

Primary P.E funding – 2014-2015

The Primary Funding has been used to increase the P.E. provision across the school. In particular, the funding has been used to provide 2 hours of quality P.E. to primary students taught by qualified P.E staff. This is made possible because the P.E. department is now comprised of two qualified P.E. teachers and one P.E. Teaching Assistant. The original P.E. Teaching Assistant has trained and become a Newly Qualified Teacher and we have therefore employed a new P.E teaching assistant to support the department. The two P.E. teachers and the additional Teaching Assistant have all contributed to improving our provision in primary P.E. lessons, inter and intra school competitions, lunch time and after school clubs.

As a department we are continuing with initiatives that were put into place in the first year of the primary P.E funding. This includes a focus on swimming, gymnastics, multi-skills and trampolining.

As a larger P.E team we are able deliver more clubs and access more opportunities within the community. We ran a new primary football club on a Monday at lunch time, which was popular and helped to get our younger students ready for football matches against other schools. Some of these students were invited to a football talent identification day and tournament in Oxfordshire.

We had the opportunity for some of our Primary students to compete in the Panathlon Games at the Stoke Mandeville centre participating in: boccia, curling, table cricket, polybat, bean bag and javelin throw and athletics. Additionally, they got to attend the Woodley Schools Sports Week events. They participated, alongside other mainstream schools, in the Paralympics, Multiskills and Athletics competitions. Primary students were also invited to compete against mainstream schools in Kurling and Boccia. These tournaments were qualifiers for the Berkshire School Games.

Most pupils, including our younger primary students got to go on 'Beat the Street' walks around Woodley, collecting points at every box which was a wonderful community initiative which encouraged many of our pupils and their families to collect points for our school.

The funding also enabled us to hire a Gymnastics coach to come in and work with some of our primary classes, this provided excellent professional development opportunities for the P.E. staff whilst providing the classes with a new and exciting opportunity to be taught by a professional specialist coach. As a teaching team we were then able to use the new experience to teach other classes the same skills taught by the coach.

Gymnastics has proven to be very popular amongst the classes and this has complimented many of the student's O.T. programmes and general P.E. targets. The Primary P.E. funding has afforded the staff numerous other CPD opportunities. Danny our NQT attended a Primary Teachers P.E. course, whilst Jono our T.A. and I have attended a Primary Athletics course. As a department we have been able to integrate this training into our teaching and have benefitted immensely from the Primary Athletics resource, which has shaped our Athletics curriculum this term.

The funding has also afforded Reading Football Club to deliver football and multi-skills to a primary class in the summer term as well as delivering a primary football and multiskills lunchtime club every Wednesday. All these initiatives have served to enrich both the teaching curriculum and the lunch time activity provision.

Finally, we have had the opportunity to access the wonderful Bulmershe Gymnastics' Club gymnasium and have delivered sessions by a qualified coach to four primary classes over two terms. The pupils have benefitted from accessing a new venue with excellent facilities and are working towards their gymnastics badges.

The primary funding has contributed significantly to enriching the opportunities afforded to our pupils at Addington.

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