



Lambley Primary School: Sports Grant 2021-22 Report

• No of pupils on roll	170
• Total amount of sports premium grant received	£14,560
• Total amount of sports premium carry forward	£17,296
• Total amount of sports premium	£31,856

*For a detailed breakdown of actions, funds allocated, evidence and impact, see PE and sports action plan 2021-22 (on school website).

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With the ongoing effects of Covid, school had a carry forward from the previous year to include in this year's Sports Grant Funding. For this year, Lambley received £14,560 and had a carry forward from the previous year (affected by Covid) of £17,296. The money has been spent as follows:

At the start of this school year, and following our observations of the impact of Covid, school quickly assessed the need to increase sporting opportunities and provision in school this year. From talking to parents, staff and children, it was clear that Covid had negatively impacted on the number of sports clubs and extra-curricular activities available and as a by-product of this, children had had less opportunities to remain active. As such, this year school has invested Sports Grant funding and a lot of time on offering a wide range of opportunities. Through whole school motivational assemblies and the opportunity for all children to try new sports, school were able to ascertain which activities would best suit the needs and interests of our school and as such increase uptake in physical activity amongst our children. Throughout the year, all children had the opportunity to try judo, archery, wheelchair basketball, Quidditch, cricket and Year 6 were able to try golf. Not only did we see real enthusiasm for each of these sports and thus more children becoming involved in sport, we also saw opportunities to build upon and develop the provision we already put in place during our PE curriculum.

To support this further, school have also invested time in talking to the children about eating healthily and looking after yourself. We also worked with Trent Bridge Community Trust to provide our Year 5 and Year 6 with their Healthy Hearts programme. Over a six-week period, the children were taught about the importance of an active lifestyle. This work incorporated physical activity as well as discussions about nutrition and diet. Not only was this an incredibly important message to share with the children but it also further supported and enhanced our science curriculum (our work on the lungs and heart). These sessions also formed part of our CPD provision for both our Year 5 and Year 6 teacher.

Following the success of our sports mentor last year, school worked with the team at 'Brighter Futures through Sport' again this year. Through sports lead activities, the mentor was able to develop the children's sporting skills, understanding of key sporting values and improve their confidence. Indeed, his work not only provided them with more physical opportunities and encouraged a more active lifestyle but re-enforced our core values of readiness, respect and resilience. This time not only improved the children's sporting ability and confidence but ensured they took the values learnt in sport into all areas of school life.

This year, we have also continued to work with Via. School firmly believes that the balance bike work with Via is an invaluable opportunity for our Early Year's children. Our PE curriculum for Early Years, places great emphasis on the ABCs of sport: agility, balance and co-ordination and we feel this training with Via further develops and enhances these key skills. Our Y3 and Y4 children have also had the opportunity to work with Via on their Bikeability programme. All children in Y3 and Y4 had access to this provision which taught practical skills as well as built confidence and further encouraged a healthy, active lifestyle. School will look to work with Via again next year for both of these experiences.

To extend and further enhance our PE curriculum, school invested in sporting coaches again this year. This year the children have worked with coaches on wheelchair basketball and wheelchair archery, on hockey and on basketball. Having this regular provision

week in, week out over a term to full year basis has ensured the children have built on skills previously learnt and had time to practise and refine skills that needed more time. With regards to hockey and basketball, school have also been able to arrange fixtures with other schools; giving the children the opportunity to practise their knowledge and skills in a competitive situation. School were also able to provide a wheelchair basketball after-school club which gave those children interested in the sport, the time to work in a smaller group with the coach, developing their knowledge further and refining their skills. Have learnt of another school who use the same provider for wheelchair basketball, school will look to arrange matches in the next school year.

Throughout the year, school has also provided all year groups with inter-school events. Through working closely with the family of schools, we devised a timetable which ensured all year groups could take part in events which built on their PE curriculum whilst also teaching them about competition. Throughout the year, children have attended: Boccia, multi-skills, hockey, gymnastics, cross-country and orienteering events. School has had to utilise some of the Sports Grant Funding to ensure we can attend this highly important and invaluable experiences. The family of schools has already devised a new sporting calendar for next year and have also included a shared sports day (following our own intra-sport events).

With swimming provision also affected over the last two years, school also invested some of the Sports Grant Funding on additional swimming instructors this year. This was carefully planned to ensure that all children could be taught in smaller groups, meeting the needs of all individuals and ensuring maximum practise for all attending. We also feel that working in smaller groups helps increase water confidence which in turn provides the building blocks for swimming using a range of different swimming strokes.

School sports teams also returned, in full, this academic year with both the boys and girls football teams entering their respective competitions. With weekly training and regular matches, the children have ample opportunity to develop their skills and passion for the sport as well as show our core values when representing the school. The two football coaches also ensured that these opportunities were open to multiple year groups ensuring skills could be developed and could be built upon year on year.

With all these school competitions and events, school has also ensured that we have purchased medals and trophies for the children. It is so important to celebrate the hard work, dedication and achievements of all the children in school. This was most noticeable at our Sports Day where all children in school took part together, worked hard together and as a result, we celebrated their achievements together.

To ensure this provision is not only sustainable but also developed upon, school have also invested in the equipment needed for our sporting curriculum and calendar. This ensures we can develop the new sports practised this year, that we can continue to take part in intra-school competitions and that our PE curriculum continues to be as broad and balanced as we have planned it to be.

We are proud of the work we have done this year. We have seen a significant increase in the number of children playing sports and leading a healthy, active lifestyle. We have had more sporting clubs and providers this year than at any other point since I became Headteacher over 3 years ago and we are confident this will continue. We are also incredibly proud that for the first time at Lambley we have applied for the School Games Mark. Not only were we eligible to apply but at the first time of asking, have achieved a gold award. This was a great way to celebrate the hard work that has gone into sports and healthy living at Lambley Primary School this year.

It has been a successful year and we cannot wait to build on this further in September.

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