

Low Ash Primary School July 2019 Newsletter

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Great news to finish the year off!

As we end the academic year, we do so on a real positive note...

Sporting Success

A fantastic performance by the **Under 11 Tag Rugby** Team who finished 4th in the Bradford Finals and qualified for the Yorkshire Finals. The finals were held on 1st July and the team played really well but, unfortunately, didn't win a medal.

Congratulations too to the two teams who competed in the prestigious Bradford Gymnastics Competition recently, which is always of a very high standard. One of the teams performed especially well and managed to finished 3rd – our highest place ever!



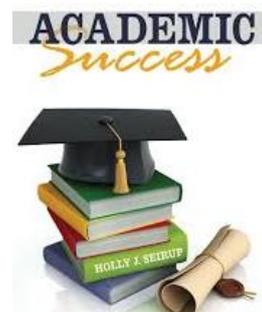
Well done to **all children** who have competed so brilliantly for us at the many competitions we have taken part in this year. You represented the school so well and we are especially proud of you.

A special thanks too to Miss Broadbent (PE Leader) and Mr Renardson (Sports Coach) for all their hard work training the children and for organising the events.

Academic Success

Our end of year results right across school were, once again, fantastic!

From Reception, through Key Stage 1 and particularly so in Key Stage 2, Low Ash has had some of the best results ever! You may not recall, but six years ago Low Ash was approximately 100th out of the 160 or so primary schools in the Bradford Primary School League tables. Over the last 6 years we have moved up quickly to 75th, then 51st, and then into the top 30 for the last 2 years. As you can see below, our Key Stage 2 results for 2019 are, once again, really strong: **particularly when you compare them with the national results for 2019.**



Year 6 Subject - Meeting Expected Standard	School Results 2017	School Results 2018	School Results 2019	National Results 2019
Combined Reading, Writing, Maths	73%	76%	78%	65%
Reading	86%	78%	81%	73%
Writing	79%	86%	83%	78%
Maths	86%	93%	86%	79%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	86%	88%	88%	78%

The table above shows the percentage of children reaching the 'Expected Standard' by the end of Key Stage 2 for each subject and when combined. The results should keep us in the top 30 primary schools in Bradford.

Our results at the 'Higher Standard' (Greater Depth) were equally as impressive in both Year 2 and Year 6. All the results can be viewed on our website shortly. Thank you for your support in helping us achieve these amazing results once again.

Minibuses

The minibuses are proving to be a great asset to the school, with all year groups having gone on several off-site educational visits since January. Many of the visits have been to places very close to school, but what a difference they have made to the quality of learning and life experiences of our children.



Year 5 visiting Crossley's scrap yard in connection with their English core book topic 'The Iron Man'.



Year 4 visiting Hirst Wood Nature Reserve in Saltaire as part of their science topic.

Healthy Schools week

Our 2nd ever Healthy Schools Week was a great success, with many children trying out new sports such as sailing, horse riding and kick boxing. We also had a visit from Lucy Hall, a Great Britain Team triathlete, who put all the children (and some of the teachers!) through their paces.

A special 'thank you' to Miss Broadbent, our PE leader, who sourced various specialists to come in and talk to or work with the children and organised the many events throughout the week.



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Goodbye to Year 6

Sadly, we say goodbye to a super set of individuals who have contributed so much to the success of Low Ash, not only this year but in previous years too. Well done to the whole of Year 6 who have been excellent. We wish them all the very best as they move on to their various secondary schools.

Goodbye from me too

Thank you for all your support throughout this year and through my six and a bit years at Low Ash. I wish everyone connected with Low Ash all the very best for the future.

Important dates coming up

<p>Wednesday 4th September</p>	<p>School re-opens for new academic year - Teacher training days on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September.</p>
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Happy Holidays

Wherever you are over the summer, have a great holiday!



Mr T Woollin (Headteacher)