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PE Sports Funding

Period: 2023 – 2024



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Overview

At Atwood Primary School we were awarded £19,600 in the academic year of 2023/2024. This funding allowed us to improve the quality and breadth of PE and sport provision, including increasing participation. The funding, provided jointly by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport, has been allocated to primary schools and we used it specifically to work towards our aims of

- Increased opportunity for children who demonstrate ability in sports to access better coaching
- Improved resources and facilities for PE and school sport
- Improved PE teaching through the development of teachers and other providers
- Improved enjoyment in sport and increased uptake of sporting opportunities
- Increased participation in competitive sports and inter-school tournaments
- Advanced skills and knowledge in different areas of the PE Curriculum
- Increased training opportunities for staff and continued professional development

The funding will allow us to fund specialist providers, giving opportunities for children to develop skills in a wider range of sports, improve their fitness levels and develop a better understanding of the importance of physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle. We will purchase new equipment and resources to allow pupils to access these sports.

At Atwood we will continue to improve participation in competitive sports and inter-school tournaments, including swimming galas and we have planned a Pegasus athletics tournament as well as a Pegasus football tournament. Our focus will also be to engage more girls to participate in a range of sports and we will use the funding to take part in local community sporting events.

Funding will enable our PE Coordinator to attend subject network meetings which provide advice on how to best monitor and evaluate the quality of teaching, outcomes for pupils and the impact of the PESSCL strategy. The network meetings also create the opportunity to forge links in the local community and cluster of schools.

Expenditure (approximate)

£5,125	SAS lunchtime support/team games KS2 only
£3,710	Football teams/training/matches
£791	Equipment/resources
£1,351	Netball team & resources
£996	Competitions/athletics/tournaments
£4,054	Playdowns safety inspection/repairs
£4,944	TA support for extended school activities

£20,971 TOTAL

Success criteria

The impact of the new primary school sport funding on pupils' lifestyles and physical well-being has been evaluated as outlined below:

Our main focus this year has been to broaden the range of sports at Atwood. This year we competed in the Croydon cross country for KS1 & KS2, multi skills KS1 festival, Pegasus football inter-tournament as well as the Pegasus & Croydon athletics tournament.

We also entered the Croydon league boys' and girls' football teams and competed in the netball league. This competitive success has led to increased pupil participation and an increased positive attitude towards sport and being active. It has also had an impact of greater community engagement with parents and families coming together to watch these sporting events.

We have also used the funding to bring in specialist coaches to engage more girls with sport, this included sessions for girls' football at lunchtimes and on Friday 8th March the girls took part in a Croydon event supported by Crystal Palace for Life Foundation.

The school has invested in a range of new PE equipment for the curriculum and activity clubs, this has meant that children have a variety of equipment to improve their skills and have access to a range of new sports activity clubs.

Our Extended Services Leader organises an extensive range of alternative sports and after school clubs, this has enabled pupils of all abilities and interests to participate. The sports activities are designed to aid social and physical development and fitness within an enjoyable sporting environment. These range from dodgeball, dance, basketball, tennis to football and badminton. Regular after school sessions strengthen the achievement and enjoyment of all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities and pupils who are eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant. We have introduced TA support to our extra-curricular activities, to further enhance safeguarding and to allow TAs to develop new skills.

The percentage of Year 6 children able to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations:77%

Next academic year 2024 -2025

For this academic year we will continue using the funding to improve the quality and breadth of PE and sport provision, including increasing participation. Specifically it will be allocated to work towards our on-going aims as stated above.