

Primary Sports Grant

As part of the Olympic 2012 legacy, the Government is spending over £450 million on improving physical education (PE) and sport in primary schools over the 3 academic years 2013 to 2015. £8330 has been allocated directly to Oak View School and has been used in the following ways:

A wide range of Sports Coaches with an interest in developing links, and their knowledge of SEND PE, deliver exciting weekly sessions such as; football, dodgeball, tennis, athletics and cricket.

We have employed a Dance Therapist that delivers movement therapy sessions to our young people with complex needs in Key Stage 1.

Oak View is a registered NHS Change4Life School and we deliver a range of lunchtime and after-school clubs including football, trampolining, tennis and dance clubs through this.

The Primary Sports Grant has enabled further resource development with our most recent purchase being a number of mini trampolines, space hoppers and therapy balls to support our “Bounce In Your Step” club and sessions.

We have widened our expertise in school and implemented the conception of a “Physical Therapist”. The new member of the team is a trained Physiotherapist that is responsible for implementing our “Move Programme” and “Sensory Integration”.

Oak View attend many sporting events which have recently included the Pentathlon and Table Cricket with Thriftwood, Columbus, Kingswode Hoe, Shorefield, Edith Borthwicks and Market Field Special Schools.

We have recently been able to train 8 of our staff to lifeguard and teach hydrotherapy sessions in our hydro pool. This has enabled more young people to access this essential water based therapy.

We have invested in on-line coaches- 5 A-Day TV, every class now has access to a multitude of aerobic activity sessions for shorts bursts of exercise in the classroom.

As an extension of Physical Education, and Outdoor Adventurous Activities, we now have Forest Schools Leader in school providing access to an alternative sports curriculum that is highly motivational, and based upon child-led learning theories in the local natural environment.

Impact of this grant

The Primary Sports Grant enables us to engage those hard to reach students by presenting them with a wider ranging variety of clubs and sporting events that we would not normally be able to provide. It has facilitated the provision of community based sporting activities, encouraged the pursuit of healthy lifestyles throughout the school day, the pursuit of new hobbies and promoted inclusion and social opportunities with special school and mainstream peers. The involvement of local community groups (Loughton Cricket Club) and the sharing of SEND expertise with local schools have all been direct benefits of receiving the Primary Sports Grant. It has been particularly pleasing for us to explore new hobbies and activities that can be taken wider than the school day and that families can revisit and access as a whole family event.

For the future...

Oak View is developing links with mainstream schools, and supporting the local Schools Sports Partnerships to deliver CPD sessions regarding Autism and Physical Education and Sport for Pupils with SEND.

We will continue to develop the range and variety of playground, sporting and fitness equipment available in school and hope to purchase more bicycles, games kits and problem solving equipment that the children can benefit from at playtimes.

We aspire to extend our variety of sports offered in school, we now have a trained handball coach. We would like to work in partnership with local delivery groups and develop our after-schools provision for our young people extending it so it can also be accessed by mainstream groups.

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