

Sports Funding

We are delighted to announce that Yardley Hastings Primary has been awarded the coveted School Games Gold Mark for 2016/17.

The School Games Mark rewards schools for their commitment to and development of competition, school sport and physical education. It has been a focus at school in the last couple of years to promote a greater involvement in sports and it is a testament to the hard work and commitment of the staff led by Mr Watt, the children and the parents that we have retained this award for the fourth year in succession. The Mark was created by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and launched in June 2012. The criteria are set by Sport England and the Youth Sports Trust to assess criteria across participation, competition, workforce and clubs.. For further information about the School Games and School Games Mark, visit www.yourschoolgames.com and www.northamptonshiresport.org/schools Sports Funding Information.

Following the success of the Olympic Games in 2012, the Government introduced the Sports Premium, which is designed to help primary schools improve the quality of PE and sport activities that are on offer to pupils. In 2016-17 we were given £8,460 and in 2015-2016, £8,460, which was used in the following ways:

- To provide greater opportunities for pupils to participate in competitive sport within our cluster and beyond through the support of the SSCO.
- The professional development of teachers by Lead Teachers in Gymnastics.
- Use of specialist coach to deliver sessions and develop staff.
- To update equipment.
- Increased provision of after school Sports Clubs through a range of providers and linked clubs.

Impact of the funding 2016-17

Children took part in an increased number of sports festivals within the Cluster. Children were given the opportunity to try a number of new sports and activities. Monitoring by staff, demonstrated that gym coaching for staff had been successful, with improvements in teaching and learning for this area. The skills of school staff were developed. Children were engaged and active with sport at lunchtimes. We have used the funding to achieve this in the following ways:

Providing specialist coaching- Developing the skills of staff.

Supporting the provision of a number of clubs -Greater opportunities to participate in a variety of sports at competitive level through SSCO.

Continuing to update the sports equipment to ensure successful participation in a variety of sports.

In addition to the funding and as part of our commitment to sport and pupils well-being, we have also established the following this academic year. Secured links with local clubs to encourage pupil's participation outside of school. The establishment of a 'Sports Crew' which has encouraged children to be involved in sport in an alternative way. Pupils are more active and engaged during lunchtimes and training has raised the confidence and social understanding of these pupils. Greater numbers of pupils participating in sports at lunchtime, either with the Play Leader or Young Leaders. This has also led to them trying different sports, which has generated greater enthusiasm. The school has

participated in numerous sporting events this year including Cricket, Netball, Hockey and Football and many more. There has also been greater success for the children as teams have taken part in District events as well as those within the Cluster. Investment in equipment to support teaching and learning as well as coaching to develop the skills of school staff. A number of pupils are taking part in clubs and activities provided by organisations with established links with the school. A number of different sports have been on offer to pupils from Zumba to football which provide greater variety for pupils. Take up has been positive and our commitment to sport was again rewarded by the. In the current academic year, we have already competed in a range of sporting festivals and tournaments across Key Stage 2. In Years 3 and 4, we participated in a dodgeball festival held at Cogenhoe Village Hall, a hockey tournament at Wrenn School in Wellingborough and a Mini Tennis event and a Tri-Golf festival at Wollaston Secondary School. In Years 5 and 6, we took part in a netball tournament held at Wollaston School, but unfortunately, a rounders match at Little Houghton and a whole-class cricket event at Wollaston Cricket Club were recently cancelled due to rain. However, our Class 4 pupils have also taken responsibility for leading their house teams during our annual Sports Day where they themselves were supported by Young Leaders from Wollaston Secondary School, some of whom were past pupils at our school which was lovely to see. Throughout the year, our pupils have also been given opportunities to score and record match results, referee house festivals and photograph matches and lessons, gymnastic floor work for example, under adult supervision. We hope to further increase participation in clubs and tournaments, including arranging matches against our local schools, as well as expand on those opportunities for children who are reluctant to take part in competitive sports. We are forging stronger links with local clubs, encouraging children to reach their full potential in whichever sport they enjoy. The involvement of the Sports Crew will be further developed so that they take increasing responsibility for producing and publicising match reports and features on our website. This is with the view to raise awareness of our sporting activities, encourage even greater participation and promote good sportsmanship in our pupils. We will also continue to use the skills of a specialist coach to lead 'taster' sessions for a wide variety of sports, help to develop staff expertise and to prepare upcoming sports teams for their festivals and the many tactics, formations and skills that are involved in these!