



Physical Education at Thursfield 2016-2017

PE and Sport Premium – where has the money been spent?

- We have used money to hire the hall in our neighbouring community centre giving teachers the flexibility to teach gymnastics and dance at the same time in two different locations.
- We subsidise the salary of one of our teaching assistants, as their time in school is partly dedicated to overseeing sports activities at playtimes and dinnertimes. They are also a vital member of the team which delivers physical education on a Friday and they support extra-curricular activities providing an extra member of staff, which is essential when travelling and competing in events.
- Replacement of equipment as well as purchasing of new equipment to enhance the opportunities the children are given. Eg. replacement and refurbishment of football goalposts.
- We hire and use our partnership schools minibus to travel to events and a member of staff has qualified to drive the mini-bus with the course fees being paid directly through the Sports Premium grant.
- We have paid a fee to Kidsgrove Athletic who are now organising competitive sporting events throughout the year in our area. The fee subsidises the salary of the organiser, and pays for facilities such as the Clough Hall Swimming Pool (for the swimming gala in February 2017) and the hire of Northwood Stadium (for the athletics festival in June 2017)
- The costs associated with attending PE network meetings and updates.

PE at Thursfield has always been a strength; with the school having a very good reputation of sports participation within the local area. The new Fitness Friday has become an enjoyable and effective means of teaching PE and is allowing the children to participate and learn a range of sports in short blocks throughout the year. These sports have so far included: football, netball, hockey, tag rugby, dance and gymnastics. Staff teach the sports they are most skilled at and are constantly developing and improving the delivery in their respective activities. It has been great to see staff taking such a lead role in these sports.

A programme of study has been given to support the teachers in the delivery of the sports that they are teaching. Alongside this, PE will be assessed for each rotation that is completed. The assessment will dovetail with our whole school Classroom Monitor system and through this assessment, teaching and learning will be improved. Staff can use this data to meet individual skills that may not have been taught in the past. Children who are exceeding in sporting activities will also have the opportunities to meet more advanced objectives.

By Easter 2017 we will raise the participation rate of pupils in sporting clubs from approx. 20% in July 2016 to 50% in 2017. We will also give more pupils the chance to represent their school and their house in competitive sports throughout the year.

We will also monitor participation of pupils in clubs outside of school and develop links with organisations in the district, signposting pupils to reputable establishments within the region.

In our Golden Book assembly, we always recognise sporting success outside and inside school, which again raises the profile of physical education.

Our highlights: -

- In September we decided to offer a vast range of sports and inter-sport and intra-sport competitions for our children to enjoy and learn from.
- Fitness Friday has been introduced in which Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 dedicate Friday morning and Friday afternoon to the teaching of high quality physical education, based on a rolling programme of varied and stimulating activities.
- Early Years continue to prioritise the teaching of physical education, attaching great importance to this area of the curriculum.
- In October 2016 we hosted one of the races in the Kidsgrove Schools cross country season and in December we were crowned champions of the entire competition, with the boys and girls winning their respective events during the Autumn.
- We had forty one children representing the school during the cross country season and as well as having the best boy runner in the district, we also won the relay event out of the seven competing schools.
- In November 2016, we won the Year 3 and 4 Kidsgrove Football Festival held at Kidsgrove Athletics new training facility. Two teams represented our school in this Level 2 event.
- In December 2016 we were semi-finalists in the Kidsgrove schools year 5 and 6 football festival, held at Port Vales training facilities.
- In the Autumn Term we became a partnership school with Kidsgrove Athletic and out eight neighbouring schools, with a mandate to raise the profile of sport in the area through active participation for all, in a range of competitive sports and activities.
- The school has introduced a house system and in December we played our first ever internal football competition between the houses. This will greatly increase active participation for all children within our school.
- A new PE assessment scheme was introduced in January 2017, giving staff the opportunity to assess and improve the physical education offered to all our children.

What the children say: -

“I have enjoyed learning about different sports in Fitness Friday”

“It is the first time that I have played a real football match, it was great! “

“Fitness Friday is a great idea, children are getting fit and it encourages children to try different sports.”

“I look forward to Fitness Friday. It’s fun and keeps me fit!”

“Fitness Friday helps me to exercise each week”

How the children think we can do better:-

“Can we do even more sport at school?”

“It is better than PE last year, but can we have some different sports next year ?”

Where next for PE?

- Year 5 or Year 6 sports leaders to be introduced.
- Continue with PE rotations throughout the school, utilising our teachers' strengths.
- Further opportunities for our exceeding children to succeed in sport – through delivery of additional clubs and signposting individuals to external organisations.
- Utilising our links with secondary schools and other sporting bodies.
- Continued opportunities for children to represent Thursfield at inter and intra school competitions.
- Develop fitness across the school and increase active sporting participation for all our children.
- To participate in an increased number of Level 3 competitions