

PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SPORTS FUNDING

What is Sports Funding?

The Government is providing funding of £150 million per annum for academic years 2013/14 and 2014/15 to provide new, substantial primary school sport funding'. This funding is being jointly provided by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport, and will see money going directly to primary schools to be spent on improving the quality of sport and PE for all their children.

The school has the freedom to choose how to do this.

Possible uses for the funding include:

- hiring specialist PE teachers or qualified sports coaches to work alongside primary teachers when teaching PE
- new or additional Change4Life sport clubs
- paying for professional development opportunities in PE/sport
- providing cover to release primary teachers for professional development in PE/sport
- running sport competitions, or increasing participation in the school games
- buying quality assured professional development modules or materials for PE/sport

Each school will receive £8, 000 plus an extra £5 per Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupil each year for these two academic years. The sports funding can only be spent on sport and PE provision in schools.

What does this mean for our school?

To date (September '14) the school has received funding equivalent to a full academic year (September '13 – September '14). For the financial year 2014-2015 our school will receive £9288 in Sports Funding, of which we have so far received £3,446 (37%).

The Governors agree that the money must be used so that:

- all children benefit regardless of sporting ability;
- that the most able children are given the opportunity to compete in advanced tournaments;
- that staff have access to training opportunities and continued professional development in order to improve confidence in the delivery of high-quality PE lessons and sports provision across the school;
- to improve resourcing – including a new Scheme of Work and planning tool
- to extend extra-curricular sporting opportunities and to
- increase uptake in these.

We feel that these are the most effective and efficient ways for the funding to have a long lasting and positive effect on future learning and physical development of children within our school.

How the money is being spent (2014-2015)....

BUDGET - £9,288

£4300 membership of the Herts and Ware School Sports Partnership (PE consultancy) who provide:

- in-house Continuing Professional Development (CPD) – advice and support (e.g. on planning and assessment), staff meetings, demonstration lessons and team teaching
- off-site CPD (e.g. courses such as 'Teaching Good or Better PE Lessons')
- inter-school competitions (e.g. Sportshall Athletics)
- Gifted and Talented opportunities
- Young Leaders' training (training children in Year 5 to work with younger children)

£800 supply cover (4.5 days) to release teachers to attend training and for the PE subject leader to support staff in school

£200 external training (e.g. from Herts for Learning)

£500 Coaches to convey children to sporting opportunities

£1,300 Agility mats and trolley

£255 Kinball (Healthy Week visitors to school)

£495 Brazilian drumming – linked to World Cup

£250 Schemes of Work and electronic planning tools

And our future plans for the rest of the year.

How will the impact be measured:

1. Teachers demonstrate confidence in planning and delivery of Scheme of Work.
2. Observations of children and staff during PE lessons
3. Teachers use professional development training to run own clubs.
4. Equipment will be used even more effectively to maximise learning in both lessons and clubs.
5. Assessment of pupils skills and development in PE, by teachers and children in PE lessons, using internal tracking.
6. Increased after school clubs and participation in PE and sport
7. Increased links with specialist organisations and coaches.

Impact so far (to July 2014)

1. CPD from Sports Partnership has increased subject confidence for staff and teachers are now teaching a broader and enriched PE curriculum and assessing achievement in PE.
2. New, purchased scheme of work is being used to form our new bespoke PE Curriculum.
3. High Quality PE was a focus for Summer 1 observations where all classes observed teaching PE delivered lessons that were at least good.
4. Sports' Partnership coaching was bought in to address action points
5. Equipment is being used more effectively and with increased enjoyment.
6. ChallengeSport coaches are used to support children with manual dexterity problems.
7. 50% of Key Stage 2 children (2 classes) are trained as Young Leaders of Sports' Leaders and work with younger children.
8. Sports' Day (July 2014) was totally revamped using purchased advice and equipment. Morning of games devised by Year 5 on a carousel in School Families – including some paralympic sports e.g. boccia - involvement and accessibility for all. Afternoon of more conventional races again in School Families, largely done as all-age relays, therefore dramatically increasing involvement by all.
9. Healthy Week – funding was used to provide Judo, Kinball and DanceJamAcademy activity days for all year groups except Nursery. As a result several children joined the judo club (outside provider) and DanceJamAcademy has become an extra-curricular provider for the school.
10. Wider range of extra-curricular provision is taking place – including a before school Change4Life club led by a Governor and a TA.
11. Participation in Change4Life games (July 2014) encouraged reluctant sports children – all enjoyed it greatly.
12. Attendance in extra-curricular sporting activity based in school has increased to 71% Key Stage 2 and 83% Key Stage 1.
13. We now have liaison with, or signposting to, more than 10 outside sports providers/clubs
14. Application for Sainsbury Sportsmark Silver submitted (Bronze gained in November 2013). Significant evidence of increased impact. We eagerly anticipate the award of the silver Sportsmark.

Anticipated future developments in PE - September 2014 on:

1. TLR funded to 'manage' PE - orchestrating whole staff involvement. (Sports' Funding)
2. Potential funding of TA to undertake Sports' Youth Trust Level 5 sports leadership training (Sports' Funding)
3. Use of ChallengeSport to identify talent in 'minority' sports and coach for competitive entry e.g. table tennis, basketball etc. (Sports' Funding)
4. Liaison with Amwell View Special School (SLD) – accessing resources and training.
5. Weekly dance class to be held as a club for all ages – new provider.
6. New focus on Healthy Living – including Cookery Club.
7. Development of outside area including additional benching and an environmental trim trail.
8. Improved playground equipment and markings (Sports' Funding).