

SPORTS PREMIUM AT CASTLE

Castle Primary School has been provided with additional funding to improve the provision of physical education (PE) and sport primary schools. This funding is ring-fenced and therefore can only be spent on provision of PE and sport in our school. Funding is based on the number of pupils taken from our yearly census.

Our allocation for the academic year 2015 to 2016 is based on 79 pupils with an amount of £8395 and was spent as follows:

ACTIVITIES	EXPENDITURE
Sports Coaches PE Lessons plus Sports Coaches After School/Lunch times	£6475.00
Swimming	£1620.00
Supplement to day at Chill Factore to undertake snowboarding, tobogganing and climbing lessons for Years 4, 5 and 6	£300.00

This funding has supported Castle Primary School in providing all its pupils with two hours of PE lessons each week plus opportunities to continue competing in events with other local schools. We also widened our options of sporting activities by enabling the older children to undertake lessons in snowboarding, tobogganing and climbing in a winter setting.

Castle Staff have worked alongside the sports coaches gaining knowledge and skills to enable them to motivate and engage our pupils to become healthier and more active, therefore having a direct impact on their well-being.

Impact of Sports Premium at Castle Primary School

This year we have introduced Sports Ambassadors who were elected from Year 6 to assist in the organisation of our school's sporting activities throughout the year. They will assist with the audit of our resources, assisting younger pupils to participate and become more confident in accessing PE lessons and arrange inter-team sports during the summer.

The children have continued to learn many different sporting skills and tried various activities such as:

- ❖ Cross Country
- ❖ Zumba Dance sessions particularly enjoyed by both our Nursery and Year 6 children
- ❖ Learning the skills of tag rugby, football, netball, gymnastics and dance.
- ❖ Swimming lessons for Years 2 to 6 for twenty weeks – some learning to swim for the first time.
- ❖ 'Bag for Life' lessons where the children learn about ways to be healthier and fitter and how to exercise properly

The children are continuing to participate in competitions throughout the year as follows:

- ❖ Swimming Gala arranged through schools in the Newcastle area
- ❖ Football matches and tournaments for both boys and girls
- ❖ Netball league with other local and not so local teams
- ❖ Sportshall Athletics through the Sainsbury Games
- ❖ Tag Rugby
- ❖ Rounders matches with various schools
- ❖ Cross Country competitions at various schools across Stoke-on Trent

Parents have also become more involved in our sporting events, assisting with Cross Country training, transport to and from events, and through their support at various competitions. Our whole school now has a much greater uptake of participation in all sporting events and activities and enjoys competing against other local schools.

Sports certificates are awarded to a child in each year group for their sporting achievements each week.

Children from Years 2 to 6 are all attending residential visits to enhance their access to different sporting and adventurous activities such as canoeing, climbing, sailing, BMX cycling etc.

Following on from our achievement of the last two academic years when we were awarded a Bronze award from the Sainsbury's Games scheme, we're aiming to achieve a Silver Award to continue our journey to offer all of our pupils the opportunity to learn a range of sporting skills, to lead healthier lives and to enjoy being part of a team.