

## Maximising the influence of the School Sports Premium

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St. Mary's has been allocated approximately £9000 as part of the ring fenced government funding for Primary Schools to achieve outstanding Physical Education and school sport for all children.

Of utmost importance to us at St. Mary's was using the funding in a way that will have a sustainable benefit on our pupils now and for years to come. At St. Mary's we were fortunate to have received the funding in a positive position, with a close partnership with parents and our local community; we welcome your support for this partnership to continue to grow. We have a good foundation for using the money for long term benefits to the school, rather than a 'fix it quick' scheme which is unlikely to last.

Our priority with the funding has been labelled 'sustainable CPD'. We believe that by up skilling our very able and dedicated staff team and parents, we will be able to improve our provision without the need for outside agencies to take over. We carried out a staff audit to find out where our strengths lay; within the staff team we hold various qualifications and courses in a fantastic variety of sports. We have now booked staff meetings and whole school INSET training to develop our skills in the areas where we hold less expertise. We have also engaged staff on sport and multi skills training days to support our curriculum.

We have trained staff and parents to lead a new 'Energy Club' and welcomed parents to lead clubs of their own specialism, including yoga. It is exciting that the opportunities our children have for extra- curricular activities continue to grow. We have built on an existing partnership with Orleans school by inviting the Year 11 pupils to guide active playtimes and lunchtimes after Christmas.

After finding out about the funding, our decision to get the children involved with our whole school improvement has been invaluable in inspiring them. The children have been extremely motivated by the opportunity to write our first vision statement for sport at St. Marys. This leads me on to the exciting development of our sports council. After Christmas, we will have four Sports Captains, who will be Year 6 children who have had the 'attitude of an athlete' throughout their time at St. Mary's with a resilient and committed approach to school life. We will also have a Sports Rep in each class who will be voted by their class members, these sports reps will be part of our Sports Council, led by the captains. In addition to our Sports Council, we will be ensuring that all children aspire continuously in sport, with a new Sports Champion being awarded for their effort in every PE lesson throughout the school.

Our Sports Council will be the voice of the children for sport in the School Council meetings. They will also support the coordination of intra school competitions to build on sporting events within the school. We look forward to an increase in school sport, a developed attitude and consistently improving partnership.