

Howard Primary School Sports Funding 2014/15

The government is determined to secure a significant and lasting legacy from the very successful 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games that were held in London. In order to achieve this and improve the provision of PE and sport in primary schools, additional funding of £150 million per annum has been made available for the academic years 2013/4 and 2014/5

In our school this amounts to £9320.

At Howard Primary School we believe that sport plays an important part as it contributes to the health and well-being of our children. Sporting excellence and participation, alongside strong cultural opportunities, go hand in hand with academic standards.

The school therefore allocates additional funds to the School Sport funding and the total spending on Sport for Howard Primary School this year is £17,986.58. This means the school has added additional funding to the governments sports funding allocation.

We have used the Sport Funding to purchase our annual membership of the Croydon Schools Sports Partnership, which alongside our own school actions has enabled us to strengthen and improve our provision in the following ways:

Croydon Sports Partnership	Organised training for staff and organised activities for pupils Reception to Year 6	£4,000.18
Swimming pool hire	45 minute weekly swimming lessons for Yrs 5 & 6 a term and a half each year group	£850 per year
Whitgift School swimming instructor	For the above lessons	£1,320
Hire of Croydon Athletics Arena	Years 3 to 6	£160
Sports apprentice	Working with all pupils	£4,000
Teaching Assistant	Working with all pupils	£5756
Olympic Sports Person	To work on fitness with whole school	£300
Total PE funding		£17,986.58

PE Curriculum

A wide range of activities are delivered in school PE lessons and we run after school sports activities. Unfortunately, this year due to the building works we have not as much space to be able run as many after school sessions as we would like. Hopefully, this will increase again when we have our additional outdoor and indoor space available. We are also committed to ensure that all children receive at least 2 hours per week of high quality well-planned PE.

Over the year each child has the opportunity to participate in small sided team games, including invasion/striking/fielding activities as well as athletics, dance, gymnastics, netball, basketball and hockey during PE lessons. Opportunities are also organised for swimming in Years 5/6 at our local Independent School Whitgift. Our aim is that all children leave our school at the end of Year 6 able to swim 25 metres.

To support teachers during PE lessons we have used funding to bring in a sports apprentice plus one of our teaching assistants holds a degree in dance and she also supports lessons. Both these members of staff run after school sports activities.

The Wider Curriculum

PE and sport has a high profile in our school and permeates many aspects of school life. At present it is difficult to organise sports clubs at lunchtimes due to lack of space, however, we train our lunchtime staff to help the children organise games and activities as part of the daily lunch activity.

Throughout the year we hold theme weeks such as Health and Well Being week where children participate in a wide range of activities and have a ‘taster’ session of a sport or activity that otherwise they may never have tried.

In the summer term we also hold two annual Sports Days in which we encourage participation of all children and organise competitive races. The Early Years and KS 1 pupils hold their sports day at the local secondary school while we hire the Croydon Athletics Arena so that our KS2 pupils have the opportunity to experience competing on a tartan track and using jumping pits, something most will not have had the opportunity to otherwise try out.

Wherever possible we try to bring in outside sports coaches to enhance the variety of activities available and we take full advantage when these opportunities become available.

Our aim is to give the pupils the opportunity to experience as wide a range of sports as possible while they are at Howard so that everyone finds a sport they enjoy and will hopefully take up through a local club in future. Talented children are signposted to local clubs and events to aid them to develop their skills. We regularly encourage children to join sports clubs such as netball, football, cricket, swimming and athletic clubs.

Beyond the School Day

The school is keen to provide a wide range of extra-curricular clubs for children throughout the year which are organised by our teaching staff and/or sports coaches.

Children enjoy the opportunity to work with different teachers and have the chance to try many sports many of which such as golf and multi sports they do not experience in PE lessons.

We try to cater for all our children's needs and so ask the school council to regularly ask their class mates which sports they would like to see included during the year. We also monitor participation and check uptake against gender and free school meals. Children that participate in after school activities or represent the school at a sport are able to earn points towards their Children' University Degree.

Wherever possible we enter inter schools competitions and encourage children to participate in team sport.

At Howard Primary School we believe that all experiences are pivotal to the children's future perception of physical activity and we believe that children leave our school equipped to enjoy sport for all its health and social benefits. For those who relish the competitive element, they gain the skills, confidence and relevant experience to succeed at their chosen level and discipline.