Whitehorse Manor Junior School



PE Sports Funding

Period: 2021/22



Overview

At Whitehorse Manor Junior School, we have been awarded £20,400 in the academic year of 2021/2022. 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 gymnastics, 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 have continued to improve participation in competitive sports and interschool tournaments, we will be purchasing a new mini bus to assist us in participating in a range of events in the local community.

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)

£5,073	Sports lunchtime outside provider
£1,075	Forest school area
£1,212	TA support for extra-curricular clubs
£2,500	Specialised PE expert to contribute to whole school improvement
£650	Competitions/athletics/tournaments
£960	Platform cricket – CPD
£2,785	Dance - CPD
£239	Annual maintenance and safety check/repairs PE
£540	Year 6 intensive swimming course
£2,140	Football teams/training/matches
£2,006	Equipment/resources

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 extracurricular 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.

This year we have continued to fund a specialised PE expert to upskill staff and contribute to whole school improvement. In autumn/spring the PE expert's role has been to work alongside the ECTs at Whitehorse Manor Junior School to further their skills and knowledge. As well as mentoring the PE working group (PWG) and to develop them as 'in house' experts able to work alongside those less confident in PE.

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 girls' and boys' football teams, cricket, athletics and cross-country. These competitions 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. This figure has been negatively impacted by sessions missed during the closure of schools during the Covid-19 pandemic. Booster swimming sessions will continue for future year groups to address this.

Next academic year 2022-23

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.