

Impact of P.E funding 2014

Oxford Gardens Primary school has used the government funding to improve P.E and sports provision across the whole school. Our aim is to keep developing sport within school to ensure our children value and understand the merits of a healthy life style. We hope that through the additional funding children's learning experience and sports participation will continue to grow. We have already begun to see and measure the impact the funding has had on P.E and sport in our school.

Pitch lines

With the new pitch markings we have been able to introduce a new club to our after school club time table. The new basketball markings have allowed us to set up a basketball club for the first time. We have a coach from the Westway centre come in and take the children through a range of skills. The new lines have also improved playtime, giving children a designated safe place to play. This in turn has made the playground a safer place with fewer incidents of conflict as playing areas are clearly marked.

The funding has also had a positive impact on our Netball and football teams. We can now provide training and practise after school to help improve game knowledge and skill. The impact of this can be seen firsthand by the huge improvement in results for the netball team. We now have a confident and skilful team, a direct result of being able to practise on a designated netball court.

Pitch repair

We felt it was vital to repair any damage there was to the outdoor sports area. The positive impact of this can be seen at playtime as children can continue to access the playground with no dangers. The soft surface allows children to express themselves without fear of falling during sports.

Mats

The impact of the new mats has been positive for both teachers and children. The new mats have given teachers confidence to plan better quality dance and gym sessions knowing that the children will have a safe, practical and fun environment. The new smaller mats have allowed children to feel more comfortable to express themselves with 2 children for every mat; the whole class can be working at the same time. The additional mats have also allowed for multiple P.E lessons to take place at the same time, something that couldn't have happened before.

Westway tennis

Due to the funding we have been able to have tennis sessions during our P.E lessons. We have seen this have a direct impact on tennis participation after school. A number of children who have experienced tennis through our lessons have now gone on to sign up for clubs both at school and the Westway centre. Through the tennis programme we have 90 children a term enjoying and learning tennis skills. At the end of every term all 90 children get to experience a tennis festival on the Westway tennis courts.

We will continue to monitor how the funding impacts P.E and sport at our school both short and long term. Our aim is to ensure that all funds go towards creating a long lasting legacy.