

	Whitehorse Manor Junior School PE Sports Funding Period: 2023/24	
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Overview

At Whitehorse Manor Junior School, we have been awarded £20,470 in the academic year of 2023/2024. This funding has 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 school headteachers.

Specifically, it will be allocated to work towards our aims of

- Increased participation in competitive sports and inter-school tournaments
- 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

At Whitehorse Manor Junior School we will continue to focus on the professional development of all staff. Teachers and teaching assistants will have the opportunity to enhance their professional knowledge and understanding, based on self-assessment, in specific areas of the PE curriculum, such as yoga and mindfulness, dance and cricket. They will be able to work with specialist PE teachers to improve their knowledge and teaching methods of this subject.

At Whitehorse we will continue to improve participation in competitive sports and inter-school tournaments, we have planned for a Pegasus Athletic Tournament in the summer at Croydon Arena 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.

It 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.

Expenditure (approximate)

£13,013	Sports lunchtime outside provider
£1,584	TA support for extra-curricular clubs
£325	Competitions/athletics/tournaments
£800	Platform cricket – CPD
£3,090	Dance - CPD
£172	Annual maintenance and safety check/repairs PE
£2,909	Football teams/training/matches
£2,034	Equipment

£23,927 TOTAL for this academic year

Summary of impact

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

Our Extended Services Leader organises an extensive range of alternative sports and after school clubs which 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 street dance, forest school 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 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.

The funding has enabled us to invest in using an outside provider at lunchtimes to deliver a range of fun exciting games to engage children and build confidence, social skills and improve fitness. The lunchtime sessions enable children to access a range of sports that require children to work in a team and therefore it will enhance their social development and teamwork skills whilst providing a number of physical benefits.

At Whitehorse we entered a range of competitions and tournaments this year which included boys' football teams, SEND ten pin bowling, dodgeball, basketball, cricket, athletics and cross-country. 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. All of these competitions combined have led to increased pupil participation which has elevated a 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.

The percentage meeting the national curriculum requirement to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, using a range of strokes effectively and performing safe self-rescue in different water-based situations is currently 45% by the end of Year 6.

Next academic year 2024-25

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.