



Higham St John's C. of E (Controlled) Primary School

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PE and Sports Grant Statement

At Higham St John's, we are delighted to have received an additional grant to our budget which is to be targeted at improving both the quality of P.E. teaching and provide good access to sporting activities outside of the normal school day.

Review of the 2015/16 Academic Year

Our school was given a grant of £8,720. Total expenditure on sport was £17,529.

We spent the money in the following ways:-

- Two afternoons per week of coaching in a variety of sports and activities, by specialist coaches from Absolute Futbol. This was made available to all our pupils over the course of the year and provided CPD for staff, whilst raising standards.
- We participated in 13 inter-school tournaments and events organised by the Pendle Schools Sports Partnership. Travel costs were also funded through the grant. This was a similar number to 2014/15 and double the number participated in prior to the introduction of the grant. This meant that so many more children had the opportunity to take part in competitive inter-school sporting events.
- The number of sporting extra-curricular activities was raised from an average of 3 prior to the grant, to an average of 6 each half-term. This meant that a greater number of children were able to access specialist coaching. Clubs were very heavily subsidised to remove the barrier of cost.
- The Year 6 outdoor pursuits residential was again extended for an additional day to allow for a wider range of outdoor pursuits to be experienced. (Kayaking & Rock Climbing)
- Many children had the opportunity to try some alternative sporting activities, including Fencing, Skateboarding, Taekwondo and Judo.
- All KS2 classes received 6 hours of swimming lessons over the course of the year.

To ensure the grant was spent in a focused manner, we set ourselves the following targets:-

1. To improve participation in sporting extra-curricular activities each half-term from the 2012/13 average of 31% of pupils on roll, to 50%

Our average take up of extra-curricular clubs was 49.1%. The target was not quite met due to the sheer number of clubs offered, many of which were not sports linked. (An average of 12 clubs ran each half term over the course of the year) Feedback received also suggested that parents with more than one child would be more inclined to send their children to the clubs if all of their children could attend clubs on the same night, avoiding repeated trips to school to collect children. This has been addressed wherever practically possible.

2. To ensure that most, if not all children in KS2 have the opportunity to take part in at least one inter-school event.

The vast majority (86%) of our KS2 children took part in one or more sports event.

3. To ensure that all children have the opportunity to try a wide range of sports, including some that they may not previously have attempted.

This target was met through the extension of the Year 6 residential, which provided new opportunities for children, which we hope all children will have the chance to receive as they reach Year 6. The wide range of extra-curricular activities offered also helped meet this objective.



Clubs offered over the course of the year included: Football, Cricket, Multi-skills, Tag Rugby, Judo, Outdoor games, Dance, Cheerleading, Skateboarding, Dodgeball, Netball & Athletics, Fencing, Skateboarding & Mini Tennis.

In our latest parental questionnaire, the provision of extra-curricular activities was considered to be one of the strengths of the school. (See survey response [here](#).)

Priorities for the 2016/2017 School Year:

We are to receive a grant of £8,715 in this financial year. It is our intention to spend this money in the following ways:-

- To maintain membership of the School Sports Partnership, which provides inter-school tournaments, activities and CPD opportunities for staff.
- To appoint a sports coach to teach most of the curriculum P.E. to all classes.
- To participate in at least 12 inter-school tournaments and events organised by the Schools Sports Partnership or privately arranged
- To maintain our subsidy of a wide range of extra-curricular sporting activities, to promote and increase participation in sport.
- To continue to extend the Year 6 residential by a day to allow for a wider range of activities to be completed.
- To pay for a sports coach each lunchtime to lead playground activities.
- Maintain swimming lessons for all KS2 classes.
- Once again, attempt to provide a range of activities that normally, cost, safety or practicality reasons would preclude children from experiencing it.

We have therefore set ourselves the following targets:-

1. To improve participation in sporting extra-curricular activities still further to 55% of pupils.
2. To ensure that all children in KS2 have the opportunity to take part in at least one inter-school sporting event, where they wish to do so.

In an effort to ensure that the funding has a sustainable impact, staff will support the P.E. coach in planning and delivering lessons, learning from the expertise of the sports Coach. Teaching staff will also continue to play a part in supporting/leading the extra-curricular activities and competitive fixtures between schools.