

Sport Premium Funding

The government is providing additional funding of £150 million per annum for academic years 2013 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015 to improve provision of physical education (PE) and sport in primary schools. This funding – provided jointly by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport – will be allocated to primary school headteachers.

This funding is ring-fenced and therefore can only be spent on provision of PE and sport in schools.

Schools must spend the additional funding on improving their provision of PE and sport, but they will have the freedom to choose how they do this.

At Ardley Hill Academy we have received £9000 this academic year (2013/14) and we have invested this additional funding in transforming our PE and sport provision as part of a long term plan. Our vision as part of this plan is:

- To provide well planned and high quality PE lessons which engage and motivate children. To achieve this we are committed to ensuring that teachers receive training opportunities which enhance their subject knowledge in a variety of sports.
- To utilise rigorous assessment procedures which ensure that we track the progress of pupils in PE and set meaningful targets.
- To ensure that as an Academy we have the resources and equipment in place to teach PE and sport in a safe, stimulating, creative and technically accurate manner and environment.
- To provide opportunities for pupils to take part in inter-school sports competitions which enable them to work as a team in the pursuit of success and to achieve personal goals.
- To instil a lifelong enjoyment of physical activity in our pupils through the PE and sporting opportunities we offer both in curriculum time and as part of extra-curricular clubs, which will have a long term and positive impact on their health and well-being.
- To equip our pupils with vital physical skills such as swimming and cycling, enhancing the quality of their lives both now and in the future.
- To make sporting links within our community to ensure that pupils and parents have access to the information they require in terms of developing children's interest and participation in sport.

Specifically, throughout the academic year 2013/14, at Ardley Hill Academy we have invested a large proportion of our Sport Premium Funding on employing a PE leader to dedicate half a day per week in developing the aims above. The main results and achievements of this investment have been:

- Key Stage 2 teachers have had the opportunity to attend training courses to enhance their subject knowledge, and visiting coaches from Dunstable Rugby Club and Dunstable Tennis Club have worked alongside teachers within PE lessons to provide additional training opportunities.
- A new Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 gymnastics curriculum has been developed to ensure that the gymnastics teaching we offer is high quality, consistent, progressive and enjoyable.
- A new swimming assessment procedure has been developed and employed to enable teachers to track the progress of pupils' swimming ability, with the long term aim of ensuring that all children are able to swim 25m by the end of year 6 as the new PE National Curriculum dictates.

- New PE equipment has been purchased such as gymnastics mats, springboard and landing mats, and athletics equipment to ensure that we are providing our pupils with a high quality PE experience.
- As an Academy we became members of the Sainsbury's School Games competition system this year and we have taken part in a number of inter-school competitions. We competed in the Sportshall Athletics, cross country, netball, tag-rugby and Quadkids athletics competitions. We achieved notable success in the Key Stage 2 cross country event with a number of children achieving top ten placings, the tag rugby competition at which we qualified to play in the County Finals, and the summer Quadkids event at which we were placed second overall.
- We have had a gymnastics club in school this year which in addition to our football teams and Hotshots basketball club, has increased the number of children taking part in extra-curricular sports.
- Year 4 children have taken part in a Bikeability Level 1 course as part of their PE lessons, gaining vital cycling skills and road safety knowledge.
- We have made links with local sports clubs over the course of the year who have not only provided our staff with valuable training opportunities but have also provided an avenue for pupils who have shown a particular interest or talent in sport to further develop their skills and involvement.

Our aim as an Academy is to continue using the Sport Premium Funding over the next academic year to ensure that we provide our pupils with a high quality, broad and balanced experience of PE and sport which is motivating and life-changing.

