

Sport Premium Impact Report 2018-2019

We have ensured that sport and P.E. provision has addressed the needs of all pupils, including those who belong to disadvantaged, vulnerable and gifted groups. All our sports provision has aimed to increase attainment, inclusive participation, improve confidence, develop competitive strategies and hone techniques / skills; whilst encouraging a life-long love of sport, together with an understanding of the health benefits participation in sports activities brings. As a school we are passionate about sport. We are extremely proud that we have been awarded the Sainsburys Gold Award for a third consecutive year.

All sports funding money has been used to develop the staff's teaching and learning skills and expertise - quality CPD. In addition to the allocated sports funding, the school devotes further capital expenditure (significant amounts), to ensure all children have had the opportunity to access and develop wide ranging sports skills - quality provision. Sports funding is never used to cover planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA) for teachers.

At Sycamore Academy we highly value pupil feedback as it will support us in our goal of encouraging a lifelong enjoyment of exercise for our pupils. A sample of 40 children were interviewed: 20 from Key Stage 1 and 20 from Key Stage 2 about P.E provision and sport at Sycamore.

100% of the pupils interviewed said that they enjoyed PE at Sycamore and that they had particularly enjoyed the range of sport that we offer as a school. All children that took part in the pupil interviews were able to understand the connection between exercise and eating healthily to maintain their health. Several Key Stage 2 pupils were pleased with the improvements to their competitive skills and team work. All pupils enjoyed the range of sports which they had experienced and were able to talk about their improvements. Key Stage 1 pupils felt they had improved at a range of things; throwing, catching, dodging, tennis, running, gymnastics, teamwork, listening and swimming. Key Stage 2 pupils highlighted the competitive events that they had taken part in and several of them take part in sports clubs outside of school such as dance, athletics and football clubs. Out of school participation is actively encouraged by our school sports team.

The children could talk about the improvements that they had made over the year and the development points that they had. A significant percentage of Sycamore pupils have accessed after sports/athletics/dance/gymnastics clubs after school. All children were very positive about the clubs offered at Sycamore and were keen to see plenty of after school clubs for sport continue. All children said that they enjoyed meeting children from other schools in competitions and in LEAD events such as the Year 6 Athletics day.

Teachers have reported that their knowledge and confidence in teaching P.E. has improved through using the techniques demonstrated by our sports team and specialist coaches during this academic year.

There has been an increase in inter school competitions driven by our experienced and enthusiastic sports specialists. This has resulted in many positive experiences for the pupils who have taken part with their successes celebrated by the whole school. In addition to this our competitive sport involvement has resulted in us retaining the **Sainsburys Gold Award for a third year**, something that we are very proud of as a school. Our pupils are motivated by inter school competitions and they are noticeably more driven to succeed. In the next academic year, we will be working towards our **Platinum Award**

Swimming Outcomes 2018-2019

The school has ensured that all Year 2 children have been given the opportunity to swim once a week for two terms. This has provided them with a lot of water confidence and pupil feedback has been positive. We think this is a crucial part of their development and enables all pupils to become confident swimmers from a young age.

Year 6 outcomes:

- All pupils demonstrated an increased level of water confidence with several non-swimmers achieving their 5m by the end of the sessions
- 74% of pupils were able to swim 5m or more
- 16% of pupils were able to swim 10m
- 14% of pupils were able to swim 25m
- 6% of pupils were able to swim 50 m
- 6% of pupils were able to swim between 100m and 200m
- 4% of pupils were able to swim 800m
- Confident swimmers were able to talk about the importance of survival skills
- Our Year 6 pupils were not able to perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Swimming in 2019-20

At Sycamore we recognise the importance of being able to swim and be safe in the water.

Next steps for Sycamore Academy:

- All Year 2 pupils will continue to swim throughout the Autumn and Spring term
- To build upon the progress that the children have made in Year 2 (2018-19 cohort) all Year 3 pupils will go swimming in the Autumn term
- All Year 5 pupils will attend swimming lessons for a term
- All Year 6 pupils will attend swimming lessons for a term
- A focus upon our pupils being able to perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations