

## St James' CE VA Primary School

### Sports Funding Report 2021/2022



The school has received an annual Government funding of £17,000.00 on PE and sport provision. We have committed to using these funds, in addition to school funds, to improve the quality and breadth of PE and sport provision across the school.

This year has been a full on year with numerous sports events happening across the school. All sporting events that have taken place have been class based in school during the first term leading to KS1, LKS2 AND UKS2 events such as the Athletics Festival in the summer term.

Children continue to experience a wide range of physical education activities which promote well-being, agility and strength within a range of disciplines.

We have identified disadvantaged children, including but not limited to those eligible for Pupil Premium, these children are carefully tracked to ensure that these children are included in all sporting events.

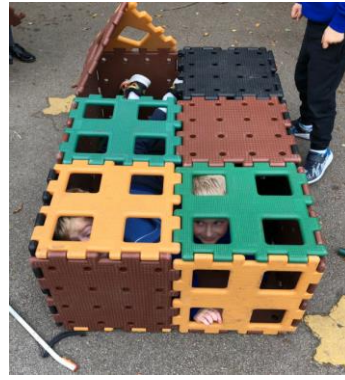
#### **Spending, Effect and Future Sustainability of the Grant**

- **PE lessons** - We ensure that within the curriculum children are accessing a PE lesson at least twice a week to meet statutory curriculum requirements. A variety of different sports equipment has been purchased to support curriculum provision, allowing children to take part in new sports and activities. At the beginning of the year an audit was completed and staff were consulted so that monies were spent effectively to enable 'high quality' learning taking place across the school.



- **Sports Equipment/ Outdoor Play Equipment** – £778.76 (March to May 2022) Structured playground games are provided during lunch time to keep the children active. A variety of equipment was purchased to enable children to participate in a variety of activities during breaks and lunch time. Resources bought include large ropes, a wall mounted chalk board and chalk and an XL polydron natural colour set. The children have enjoyed using the chinks not just on the walls but decorating any piece of paving slab, concrete they can find. There have been many eye catching designs.

In addition to equipment being bought a wooden shed was bought so that equipment could be kept in one location, stored safely so that each class had access to equipment at playtime and lunch break.



• **Bedford and Kempston School Sports Partnership** - £3,780 of our grant has been spent on our annual affiliation to Bedford and Kempston School Sports Partnership. This affiliation gives St James' access to regular expert advice and support from a PE specialist, an opportunity for quality assured professional development training for teachers and teaching assistants, termly networking opportunities for our PE lead, occasional input and support from qualified sports coaches, access to regular sports competitions and festivals including national School Games competitions, links to quality assured community clubs and leisure providers, data collection to help measure and monitor progress and impact and regular national and local updates relating to PE, children's health and well-being and school sport.

Throughout the academic year all children have participated in two intra competitions/festivals, athletics and Outdoor Adventure Activities. The OAA had to be class based due to the pandemic. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and it was amazing to see the progress from start to finish of each child. One child from Year 3 stated, "I can't believe I scored 12 points when throwing a beanbag into a target!" Another child commented, "It's great fun cheering your team on, it doesn't matter if you finish last as long as you finish." Participating in team events also helped the children develop their team work skills and flourish, displaying many of the school values such as perseverance, joy, patience and koinonea.



• **Sports Competition** – Every child in the school have had the opportunity to participate in 2 sporting events either within school or outside school competing against other schools. A priority this year was that each child was involved in at least 1 sporting event over the year. This target has been met. Our older girls won their Bedford based cricket tournament and were invited to represent Bedford at the County Finals.



• **Young Leaders** – A 1 day Young Sports Leader course for year 5 took place in the spring term. This resulted in Y5 children learning how to be a young sports leader and organising an event (in small groups) that was delivered to the Year 1 and Year 2 children. One Y5 child commented, 'It was great, helping the younger children to learn new skills.' This event developed leadership skills, teamwork, planning skills and confidence to teach others. Moving forward there must be a priority that the Young Sports Leaders are given the opportunity to help at other sporting events over the year where they can teach other children new skills and help the PE Lead organise sporting events. Due to the success of the day this will happen next year (it has been booked in) as children gained many personal benefits from taking part.

• **CPD** –Outside agencies have provided CPD by leading gymnastic sessions, athletic sessions and OAA competitions; I am confident that the teachers are better equipped to lead these activities.

• **SUSTRANS - Scootability** - Year 1 and Year 2 participated in scootability. They learnt how to stay safe on a scooter. This was a very enjoyable experience for all the children as they learnt new skills on a scooter and recognised that if used correctly a scooter would be a safe way to travel to school each day.

Since the scootability day many more children in Year 1 and Year 2 travel to school on a scooter and when asked why some children said because they felt safer now they know the proper way to ride it. Another girl in year 2 said, "I got a new one for my birthday because I wanted to come to school on it."

This sporting event will definitely be booked in next year, it helps our children to stay safe whilst travelling to and from school and helping them lead an active life.

Working with SUSTRANS and Modeshift St James' VA Primary School have been awarded the Bronze Modeshift Star. Modeshift believes that effective Travel Plans are vital for a healthier, greener, and safer future, as they promote and enable more sustainable and active modes of travel. Modeshift STARS empowers organisations by providing a centre of excellence for developing, delivering and monitoring effective Travel Plans. Each morning each class log their mode of travel to school using the Living Street travel tracker.



