

Sports Funding 2016/17

The school received £8,855 of PE & Sports funding in academic year 2015/16 and a further £8,920 is due in academic year 2016/17.

- Staff Training £1,500

P.E. Coordinator has been on training for one day per month since September to plan for the new P.E. curriculum and has started to roll this out to staff. The impact of this is that children are already benefitting from a broader P.E. curriculum where further challenge is in-built for the more able and skills are taught in a well-developed sequence. One teacher and one HLTA have attended a full day's training on gymnastics. This has also been fed back to staff and we have redesigned our risk assessments to tighten up on safety procedures. Children are now benefitting from a refreshed and creative approach to gymnastics.

- Equipment £1,735

Because of the flexibility which the funding allows, we have been able to purchase extra equipment to allow for coverage of wider areas in P.E. This includes: new hockey sticks/ new basketballs and netballs/ a mat trolley to allow children to set up gymnastics activities safely/ a portable speaker system to allow music to be played outside for dance activities during lunchtimes. There are a number of planned purchases in the pipe-line such as: new athletics equipment/ tennis equipment

- After-school clubs £1,620

We have commissioned Premier Sports to provide one free after-school club for KS1 children and one for KS2. Currently, they are: football for key stage 1 and gymnastics for KS2. These clubs are well attended and will run until Easter. The intention is to change the focus of clubs on a rolling programme to include exciting and different opportunities which will cover different aspects of P.E. such as: fencing, dance and basketball.

- Premier Sports curricular coaching sessions £3,500

Premier Sports have developed a base at Simonside and have undertaken 4 hours of coaching per week, since Jan 2014, with KS 2 pupils in school. They work closely with the P.E. coordinator to ensure that there is full coverage of different aspects of P.E. and school staff work alongside them to develop their skills thus building in sustainability for the future. As a result, there has been a significant reduction in the number of children avoiding P.E. sessions and enthusiasm is higher in general. We were also extremely excited recently because Simonside won the local schools hockey competition and are progressing to the regional finals at Gateshead Stadium!

- Inter-school competitions £500

We have been able to subsidise the cost for transport and entrance fees (where applicable) to send teams to inter-school competitions. These include: cross-country running, netball and hockey.