

Primary School Sports Funding

In February 2013 the Government announced ring fenced funding for Primary School PE and Sport. This was initially intended to run for two years, however a third year was granted in the December Budget and on 6th February 2014 the Prime Minister announced that the funding would be allocated every year up to 2020.

As a school which sees sport as an integral part of the school's identity and ethos, recently identified by being awarded the Silver School Games Kitemark in September (one of only two Primary Schools in St Helens) we were delighted with the news. For the 2013-2014 academic year we will receive, over two instalments, £8320.

The objectives for the scheme are broad and as a school we have decided on many uses for the funding: to provide Professional Development opportunities for school staff to enable a continued high quality PE curriculum; to enhance resources for PE and School Sport; to further enable school teams to compete at a high level in St Helens and Merseyside sports competitions; to provide a wider range of more varied sports opportunities in school and to further enhance after school sports provision.

At time of writing (6th February 2014) these projects have been undertaken or have been committed as part of the funding:

- £150 for an after school club where Junior children who didn't participate in sport outside school could access a Personal Fitness Trainer.
- £240 for an after school club to provide UEFA football coaching for our more gifted footballers in preparation for St Helens School Games.
- £1000 for each KS2 class to receive a 5 week Judo course.
- £350 for after school Badminton course in preparation for St Helens School Games and to provide curriculum resources for school as well as Professional Development training for 2 members of staff.
- £635 for curriculum resources including Gymnastic mats so every child can have their own mat in every PE Gym lesson.
- £400 to re-introduce Netball as a St Aidan's sport, including after school club coaching and Professional Development training for 2 members of staff.
- £30 for assisted after school sports club places.
- £200 annual fund for St Helens Association of PE and Sport (SHAPES) which goes towards paying for facility hire for St Helens School Games competitions of which we are the highest attendees in St Helens over the last two years.
- £580 for a Literacy and Football course for children in Year 4.
- £155 to establish a Sports Leadership Award for children in Reception to Year 4
- £550 for mini iPads to enable children to use video analysis in curriculum PE lessons and to enable Wake Up Shape Up to recommence which will see activity levels increase throughout the school by around an hour per week.
- £45 for a teacher to attend the ASA Swimming Teachers course.
- £200 for after school club coaching to enable a high quality entry to the Year 3 and 4 Key Steps Gymnastic Competition.
- Half day supply for PE co-ordinator to work with KS1 teacher to help gain skills in confidence in the teaching of Gymnastics.
- £125 for Tri-Golf coaching to enable entry to the St Helens School Games competition.

We hope you agree that we are putting our funding to good use and will continue to keep you up to date via the website with other initiatives that we introduce.

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