

Impact of the School Sports Grant on PE in school '15 –'16

The Change for Life Club which took place last year ran across the three terms and involved 30 children. Attendance was maintained throughout and there was significant evidence that the children involved enjoyed the club and engaged in sports which they had not previously enjoyed or felt themselves to be successful at. There was evidence of their increased participation in other areas. As these children have generally been the least active or least confident, the impact on general fitness in school was great and to be noticed when we did the school walk around Hollingworth Lake as the children were able to do this in a good time with no moans and no ill effects.

The school entered many competitions for a wide range of sports offered at all ages. The grant allowed payment of staff to escort children thereby making participation possible. Here are some examples of competitions which were made possible by staff escorting children: swimming gala, gymnastics, boccia, mini-olympics, mini stars, Manchester Winter School Games, tag rugby, Manchester Summer School Games, rounders, netball, tri-golf

Girls' Football was encouraged and take up was high. A number of free clubs took place to allow girls the chance to play. The girls also took part in two local competitions.

In total 30 clubs were offered involving 17 different sports over the year and catering for different age groups. Many of these were subsidised and the administration of the registers and the (small) charges was covered by the grant, making it possible to run clubs every night of the week. These include: football, netball, hockey, running, basketball, cricket, tennis, lacrosse, gymnastics, dance, change for life, multiskills, boxing and judo.

Our older children took part in sports leader roles.

Perhaps the most dramatic evidence of impact of the varied range of the clubs was the fact that we engaged over 50% of pupils each week and this contributed to Smithy Bridge School achieving the Sports Mark Gold Award.

Other evidence includes the following sporting achievements made during the year:

Winners of Rochdale Schools Y5/6 Gymnastics competition, Tag Rugby Competition, the Pennine schools netball tournament and football tournament.

We were runners up in: the Rounders Competition, the Rochdale schools high 5 netball competition, the Pennine schools mini-tennis tournament.

We are a member of the Rochdale Schools Games Partnership which provides professional development opportunities. Smithy Bridge staff have attended recent training on: High 5 netball, mini tennis, tag rugby and dance. This has allowed our teachers and teaching assistants to be more confident and competent in teaching high quality PE.

We regularly keep parents updated by providing a sports newsletter each half term which is posted on our school website. We also blog our sports news on the Sainsbury's School Games website.

Children at Smithy Bridge School are generally happy and healthy. They also enjoy PE and sports. This is evidenced by the sports survey which we conducted in school with our pupils. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.