



Beechwood Primary School

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PE & Sports Funding Report 2017-18

2014-15 Academic Year

The Government has given Beechwood a Sport Premium grant of approximately £10,000. We have utilised this money primarily on employing specialist staff to support and teach curriculum PE and after school sport club provision. We have purchased additional equipment (Cricket cage and bowling machine, Hurdles & High Jump) to facilitate the raising of attainment in Cricket and Athletics across all year groups.

We have been successful in establishing a comprehensive sport club system that offers our pupils a wide variety of sports and activities to do: such as Athletics, lacrosse, cricket, football, rugby and Outdoor Adventure. During the lessons our sessions are raising the confidence, self-esteem and attainment of pupils and contributing to their overall wellbeing and development at school.

2015-16 Update

At Beechwood we provide an excellent PE and sports curriculum for all our children and this has been recognised nationally by our achievement of The School Games Bronze award (**currently Silver status 2016/17**) and we are pursuing Gold status for 2017/18 academic year. However, we are always looking for ways to improve.

We have been busy organising a greater volume of sporting fixtures against state and private school competition (levels 2 and 3) for this year. This level of competition is unrivalled amongst local state school provision and we are averaging well over 30 fixtures per term against state and private school competition. With the purchase of our two minibuses we have been able to travel to other schools (e.g. **Eagle House** – Netball, Cross Country, Hockey, **Daneshill** – Tag Rugby, Rounder's) to participate in tournaments and fixtures across district and county borders (Bucks, Hampshire & Berkshire).

We have also recently employed a further member to our sports team who has been assigned to improve Girls sport participation (Netball, Gymnastics & Swimming) and wellbeing as well as to maintain our sport and PE provision. We have also been able to monitor and target specific groups of pupils, with regards to improving confidence and self-esteem through participation in Outdoor Adventure activities and forest walks that will be increasing in to Spring and Summer terms.

Our focus now is on core athletic abilities such as balance, strength and body confidence through the provision of high quality gymnastics lessons across all year groups. We have been successful in

providing competitive intra- and inter-school competition (Invitation Games, TVRL Cross Country, 6 Nations Tag Rugby) for pupils across years 3 through 6 and have directed many pupils to local rugby, football and Athletic clubs to further their education outside of school.

This is now a cornerstone of the PE provision at Beechwood and the improved confidence of some of our targeted groups, such as Key Stage 2 girls, is evident across all curriculum areas. Over the past 2 years we have acquired a substantial amount of Athletic and Cricket equipment, such as a bowling machine and cricket cage and track & field events – Javelin, Discus, shot, etc. to extend the learning of our young athletes and we will allocate funds to maintain and update this to ensure that it continues at this level.

2016 -17 Academic Year

The school strives to offer a sport or activity that each pupil can take part in and participate at whatever level of competition. Funds have been used primarily on employing specialist staff (£9,290) to support and teach curriculum PE and after school sport club provision, transport costs to sporting fixtures/excursions throughout the year and purchase of specialist equipment in Gymnastics and Athletics (£3,500).

This year our school is concentrating on enhancing our Gymnastics and Dance provision by teaching core syllabus and specific extra-curricular clubs with the aim of entering participation and competitive events. Our staff here are trained to accomplish these goals and future training and CPD has been organised to again enhance subject knowledge and practical teaching for Gymnastics as well select courses in Tennis, Cricket and Athletics in line with Summer Term Sport Provision.

Staff have attended a course in September 2016 on positive lunchtimes and playtimes. We are now using and improving our resources to implement active playground zones to introduce traditional games. We have a select group of child ambassadors who each prepare and present a Craze of the week that includes such things as jacks, marbles, skipping and hand clapping, all designed to increase activity, dexterity and hand to eye coordination.

We also introduced a Girls Tag Rugby Development league in Spring against other state and private schools to promote Rugby over a greater platform and to increase participation overall. This has had a tremendous effect not only on participation but in skill development for girls sport. Our focus now is on core Athletic and Gymnastic abilities such as balance, strength and body confidence through the provision of high quality gymnastics lessons across all year groups.

