

Glenbrook Primary Academy Sports Funding Report 2014-2015

This year at Glenbrook Primary Academy, we have increased the amount of competitive and non-competitive sporting opportunities available for all children. This has taken the form of intra and inter school competition through work within the George Spencer Federation of schools and within the wider setting of Nottingham City.

During the year children have experienced more opportunities to be competitive in almost all PE lessons. This has been evidenced through focussed activities, differentiation and lessons planned at the end of units for children to demonstrate their newly learned skills in competition in class and with other classes. Pupils have experienced a wide range of sporting opportunities in conjunction with the George Spencer Trust and Nottingham Trent University.

We have entered the under 11 football league, which is the first time that this has happened in the last 3 years. This has involved the purchase of a new football strip and training items such as bibs and footballs. We have enjoyed good support from parents.

We have entered two athletics competitions during the year, competing against other schools in the local area, forging links with one of the local secondary schools. We have also taken part in a tennis competition at the Nottingham Tennis Centre. Our most successful competition this year has been the Nottingham City Tag rugby tournament, at Moderns Rugby Club. This was yet another opportunity to forge links with outside agencies in the community. We finished 5th in Nottingham City! Pupils positively participate in competitive sport and want to be chosen to represent their school and strive to achieve their best.

As a school we have offered the children a significant increase in the number of sporting clubs available to them through extra-curricular activities, during and after school. These include;

Football, Tag rugby, athletics, multi-sports, basketball, tennis, gymnastics and cricket.

In the future we aim to continue to offer these and many more opportunities for our children to try. Through this increased offer of sporting opportunities we have seen an increased uptake by children to try different sports which they would otherwise would not have had the chance to do so.

Glenbrook Primary Academy PE was supported for the first term of the year by a sports teacher from Nottingham School Sports. He planned and taught lessons alongside members of staff in order to upskill teaching in the subject.

In the Spring and Summer term, we employed a health mentor to promote physical exercise through playground games, targeted intervention at lunch times and upskilling members of staff in their own delivery of certain aspects of PE.

Our strategies have been successful in building staff confidence as well as improving the attitude of the children working outside providers due to their enthusiasm and ability to inspire our pupils.

Our approach to Swimming has changed as we have focussed our attention on the year 4 children as research suggests this is the optimum time to get them swimming. They have swam over the year for a longer session. This had a much bigger impact meaning that the vast majority of children made very good progress in their swimming – a lifelong skill!

As the year has progressed, Sport at Glenbrook Primary Academy has taken a bigger and bigger priority, giving children an increased sense of self-worth, the opportunity to shine and the chance to compete in a safe environment which values each and every contribution to the team. This has been valued by children and staff alike as was demonstrated by our best ever turn out at sports day of over 120 parents, carers and members of the community!

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