

Primary School Sports Funding

Academic Year Review 2014-2015

This review outlines the impact of the school sports funding that was spent by Brinkley Grove in the 2014-2015 academic year.

How did we spend the money?

One of our main aims for the school sports funding at Brinkley Grove is to improve P.E teaching and provision so that high quality lessons are sustainable for the future. During the 2013-2014 academic year, the majority of the sports funding was spent on employing specialist sports coaches to deliver high quality P.E lessons. Staff observed these lessons being taught and gained valuable experience and ideas from them that they could implement in their own teaching.

During the 2014-2015 academic year, the sports funding was used to buy new schemes of work for games (e.g. football, tag rugby, netball, hockey etc.) that were up to date with the new 2014 curriculum. These schemes of work were used by staff to aid planning and delivery of high quality P.E lessons for their classes.

Further funding was spent on buying brand new equipment for P.E lessons so that the school was well resourced so that P.E lessons could be delivered to a high standard. This included equipment such as brand new footballs, netballs, rugby balls etc. as well as buying new equipment for new activities such as 'Tri-golf' and 'stool ball'.

Tri-golf was introduced to Brinkley Grove during the 2014-2015 academic year and was used by children in year 5 and a 6. It is designed to teach children the fundamental skills involved in playing golf and to develop their coordination. Children and staff enjoyed Tri-golf and it was a fun and challenging new activity for P.E lessons.

Stool ball was another new activity introduced to P.E lesson at Brinkley Grove as a result of the sports premium funding. It is a medieval game that is a variation of cricket. This game was enjoyable for all ages and helped to develop motor skills, cooperation and team work.

How will we continue to improve the provision of high quality P.E during the 2015/2016 academic year?

Findings from the staff questionnaire highlighted that dance and gymnastics were areas that required extra training and resources to raise staff confidence and the quality of lessons.

During the 2015/2016 academic year, we will be spending sports funding on a new dance scheme of work for all year groups (www.imovesdance.com) which is an online resource that provides a huge ranges of topics and different styles of dance. Each unit can be tailored to suit different year groups and is designed to teach a series of dance moves and techniques.

In addition to this, we are hoping to employ a specialist dance teach in school once a week to work with staff and children from different year groups over the course of the year.

For gymnastics, new schemes of work will be purchased and we will be hoping to employ gymnastics specialists to train staff and develop confidence in teaching gymnastics.

We are also collaborating with five local primary school to organise a range of competitive sports fixtures to be co-ordinated and hosted by our neighbouring secondary school, The Gilberd.

Our school football teams and netball team is also a member of the CPSL (Colchester Primary Sports League) where league and cup systems run for primary schools across Colchester. Details of fixtures, results and league tables can be found at: www.colchesterprimarysportsleagues.co.uk/

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