St. Mary's Catholic First School

Sport PE (Sports Premium) Funding Report: 2014 - 2015

What is Sports Premium?

It is money provided by the Government to provide new, significant primary school funding. It is used to improve the quality of sport and PE across the school. Money can only be spent on sport and PE. At St Mary's Catholic First School we received £8755.

How have we spent it?

50% of our £8755 was spent on a specialist sports coach for Key stage 2 children (Years 3 and 4). Together with the other 6 First schools we also pooled some extra money (£ 2953) to employ a second coach, therefore enabling all children to benefit from highly trained sports coaches across the whole school.

Our extra coach teaches children from Reception to Year 2. Money left over has been used for replacing or updating sporting equipment – advised by our coaches.

What have been the benefits?

The benefit of lessons taught by our sports coaches has been significant with regard to our children's attitude toward sport and their ability. As a school we have noticed an increase in the uptake of after school and lunchtime sport clubs as well as achievements in a variety of sporting areas. In addition to this, teachers are more confident in their teaching of sport and PE through observing the coaches over the academic year.

Opportunities for the children:

Throughout the year children have participated in competitions and events ranging from dance festivals and showcases, tennis tournaments, Multi skills, Orienteering and Kwik Cricket events – across the DASP schools. Our children are performing to a higher standard with an increase in competitions that we are winning!

Extra Clubs

Our Key stage 1 and Early Year's coach runs a weekly lunchtime Energy Club with one of our dedicated teaching assistants with notably increased numbers attending.

Both sport coaches attend our annual sporting events such as Sports day and our Swimming Galas – providing support for the organisation of the event and applying professional sporting standards. After school sport clubs are increasingly popular with all of our age range – with football and tennis being offered.

Training for staff

Staff have benefitted hugely from observing the sports coaches over the year and are ready to team teach alongside them. In addition to this the sports coordinator receives regular notification of fixtures created by the coaches, schemes of work written by them and helpful activities to share with staff.

Future plans

Staff will start to team teach with the sports coaches to upskill them further throughout 2015 -2016.

Children are going to benefit further from more targeted DASP events that are focused on particular abilities in addition to a range of events open to all. This will be achieved via some events created for our more able children (the elite category), our B teams and our all ability categories.