• **Swimming Lessons / transport costs** £1965.00 – Swimming lessons have taken place this year for all KS2 children. All children had access to a 6 week block of swimming lessons, unfortunately this was only a 5 week block due to non-arrival of coach (year 3 and year 4) and problems with the swimming pool due to a power cut (year 5 and year 6).

In those short 5 weeks in 30 minute sessions, it was clear to all who observed that the children's confidence grew. Children who feared the water at first were able to put their faces in the water. At the end of the 5 week session 70% of the children in Year 6 were able to swim 25 metres. The children who couldn't swim had become more confident and were all able to attempt swimming without being fearful. All the children understood how to stay safe near water – this is of paramount importance as Bedford has a river running through it.

• **School Games Mark** - St James' has achieved Gold School Games Mark 2021-22 for our commitment to and the development of competition, school sport and physical education across our school and into the local community.

• **Bedford Blues Community**- - £2160.00 - This year the whole school has had a term of Read to Rugby. Starting off with the older children UKS2 in the autumn term finishing with KS1 in the summer term. The feedback from the Year teachers was that progress could be seen clearly from the start to the end session. The children love reading to the 'rugby man' – the class teacher would choose the group of children that would read each week ensuring that all children had the opportunity to read at least once over the term. Vulnerable children would read each week.

Next year all the school will have read to rugby each week during the different terms where individual children will be chosen by the class teacher to read and all children will participate in learning the rugby skills and values of Bedford Blues (that run very closely to St James' school values) led by a member of Bedford Blues Community.

The progress in all children learning the rugby skills is evident, they gain confidence and they are beginning to work as a team.

A group of children were invited to form a Guard of Honour at a home game. The experience that the children received and the enjoyment on their faces meeting the players, sharing chips with their friends was beyond expectations.

Going forward we hope to continue to enjoy a strong partnership with Bedford Blues, and to form a Guard of Honour at one of the matches.





• **Whole School**

Across the school every child has had the opportunity to participate in at least 2 sporting events.

Year Group	Sporting Event/competition
Robins	Tennis Session with Riverside Tennis Club Athletics Session with School PE Partnership Scootability Sponsored Scoot Sports Day
Year 1	Orienteering – School Partnership Gymnastics – School Partnership Spring Multi Sports – whole class, dance, football, unihoc Summer multi sports – whole class, athletics, cricket, rounders
Year 2	Orienteering – School Partnership Autumn Multi Skills Spring Multi Sports – whole class, dance, football, unihoc Summer multi sports – whole class, athletics, cricket, rounders
Year 3	Orienteering – School Partnership Autumn Multi Sports – whole class tag rugby, OAA, Goalball Spring Multi Skills – whole class Summer Multi Sports – whole class Athletics Festival – whole class Quad Kid Athletics – 16 children Fitness Sessions – block of 6 whole class
Year 4	Orienteering – School Partnership Sports Hall Athletics – 18 children Spring Multi Skills – whole class Athletics, Inclusive activities, scoreball Summer Multi Sports – whole class, cricket, tri-golf, rounders
Year 5	Orienteering – School Partnership Fitness Sessions – whole class 6 week block Tag Rugby Boys Yr5/6 – 12 in a squad Tag Rugby Girl Yr5/6 – 12 in a squad Boys Football – 10 in a squad Sports Hall Athletics Yr5/6 18 children Girls Football Yr5/6 10 in a squad Quad Kids Athletics YR5/6 – 16 children Summer Multi Sports - cricket, athletics, tri-golf
Year 6	Caldecotte Experience – residential where they experienced archery, sailing and raft building Orienteering – whole class Fitness Sessions – whole class 6 week block Gymnastics – 6 week block with School partnership Girls Cricket County Finals – the children did really well to get through to the county finals, coming 1 <sup>st</sup> beating 6 teams in the previous round. Tag Rugby Boys Yr5/6 – 12 in a squad Tag Rugby Girl Yr5/6 – 12 in a squad Boys Football – 10 in a squad Sports Hall Athletics Yr5/6 18 children Girls Football Yr5/6 10 in a squad Quad Kids Athletics YR5/6 – 16 children Summer Multi Sports – rounders, quicksticks, OAA

• **Sports Day** – This year there was a Sports Day at Biddenham International School. Parents were invited to join us, it was a fabulous occasion where we welcomed the parents/carers/family members to our school community. The children were split into 4 teams across the school. Ribbons were bought and stickers so that all children in school would receive 2 stickers on the day. There were 6 active stations where points were scored, followed by sprint races. The children went round the stations as a class so little mini competitions were had at each station. It was lovely to hear the children cheering on other team members. At the end of the class sports day there was an overall team winner for the school. They were presented with the school sports day cup with the winning team coloured ribbons attached. This was announced by Ms Soulsby and the cup is now on display in the cabinet in the entrance foyer.



### Year 6 Residential

Year 6 visited the Caldecote centre in June, part of the cost of this is provided by the Sports Premium. Children completed a range of OOA during their time away.



• **Leadership time** – for PE leader to organise events, organise before and after school clubs attend CPD training, monitor effectiveness of PE across the school, evaluate progress and plan for further school improvement.

• **WOW – Walk to School** – we continue to buy into this programme, promoting more sustainable methods to transport to/from school.



- **Future Funding**

School Sports Partnership membership

Competitions across school (inter & intra school) – disadvantaged pupils to participate in all eligible events

Leadership time to monitor impact of curriculum, and to support new leader in post from Jan 23

Support for swimming lessons (top up lessons, cost of transport)

Resources to allow 'High Quality' teaching

Additional outdoor equipment for playtime, further development of on-site OAA through Forest School development