We have also had success in attainment for our SEN pupils in New Age Kurling (coming 2nd in the Cluster competition) and first place in Boccia, reaching county status at the forthcoming Berkshire Winter Games at Bisham Abbey. We continue to carry out Outdoor Adventure walks for all our pupils throughout each term and the uptake in participation has been tremendous. This is set to continue into 2017/18.

We have a successful and unique partnership with several private schools allowing us to compete in a greater variety of sporting fixtures and tournaments throughout the year. Our pupils have been able to not only experience sport at a greater standard, but are aspiring to attain more and look forward to playing sport at this level regularly.

We have been successful in providing competitive intra- and inter-school competition (Invitation Games, TVRL Cross Country, 6 Nations Tag Rugby) for pupils across years 3 through 6 and have

directed many pupils to local rugby, football and Athletic clubs to further their education outside of school. Our aim is to sustain and improve on this level of participation and competition, whilst still striving to offer a broader variety of sport and activity across the school.

2017 -18 Academic Year

Because of the level of sport we host and the facilities we have, we consider ourselves as a primary resource for local school sport, allowing for a greater volume of participation in competition from local Primary Schools. We have seen a greater participation in Rugby, Athletics, Cricket, Outdoor Adventure, Swimming, Dance and Gymnastics.

This year Beechwood receives around £18,000 in Sport Premium funding. These funds go towards employing two Sport Specialists (**£15,000 proportionately**) used to enhance, train and improve curricular **PE** and our **extra-curricular** club programme. Teachers, TAs, parents and Sports Specialists provide a wide range of before school, lunch time and after school sports clubs, both for team and individual sports. Funding is also allocated to grounds maintenance and marking of pitches as well proportional cost for staffing and transport costs for sporting fixtures.

Beechwood Primary School has an unrivalled record in local sports competitions and events in Wokingham and Berkshire and has regularly reached, and won, county finals. This could not have been achieved without the support and commitment of all helpers, which is, and always will be very much appreciated.

We take part in a host of sporting fixtures (**Competition**), against both state and private schools, and host and coordinate four major sporting events/leagues, such as: **Six Nations Tag Rugby league (18 school taking part across Berkshire & Buckinghamshire)**, **Thames Valley Running League (24 schools coordinated into competing in five separate cross country races – mass participation)** and **Invitation Games (4 x Athletic Meeting's hosting over 300 pupils per meeting)**.

We also take part in the 'School Games' programme as well coordinating sporting festivals in netball, Rugby, Tennis, Rounder's and Cricket. Our involvement in playing private school competition has also increased and we play regular fixtures against The Dolphin School, St Joseph's Prep School, Daneshill Prep and Eagle House School.

The funding we have allocated over the last three years has been vital in achieving all the above and is essential for us in order to sustain this provision. In 2017/18 we are aiming to make improvements in Swimming, Early Years P.E. and Cricket as well as sustaining our developments in Girls Sport and the training of future female teaching staff in coaching and officiating sport.

Training & Development costs for staff (**£800**) have been utilised for Primary School Gymnastics Coaching Awards and will be used this year for Athletics (Coaching Assistant) and Level 2 Cricket Coaching in the Spring and Summer terms.

We plan to spend (**£300**) on IT equipment to evidence and administration of club sport provision as well as being used for fixture evidence for inter/intra school sport. We also plan to spend a small amount of funding (**£300**) on staff uniform. Funding (**£500**) will also be allocated to host/train staff in Outdoor Education Activity (Natural Wilderness Outdoor Training) – (**CPD**) to enhance what we offer already.

The Sport Premium funding is allowing us to maintain what we regard as an excellent provision of sport both within and outside of the curriculum and to continue to target our activities towards those identified groups of pupils who stand to benefit most. Additional/replacement equipment and staff hours are an essential part of our being able to extend this beyond curriculum time and to broaden our offering to include activities not readily available in the local community (**Opportunities**) such as Athletics, Lacrosse, Archery, roller hockey, Cycling and Outdoor Education classes.