

Spending the Sports Grant Funding

How will we be spending the Sports Funding and who will benefit?

The Governors agree that the money must be used in our pursuit of excellence for all children: every child will benefit from additional opportunities. Our most able children will be given further opportunities which will enable them to benefit from high level subject specialist coaching; this will enable them to compete in advanced tournaments. In addition, staff will have access to training opportunities and continued professional development.

The following shows how we spent the sports funding during 2019-2020:

- Gymnastics coaching for all children during curriculum time for FS2-Y6 during the Autumn and Spring Term.
- Coaching for the further development of our two gifted and talented gymnastics squads from year 3-6 for inter school and interschool competition at county level.
- Coaching in Athletics for all children in FS2 -Y6 during the Summer Term.
- Coaching for Athletics club during the Summer Term.
- We did not use any Sports Grant Funding to subsidise swimming but the end of key stage outcomes were as follows. We ensure every child has two experiences of swimming during KS2 and where children need extra support one to one swimming classes. 93% of Year 6 children have achieved the statutory requirements for swimming by the end for KS2 this is an increase of 8% from last year. One of these children was a complete non-swimmer at the beginning of the swimming course, new to our school in year six and had never been swimming before. He made excellent progress towards achieving the standard required. The other two children also only missed achieving the standard required in one criteria, the first could not quite sustain the distance required and the second could do everything except tread water. Top up sessions were planned for the Summer Term but unfortunately due to Covid were not able to take place.
- Fee for joining local co-ordinated sports hub which gives access to tournament opportunities.
- Transport costs to allow children to attend tournaments and events.
- A subsidy to support specialist taught gifted and talented dance lessons, including a contribution towards the cost of implementing a gifted and talented boys' dance squad.
- Funding to allow our sports co-ordinator time to deliver training to others and plan special events for children.
- Audit of PE equipment to ensure smooth relocation of old school to new site.

In 2019-2020 our allocation was £18,563 and a carry forward of £2,682. Total available funds: £21,245. The total cost for gymnastics coaches for all children and our squads were £9,117. The cost of joining the co-ordinated sports hub and Newbury District Football Association was £2,334. Transport costs to allow children to attend tournaments have been subsidised by £555. Contributions towards our summer cricket coaching, specialist dance projects Zoellogic, Manmade and G & T lessons and cover for staff to be released to attend sporting functions amount to £11,267. Miscellaneous items including trophies and medals £116.17. Release time for our PE co-ordinator 3 days total £430.

Total Spend: £23,819.17. This means we will start the year with a small deficit.

Impact of funding

- Continued improved outcomes in children's achievement and attainment in gymnastics. Two G & T Teams from Year 4-6 qualified for the county finals. The County finals didn't go ahead due to Covid.
- Our own intra-school gymnastic competition was planned for the end of the spring term but did not take place due to school closure for all but Key worker children.
- Our school sports teams have competed in a number of tournaments and friendly matches with increasing success. Some of our football teams have won matches, we had many more matches and tournaments planned for the spring and summer term. Our netball team has played many competitive matches and had increasing success as their experience and skills build.
- Children across the school demonstrate high levels of achievement and motivation in dance. Our boy's only squad "Manmade" have performed at a large public event thus promoting boys dance across the county.
- Children from across the whole school have had the opportunity to represent us at many varied sporting competitions and events. Unfortunately the adverse weather conditions in the Autumn and Spring terms had a huge impact on many outdoor matches and tournaments, including netball, football and cross country. Despite this and the impact of Covid which meant matches and tournaments were cancelled in the weeks before lockdown we have still seen large numbers of children participate competitively against other schools.
- 90% of Year 6 children have represented the school at a sporting event this year. These include; cross country, alternative olympics, ten pin bowling, multi-skills, archery, football, netball and athletics.

- Numbers of children attending 'trials' before events has increased with 70% of KS2 attending trials to represent the school in a range of sports. Around 50% of KS2 children represented the school, this is a drop on last year entirely due to the impact of Covid.
- 3 KS1 teams comprising of 26 children represented the school in Gymnastics, Multiskills and Ten pin bowling.
- Staff see increasing skills and high levels of engagement and motivation which impacts positively on all areas of the curriculum and everyday life throughout the school day and beyond. All sporting events are free to the children, this includes a variety of extra-curricular activities.
- The sports funding and the opportunities it provides in school impacts on some children and their families engagement in sporting activities outside school. The children often state that they have chosen to access these activities after we have highlighted the possibilities during lessons.
- Our PE specialist teacher Mrs Gallagher now leads and trains a team of specialist staff, supported by our other specialists Mrs Hawkins and Miss Head who all together provide all the PE teaching in the school for our children. We are now responsible for providing and leading specialist PE training for all initial teacher trainees from both of the local Teaching Schools across the local authority.

2020-2021

We are continuing with our current arrangements into 2020-2021 whilst reviewing our practice and exploring new projects.