

School Sport Update

We are feeling very proud about the changes to School Sport at St Mary's this year and we would like to thank our very dedicated parents for supporting and adding to these changes. Thank you to all of the parents who supported our Sport Relief Mile on Friday at the Junior Site.

The Sports Council have been involved in meetings on the Junior Site and the other children are all very proud of their role and looking forward to having a real involvement in sport and competition in the summer term. The Sports Champions who have been crowned at the end of PE lessons have been noted to make a real difference to the children's resilience throughout the lesson.

The staff all gave extremely positive feedback after our INSET day in February where we watched a PE specialist from Sport Impact teach a gymnastics lesson with some of our Junior children. It was extremely useful to see how much independence the children can safely have within the lesson and we are looking forward to giving the children more leadership in the whole set up of PE.

This staff meeting will be followed up with team teaching from Liam Moore in the summer term, our allocated PE specialist with the Richmond School Sports Premium.

We are looking forward to welcoming Elms Sports Coaches in to work alongside Year 1 and Year 4 teachers, introducing new games, ideas and skills to our PE lessons.

We have invested in I pads to enhance sport through visual aids on each school site. This will give the children opportunity to see real athletes demonstrating the skills that they are learning in the lesson so they can see how these lessons will be transferable to competition and sport as they go on to find their favourite sports growing up. The I pads also allow children in KS1, Reception and the Unit to see clearly the expectations in the lesson with a visual timetable of what they will achieve.

As a staff team we have created a cross curricular map, producing ideas of how we can continue to make sport exciting and inspiring for the children. We collectively came up with ideas of how we can use PE to teach other lessons; shape and symmetry for Maths and French commands for MFL, are just a couple of the creative ideas suggested to teach as a PE lesson.