

Sports Premium 2016-2017

Bowmansgreen Primary School received £9682 for the financial year 2016-2017

What is the Sports Premium?

As part of its 'Olympic Legacy', the government provided £150 million, to provide new and substantial primary school sport funding. The funding was jointly provided by the Department for Education, Health and Culture and Media and Sport. It meant that money went directly to Primary Schools to spend on improving the delivery, opportunity and availability of sport and PE.

Purpose of the funding.

Previously, funding was given to The Schools' Sports Associations to distribute via competitions, additional coaching and training. Schools now have the opportunity to spend the additional funding on improving their own provision of PE and sport, and have been given the freedom to choose how they do this.

How is the Sports Funding used to support Physical Education at Bowmansgreen?

Our aim for this funding has been to engage more children in physical activity and improve the status of PE and sport, not only in the school, but the wider area of St Albans and Hertfordshire. Nick Sanders was employed in the summer of 2015 and is a specialist PE coach, who has been leading class sessions and working alongside our teachers to develop their confidence, knowledge and skills in PE and sport. This has had a major impact on sport within the school and all pupils, from Reception to Year 6, are now engaging in regular physical activity. Together with the Healthy Schools Program, we are now successfully embedding healthy and active lifestyles. At Bowmansgreen, we recognise and value the contribution of P.E and games to the health and well-being of our children. In addition, it is considered that an innovative and varied PE curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities has a positive influence on the concentration, attitude and academic achievement of all children.

We have added to the range of sport on offer to encourage more pupils to try and take up sport and physical activity. Children can now take part in speed stacking, cross country running, table tennis, hockey and swimming to name a few, in addition to the regular sports of football, netball and basketball.

What is the Impact of this funding?

Competitive sport participation has increased during this time by entering the following events:

County, District and St Albans Cross Country league and championships

Herts Schools Speed Stacking finals

Harpenden Schools Sports Partnership Basketball, Table tennis, Sports Hall Athletics, Speed Stacking, Quick Sticks Hockey and Tag Rugby tournaments

Boys football A & B Leagues, St Albans Cup, Wix 7 a side, Wix 9 a side and 6 a side tournament.

Girls football league, St Albans Cup, Wix 7 a side and 6 a side tournament

Girls Harpenden Sports Partnership Kwik Cricket tournament

St Albans Sports Association District Athletics finals

St Albans Sports Association mixed Kwik Cricket tournament

St Albans Sports Association Netball league and tournament.

Year 4 6T Kwik Cricket

In entering these competitions, pupil skill levels and mind-set have improved, plus the pupils have learnt different rules, techniques and strategies required for each sport. Also, the school has used a variety of children for different events, rather than relying on the same children for each one.

PE lessons are planned to enable children to have fun, learn new skills and become fitter. Different teaching methods and strategies have been trialled to ensure success in each sport and thereby increase levels of participation and achievement in future years.

More children than previously have competed for and represented the school during this time, with football being the highest participation event, 30 boys and 20 girls represented Bowmansgreen in over 40 games during 2015/16 and even higher numbers expected during 2016/17.

The successful introduction of our Play Leader Scheme has proven invaluable in increasing PE participation during break and lunch times. The sports coach has worked with and trained Year 6 children to lead, supervise, advise and encourage both KS1 and KS2 to take part in structured activities and clubs. Pupil participation and involvement has improved, plus helped with year 6 self-esteem and confidence. Lunch time behaviour has improved.

We aim for more children to be both engaged in and enjoying, sporting activity and physical exercise. We constantly monitor how well used the new equipment is and how many children take up the opportunity of after school clubs and activities.

We have enjoyed a great deal of sporting success in the past and hope for more in the future. We aim to engage more children in competitive sport over a wider range of sports and activities.

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