over a sustained period
- Contribution to leasing of a minibus and running costs of minibuses when used for sports competition, training and outdoor activities.
- Continue to fund a whole school Healthy Schools Week in order to promote healthy living and exercise.
- Continue to fund yoga sessions for reception pupils.