

Sports Provision

2013-14

Following the success of London 2012 Olympics, the government announced plans to inspire a generation and provide funding for schools to support children in becoming more active, involved and enthused about sports. This funding was aimed at developing the P.E curriculum in schools, particularly with regards to the provisions put in place to improve the teaching and skill development of P.E, as opposed to being used for equipment.

The government made suggestions as to how the money should be distributed and areas to consider, with OFSTED supporting these ideals and are taking this into account during inspections and audits of P.E. provisions.

The suggestions for schools were that:

- Schools should have a vision for their P.E. provision
- P.E. and sport should contribute to the school improvement by addressing the needs of the whole child
- Schools should have a broad, rich curriculum which is well taught and enables children to be effective learners
- Schools offer opportunities for children to engage in active competition and that children understand how physical activity can help them make positive lifestyle choices now and in the future.

Uplands Primary School has been allocated £9000 for 2013-14 academic year , divided between an initial payment and one due for the new financial year (in April 2014). Uplands use various initiatives to provide equipment for the children in our school and therefore chose to spend the money on up-skilling staff and providing wider opportunities for children to participate in sports. We have also been able to continue CPD training for staff at Uplands, both through specialist teachers and the Bracknell Forest Schools Sports Programme, which provides development sessions for our staff when required.

During P.E. sessions in Key Stage 2, we have an extra specialist P.E. teacher to support children as well as providing extra support in Key Stage 1. This additional P.E. provision means that the ratio of adults to children is higher, allowing for personalised learning on a closer scale as well as improving the skill set of the staff working with children. This has been a success and helped build consistency in sport provision across all classes and key stages, aiding progression and interest throughout the school. We have even used the time to help train our own Year 6 sports leaders who have planned differentiated lessons to deliver to other age groups in the school, and some have even supported our staff in training the Year 3 teams for Tag Rugby and Indoor Athletics.

During Autumn Term, we provided over 60 hours in lunchtime clubs and provisions, over 60 hours in after school clubs and over 65 hours of in-school P.E. support during sports lessons. This has already seen an impact with us achieving our best ever Cross Country position and reaching the finals of the Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics event, something our school has never achieved.

Our great relationship with In2Sports has led to further provisions for our Pupil Premium children, with funded club places for those and other vulnerable children, as well as a Breakfast Club for all children to attend.

Some of the clubs we have offered, either by our staff, specialist P.E. teachers or outside specialists are:

Football (Years 1-4)

Football (Years 5- 6)

Tag Rugby (Years 3- 6)

Dance

Multi-skills/Team games (clubs for Reception – Year 6)

Cricket

Hockey

Tennis

Golf

Netball

Basketball

Gymnastics

Cross Country/Athletics

Scooter Hockey

Dodgeball

We are committed to provide opportunities tailored to our pupils' needs and review our clubs and support half termly to ensure the funding is being used in the most effective and high impacting way. With this in mind, we have asked children and parents for their input on clubs and provisions on more than one occasion, using this to inform the opportunities we provide.

Uplands Primary is committed to delivering outstanding teaching in all areas of the curriculum and has welcomed the P.E. funding provided by the government. We understand the importance of a core/skills-based delivery of P.E. as well as specific sports and ensure that fitness and healthy eating are discussed in conjunction with our lessons with the additional funding we have been able to continue developing our P.E. provision and feel we are making a strong, positive impact on the children at Uplands.