

Low Ash Primary School

March/April 2020 Newsletter

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Life in School

The children have spent some time making a rainbow to display on the fence to share our positivity and hope that everyone will stay safe. Our rainbow was on Calendar News! Please see the Low Ash Facebook page for the video of our 'moment of glory'.

We have had many questions about how the children who are still in school are managing and what they are doing. I thought that I would start with some photos of their activities to show you everything that has been going on.



Every morning starts with a session with Joe Wicks or other exercise programme.



The children love it!



The children in Early Years have learnt to 'body paint'.



The children sculptures



from KS1 have also had an artistic time, making from natural materials in the style of Andy

Goldsworthy.



KS2 children have spent most mornings in the garden 'reclaiming it from nature'.



Inner Garden



The Reading Shed is now up and looks fabulous. It was funded partly by a charity bid and partly through fund raising by the Friends of Low Ash. We have bought all the furnishings and books to go inside, but have decided to leave it all packed away until all returns to normal.

Santander have kindly agreed to come in for a Community Day where they will lay a path through to the shed, paint it and generally upgrade the area. The children in school are planting herbs in the beds so that they can be used for cooking by the school kitchen or in Creative Carousel.



Building Work Update



The ball court has been moved to its new location and is due to re-open next week.

As part of the second phase of the building programme, the nursery garden will be fenced off and preparation for the site of the nursery building will begin. The building site staff have been very good during the past couple of weeks in allowing the children in school access to the field and the bottom garden. We hope that the building work will continue roughly within the timescales planned, but realise that this is a difficult period for all concerned, so dates may yet change.

Parents' Evenings

Many thanks for your attendance at the recent Consultation Evening and the many positive comments we received. It seems a long time ago now after all that has happened recently.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to those who recently completed our questionnaire online. Your views are always valued and help us to further improve Low Ash. When things have settled down, we will update you on how we plan to address any issues raised. There were 45 responses in total. I have outlined the responses of those who agreed or disagreed with each statement below.

Question	% Agree	% Disagree
1. Does your child enjoy coming to Low Ash?	100%	0%
2. Does your child feel safe at Low Ash?	95.5%	4.5%
3. Do Low Ash staff encourage your child to work hard and do their best?	93.3%	6.7%
4. Is the teaching at Low Ash good and helping your child make good progress?	91.1%	8.9%
5. Are you given good advice by Low Ash about how you can support your child's learning?	91.3%	8.7%
6. Do you think that your child is taught well about important personal values?	90.5%	9.5%
7. Is there a good standard of behaviour at Low Ash?	90%	10%
8. Does Low Ash deal with unacceptable	80%	20%

behaviour (including bullying) well and in a timely manner?		
9. Does Low Ash respond well to any concerns or questions and listen to your views?	85.7%	14.3%
10. Are you kept well-informed by Low Ash?	90.9%	9.1%
11. Do you think that Low Ash is led and managed well?	97.7%	2.3%
12. Does your child enjoy a rich and varied curriculum at Low Ash?	97.6%	2.4%
13. Would you recommend Low Ash to other families?	88.9%	11.1%

As ever, your continued support and help in making Low Ash an even better school is much appreciated - thank you.

Fiona Meer (Co-Headteacher)