

Low Ash Primary School

March/April 2019 Newsletter

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Sports News



'Congratulations' to the Low Ash **Swimming Team** who finished 4th overall in the Bingley and Shipley Schools Swimming Gala. A special mention for the relay team who finished 3rd – well done everyone.

At the recent West Yorkshire **Cross Country Finals** several children ran exceptionally well. Our best runner was Mia Naylor, who finished a brilliant 9th place and qualified for the National Finals – the first time ever for a Low Ash pupil! At this competition, which was held in Loughborough on 23rd March, Mia ran really well and her efforts helped the West Yorkshire Girls Team win the overall team event. We are really proud of you Mia – well done!



Congratulations too to the Under 11 **Athletics Team** who competed in the recent Yorkshire Schools Indoor Athletics Finals in Huddersfield and finished 8th. Being the 8th best primary school team in West Yorkshire is an excellent achievement!



School Expansion Update



Although slightly delayed, the plans for expanding Low Ash have now been passed by the Council's Planning Department.

Further updates will follow shortly.

New Curriculum Enjoyment and Excitement

Our new minibuses continue to be used to enhance the learning opportunities for our children. Recently, as part of their topic 'People who help us', Reception visited Morrisons at Five Lane Ends. They found out all about how bread was made and what went on behind the scenes at the deli counter.

Year 5 visited Cartwright Hall Gallery as part of their Creative Carousel activity theme of Mythical Beasts 3D models.

Although both visits were



minibus appeal.

just a short drive away, these off school site learning opportunities would not have been possible if we hadn't had the minibuses. Thank you again for supporting our

Arts Week

A reminder that our Arts Week will be held in the last week of this term, starting Monday 8th April.

The theme this year is **'The Arts of Different Times, Places and Cultures'**.

The Mighty Zulu Nation Theatre Company will be in school all week working with the children. **During the afternoon of 11th April** you are invited to view all of the artwork at our Exhibition in the New Hall. There will also be a limited number of places available to see some groups of children showcasing songs, dances and music learnt during the week.

'All Stars' Cricket Programme

If your child is aged between 5 and 8 years, you might be interested in signing up for **'All Stars Cricket' at Bolton Villas Cricket Club** starting in May. This 8 week programme was introduced to the children in assembly by Steve Archer from Yorkshire Cricket. Costs are around £5 per week and each child gets their own personal kit bag and kit items. You can register at ... allstarscricket.co.uk/boltonvillas .



Comic Relief/ Red Nose Day

£358 was raised on Red Nose Day – thank you. The money raised will be split between Comic Relief and 'Mamma Shirls', the charity in Africa we are supporting this year.

Support and advice from the Police

Because of several incidents of poor behaviour in the play area of Wrose Rec. before school, we asked for support and advice from the Police.



Officers came into school to speak to our oldest children about the consequences of unacceptable behaviour in public places, which is the responsibility of the Police not the school.

Unacceptable Behaviour from Parents/Carers

Recently, there have been incidents where parents/carers have been verbally aggressive or abusive towards staff (and to children in some instances) on school premises. We will not tolerate such behaviour and will exercise our right to consider banning people from the school site. The advice from the Department of Education states...

'A school may consider that aggressive, abusive or insulting behaviour, or language from a parent presents a risk to staff or pupils. It is enough for a member of staff or a pupil to feel threatened. In such a circumstance, schools have the power in common law to bar a parent from the premises.'

We are happy to discuss and resolve any concern you might have, but expect parents/carer to approach school staff in an appropriate manner.

Parents' Evenings and Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Many thanks for your attendance at the recent Consultation Evening and the many positive comments we received. Thank you also for those who completed our questionnaire. Your views are always valued and help us to further improve Low Ash. The outcomes and intended improvements we hope to make will be shared in the next Newsletter in May.

Important Dates Coming Up

Thank you, Terry Woollin (Headteacher)

Friday 12th April	School Closes for Easter
Monday 29th April	School Re-opens after the Easter Holidays
Monday 6th May	School Closed for May Day
W/C 13th May	Year 6 SATs