

Sports Funding 2013/14

This funding is ring-fenced and therefore can only be spent on provision of PE and sport in schools. The purpose of funding is for schools to spend the additional funding on improving their provision of PE and sport, however, how we choose to do this is very much down to the individual school. Funding received for 2013/14: ETI £5,374 and ETJ £5,755.

Primary school experiences are pivotal to the children's future perception of physical activity and the enthusiasm and enjoyment of the pupils at the East Tilbury schools is testament to the passion and dedication of all staff. Pupils leave the 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. To ensure this passion and drive for sports continues the school has allocated sports funding to secure a permanent specialist PE teacher for three days a week. She is working alongside teachers from both schools to ensure the up skilling of all teaching staff. Within her role she also takes lunchtime and afterschool clubs. Sports teaching in KS2 has been reorganised to make the best use of timetables and some good PE teaching has been seen during formal observations over the autumn term. Aligning and developing provision for dance is a key focus across the schools and an area where the sports funding will be used. Both schools have bought into the Thurrock Sports Partnership at the 'bronze' level, which has been paid for by the sports funding.

The schools have a wealth of sporting equipment; to ensure all equipment can be used easily we are planning to purchase a large container to separate summer and winter equipment. There has been an increase in the participation of sporting competition, with the dedicated teacher we are able to plan the termly diary to ensure children are able to represent the school for varying sports. I am sure the governors will join our celebration for the Upper school achievement of winning their dodge ball finals and getting through to the Essex Heats, this is a huge achievement and one of which we are very proud. Through sport, the children begin to develop the important qualities of discipline, resilience, communication, team work, and ambition: qualities that they are then able to use in their learning in the classroom.

Currently there is a wide range of clubs including: Rugby, netball, dance, football, gymnastics and a gifted and talented provision group. Local competitions are entered for: Dodge ball, basketball, football, cross country, athletics and gymnastics. There is a breakfast sports clubs provision for KS2 children, enhancing their start to the school day.

Future plans include:

- Providing specific sports provision at lunchtimes to increase exercise levels, using sports funding through employing staff to specifically plan and deliver physical activity on the playgrounds, for example skipping games.
- EYFS investment in gross motor equipment for the outdoor area
- Sports kit for events and minibuses/coaches to transport children to ensure quality of opportunity for those with working parent/carers