Overview

At Ecclesbourne Primary School we were awarded £19,400 in the academic year of 2017/2018. 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 in dance, as this was an area identified by teachers in which they would like more training.

At Ecclesbourne Primary School, we believe that sports and extra-curricular clubs play an important role in promoting social inclusion, healthy lifestyle and self-confidence. We have invested in working with a sport specialist who supports our enrichment sessions as well as delivering lunchtime sport activities. We have sourced local providers so that our children can have the opportunity of joining a longer term activity that also offers them a chance to go to more of a competitive level.

This year we will be sourcing a swimming coach to train our Year 5’s to a competent level of reaching 25 metres and for them to use a range of strokes including safe self-rescue.

In the summer we will be focusing on the professional development of all staff in the area of gymnastics to improve their knowledge and teaching methods in this subject. This CPD will be aimed from Year 2 – Year 5 and also to extend teachers expertise to extend our Gifted & Talented children.

Children in Year 4 will be attending the Frylands activity centre for the day to engage in a variety of outdoor leisure activities designed to encourage team work and problem solving.

We have purchased athletic and gymnastic equipment which include long jump mats and speed bounces as well as javelins for our future inter-school competitions for KS2 children. We have also purchased a range of balls of various sizes and sports to increase the amount of competitive sport in which our children participate through local competitions with other CSSP schools. We also have invested some of the sports funding to train our football team and enter in the Croydon Schools’ Football Association Primary League.
Expenditure (approximate)

£735 Extra activity curricular support - TAs
£3,225 Lunchtime sport activities
£793 PE Equipment
£1,092 Jungle gym – EYFS
£1,791 Football team
£1,500 Gymnastic – CPD teacher training with a specialist teacher
£522 Frylands activity centre
£240 Tournaments
£80 Dance resources
£900 Release time for PE lead training and tournaments
£3,420 Salary for lunchtime supervisor lead KS2
£600 Playground equipment
£542 Acorn Athletics/football pitch maintenance

£15,440 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 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. Activities range from ballet and martial arts to football and multi-sports. 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. We have invested in extra-curricular clubs for children who have been identified as ‘non-participants’ in extra-curricular sport and provide additional activities to encourage their immediate and longer-term participation in sport and physical activity.

The tournaments organised by Croydon Sports Association, we hope will encourage children to become more active by finding a sport that they wouldn’t normally decide to choose. This programme will allow children to have a taster of a variety of sports that they might not normally have the opportunity to try. We have tried to broaden provision to include non-traditional activities so that young people in hard-to-reach groups are motivated to participate and so that all pupils develop healthy lifestyles and reach the highest level of performance. It encourages each child to feel they are a valued member of the group and helps them to identify their preferred sport while ensuring they are participating at a level to challenge them.

We also employ a local sports academy to work with our pupils at lunchtime, in key stage one, to help engage them in a range of physical activities, this has supported the children with eye and hand coordination, sharing & taking turns and communication. As well as having a lead lunchtime supervisor in KS2 to support with team games and purchasing of playground equipment.

We have also used a local sports company to work with our teaching assistants once a week, one class per half term across year 1 & 2. The enrichment sports programme is designed to aid social and physical development and fitness within an enjoyable sporting environment.
Percentage meeting the national curriculum requirement 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: 63%

Next academic year 2018-2019

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.