



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

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SPORTS FUNDING – 2021/2022

We understand the importance of physical activity and sport to the overall well-being of every child and are committed to raising participation rates and achievement for all our children. To help with these aims, we have ensured that our sports premium will:

- benefit all children regardless of sporting ability.
- ensure that children are given the opportunity to participate in different types of sports including OAA
- ensure staff have access to training opportunities and continued professional development.

"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."



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With the above rationale in mind, we have used our Sports Premium funding to:

- Employ a qualified sport coach to work alongside our staff to support teachers in their teaching of Dance, Yoga and Gymnastics. This investment in the professional development of staff at our school is to ensure that they are best equipped to teach high quality Physical Education and school sport for years to come. Many of these coaching skills can be transferred into other sports.
- Support low income families with the opportunity for their child to attend a local OAA centre.
- To continue to promote both physical and mental well-being by continuing YOGA as part of the curriculum which

was delivered by a qualified teacher and upskilled staff.

- Provide various after school sporting clubs for all aged children.
- To provide all children with a quality Outdoor Education experience by Hothersall Lodge from Y1 -Y6 either in school or at Hothersall Lodge.
- To invest in quality equipment so staff can deliver quality lessons.

What has been the Impact?

The school evaluate the impact of the sports premium funding as part of our normal self-evaluation and provision mapping arrangements. Systems are in place to monitor the spending plan to ensure the children get the best possible experiences to ensure they

have access to high quality PE sessions both in and out of school.

Participation in sporting clubs continues to rise year on year. The past academic year when after school clubs have run these have been full.

Staff development continues to focus highly with some of this funding. All teachers have received support for Yoga, Gymnastics and Dance. They have linked the dance curriculum to a topic area each year group is covering. This has enabled both staff and specialist teacher to work closely together.

In addition to this, our coach runs lunch time sporting activities for both Key Stages ensuring access for all. Children's

activity levels continue to be raised due to the fact more children are accessing the provision at lunch times and after school.

Yoga has had a positive impact on the children's readiness to learn as well as linking heart and mind. All feedback from children has been positive and they will can openly discuss the benefits of Yoga and how it has impacted their whole school life. This will continue to be part of the curriculum in 2022 – 2023.

The Outdoor education provided by Hothersall Lodge, in school, gave Y1 -Y6 the opportunity to experience activities that a normal PE lesson could not provide. This was done at the beginning of the year to allow the children to build

relationships in their new year group and is part of the rolling programme. This ensures that all children will gain different experiences culminating in a 3-day residential trip.

The Commando Jo programme, which we planned to introduced this academic year, was unfortunately not financially viable and the traditional sports day at UCLAN could not go ahead as the arena was being refurbished.

Competitive sport has taken place but across year groups and classes. The development of inter schools sports is still something that we need to work on and we are looking towards the academy chain to develop this.

The Future

At St Matthew's we are committed to ensuring our children have a variety of sporting experiences. We will continue to run a Team Building week at the beginning of the autumn term which will be run by Hothersall Lodge building on the children's experiences from last academic year.

Yoga will continue to be delivered as part of the curriculum by a qualified instructor.

Dance will be delivered across the year and not in a specific term, this is so that it can be tailored to each individual year

groups topic. The qualified dance teacher, will work closely with the class teacher during these sessions.

We will be providing a more traditional and competitive sports day at the UCLAN sports arena in the summer term.

Swimming will be reintroduced in Y4 and we will endeavour to get Y6 also to the correct standard as they missed their lessons due to Covid.

Competitive sport with other schools is still an area we need to develop. We will be looking at developing our own inter academy sporting activities.

