

Sports Premium Funding

How are we spending (or will spend) our PE and sport grant at St Maria Goretti Catholic Primary School?

The government has funded every school as part of the Olympic legacy to enable high quality Sport and Physical Exercise/Well-Being activities to be provided.

To this date we have received £9,635 for the academic year 2015 – 16; this amount came into our school budget at the end of November.

As a school we felt that our staff were well equipped to deliver high quality Physical Education through their specialisms and personal interests. We currently employ staff with a very good knowledge of sports and the PE Curriculum. One member of staff has recently delivered a PE lesson to students who are currently completing a School Direct PGCE through our Catholic Teaching Alliance; another has been employed following a career as a semi-professional footballer; and there are two more teachers in school who have a sound knowledge of sports and the PE Curriculum following their degrees and specialisms.

With this in mind, we chose to enhance our school sports by investing a large portion of our funding into equipment and facilities. We chose to stock our growing EYFS department with equipment, which will begin to lay the foundations of sports and games and prepare the children for KS1 PE. Some of the equipment we chose to purchase, as well as the more traditional sports, has allowed the children to experience new sports, such as Lacrosse.

We also worked in partnership with the Pupil Premium Funding in order to provide every year six child with a week long, intensive swimming course,

which concluded with a session on survival and water safety.

This is in addition to activities we already provide, including:

- Two hour-long PE sessions for each child per week
- Year 3 receiving a weekly swimming lesson
- A residential outdoor activity week at Hothersall Lodge;
- Annual sports' day (competitive)
- Football and netball/volleyball after-school clubs (free – run by parents and staff)
- the opportunity to join after-school football and netball teams;
- 'Bikeability' for Y6
- Football friendly competitions (home and away matches)

Impact

- improvement in the resources available and therefore quality of teaching and learning across different aspects of P.E. including athletics, gymnastics, dance, striking and fielding, net/wall games and invasion games at the foundation stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 due to the improved resources
- increase in the number of clubs/ extra-curricular activities offered to children from all classes from Year 1-Year 6
- increase in attendance at the clubs/extra-curricular activities offered to the children
- pupils introduced to a wider variety of sports and given a more level starting point(i.e. Lacrosse)
- improved attitude towards sporting activities, especially from children who have previously been less active
- 88% of year 6 children were able to swim over 25m by the end of year 6