



Gaddesden Row JMI

Impact of Sports Funding 2013 – 2014

Funding received during the academic year 2013/14 amounted to approximately £8,300.

The majority of this funding was used to purchase professional sports coaching for all pupils – a total of 3 hours per week (1 hour for each class).

In addition, professional coaches provided 2 hours of football club time, plus 1 early morning running club. A Martial Arts Club also takes place on school premises, but this is not funded by the Sports Funding.

A good proportion of pupils now take part in at least one sports club:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
5/8	6/9	7/8	2/8	4/8	4/8	4/8
63%	66%	87.5%	25%	50%	50%	50%

The uptake in some clubs has increased – the take-up of football for children from Reception to Year 2 has increased from 6 to 13 pupils. However, for some cohorts the take-up could be improved, and we will be asking families what would encourage further participation.

Our Key Stage 2 sports coach provides assessment information on each pupil which allows us to see the increased progress made by the children.

The range of sports the pupils are being exposed to is much more varied than before – handball, tennis, hockey, cricket and athletics during 2013/2014. As we operate a rolling curriculum for our mixed age classes, we have planned to vary the sports that are introduced.

With only 8 pupils in each year group, it is hard for the children to win tournaments against other schools. However, during this year, the Y5/6 pupils experienced greater success in a cricket competition and in the district athletics tournament than in previous years!

Professional development

During 2013/14 three of our teachers, including the PE Coordinator, have taught alongside our sports coach, and then taught a weekly follow-up solo lesson using the skills observed. This has led to increased confidence and expertise in PE teaching. Going forward, we will ensure that different teachers & teachers new to the school, have the same professional development opportunity.

Swimming

Sports Funding was spent on the provision of swimming lessons for all pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 during the Autumn term. Additional lessons were provided for Year 6 pupils who had not made the 25m standard in the Autumn term.

Pupils progressing through the school are swimming earlier to a high standard. Our aim is to continue to ensure that all pupils leave in Y6 swimming at least to the expected 25m standard.

Transport

A small amount of the funding was spent on transport to and from swimming and sports tournaments & events for all ages.

Dacorum School Sports Network (DSSN)

A small amount of our funding was spent on our subscription to DSSN. This has a wide ranging impact, but is especially effective in enthusing our younger pupils through participation in taster events and fun competitions.