

School Sports Funding 2014 – 2015

As a school we have always strived to provide the best opportunities for all our pupils to lead a healthy and active lifestyle and the supply of the School Sport Funding has enabled us to do this with greater ease. From analysing your feedback and looking at what the school already offers, we have put these funds towards various aspects to greater enhance what we already do and provide greater wealth of opportunities. The funding has enabled us as a school to: introduce, and compete, in new sports; hiring of specialist sports coaches to run out of hours clubs; the hiring of a play leader to run organised sporting activities during play and lunch times; the hiring of specialist coaches to team teach PE lessons; a Theatre company to come into school and perform a healthy lifestyle play and much more.

This year, Whitehall received £9566 in sports funding and here is an overview of how we used the funding.

Use of money	Total spend
Professional coaches	£7155.00
Equipment	£238.80
Employing playground games staff	£1326.42
Hiring for Health and Fitness Week	£500.00
Healthy Living Promotion	£350.00
Total spend =	£9,570.22

The extra financial support saw us increase the numbers of children participating in Inter and Intra competitions as well as seeing the largest number of pupils on record participating in out of hours sports clubs. From assessment, the ability and fitness of pupils has also increased as well as in increased number of young leaders. The impact of the use of this money is certainly evident for all to see.

What a successful 2014-15!

Sainsbury's School Games Award

Our school has been presented with the 'Sainsbury's School Games' Gold Award for 2014-15. It is wonderful to see the progress we have made as a school to achieve this in only three years; well done to all.



PE Lessons

It is pleasing to see that PE lessons have been enjoyed by all this year and that you have expressed your enthusiasm for the variety of dance and gymnastics units which have been taught as well as the wide range of team games and athletics lessons. The skills you have all learnt and the progress in which you are making is fantastic and all the teachers are looking forward to building on these next year. Your hard work and enjoyment in PE lessons really has shown that sport and healthy living is really at the heart of our learning at Whitehall.

Sports' Coaches

It has been wonderful to have our tennis, football, cheer leading, dance, basketball, gymnastics, multi skills, cricket and Kung Fu coaches work with us again this year to run some of our out of hours sports clubs either before, during or after school. These clubs have been as popular as ever and you have all benefited greatly from the expertise of these professional coaches. As a school, we are delighted to still offer these clubs again from September and we look forward to welcoming the coaches back.

As well as the professional coaches running out of hours clubs, all classes across the school have had the wonderful opportunity to have their PE lessons taught by either Nathan, our gymnastics coach, or Leon, our basketball coach, this year. The feedback I have had back from the teachers and pupils on these lessons has been very positive and it is so wonderful to hear that much is being gained from these lessons.

Clubs

All of the coaches would like to say a huge thank you to the vast numbers of children who signed up to attend additional physical education through joining one or more of our numerous clubs on offer this year. The coaches were overwhelmed by the numbers of you who attended and the positive attitudes and commitment you all had towards these clubs - it is so good to see you all having such a responsible attitude towards living a healthy lifestyle and wanting to develop your skills and knowledge of sport.

Football League and cup

Despite under-performing in this year's league campaign, the various cups have brought more success. In the Uxbridge and District Cup, our school team were beaten in the semi-finals to St. Andrew's 4-2 (AET). Our Y3/4 team reached the quarter finals (going out 2-1 to Cowley St. Laurence) in the Brentford Football Club 125th anniversary tournament, playing some excellent football.

Our greatest achievement this year has been retaining the PSD Coopers Cup - going undefeated and scoring terrific goals in the process; Lukasz scoring an unbelievable hat-trick in the final, Adonis winning the Player of the Tournament award and captain, Bradley, lifting 'Big Ears' aloft on a beautiful sunny day at the home of football rivals, Cowley St. Laurence.



Netball League and Rallies

The netball team had a very successful season in the league, finishing third overall! Throughout the year, the children involved in netball have worked hard and shown great skill and sportsmanship; it is so pleasing to see that hard work recognised in their finishing position in the league.

Whitehall took part in the girls', mixed and boys' netball rallies this year and despite playing very well, no teams progressed passed the group stages of the competition.

Miss Costa hopes to see many of you continuing to play netball when the season starts again in September.



Sports Hall Athletics

On Wednesday 7th January, twelve children took part in this year's sports hall athletics at Hillingdon Sports and Leisure Centre against four other schools. The children performed their individual disciplines brilliantly and came together well to run the varied relays on the evening. Despite hard work and great teamwork, we did not qualify for the finals but we are ready to do better in next year's event.

Hockey Tournament and friendly matches

Hockey, which is a new sport to be played at Whitehall, had their first tournament at Harefield Academy early on this year. Even though they did not win, the children played well and enjoyed the opportunity to compete in a sport that is fairly new to Whitehall - I know the team will continue to develop their skills and build on this experience next year. It is so pleasing to see the commitment the children have had to this new sport as they continued to play friendly matches for the remainder of the year. A big thank you to all the parents who came and supported the team at these events!

Cross Country

A huge congratulations to the Cross Country team! The boys' and girls' teams both ran brilliantly during the Uxbridge & District competition and the girls' team was announced as second place winners. A special mention to Chloe Raeburn (year 6) who finished fourth, Xochitl Husbands (year 6) who came ninth and Bradley Ibrahim (year 5) who finished in the top ten boys. These children represented the school in the finals and once again were very successful and did themselves, as well as the school, proud - we have some very talented runners!

Gymnastics competition

For the first time ever, Whitehall took a gymnastics team to compete against other schools on Thursday 12th February at Botwell Green Sports and Leisure Centre. The team took part in a floor, vault and body management routine. They all performed brilliantly and the school finished 7th overall. This was a wonderful achievement and we look forward to next year's competition where we will be entering more teams.

Swimming Gala

On Thursday 19th March, several children represented Whitehall in this year's Uxbridge Schools' Swimming Gala. The children did so well that they qualified for 5 out of the 8 finals available - the best final qualifications we have had for many years. Despite not winning any medals, we had many fourth places. Well done to all involved!

Cheerleading Competition

On Saturday 20th June, Whitehall's dedicated Cheerleading team, Whitehall Warriors, gave up their Saturday morning lay in to take part in this year's British Cheerleading Association (BCA) competition in Guildford. The twenty girls had been rehearsing their routine for weeks and performed it brilliantly for the judges. Their two and a half minute routine contained well performed stunts, imaginative dance choreography and some very impressive gymnastic moves. A fantastic performance girls!



Rugby Competitions

On Monday 11th May, year 4 and 5 children took part in a rugby competition at Oak Farm School. The children played well as a team and demonstrated throughout the event the knowledge and skills they had developed through attending weekly training sessions in their matches. Then on Monday 29th June, Whitehall held their first ever rugby tournament at our school which we had three teams compete in. The teams played well despite not progressing past the group stages. The rugby coach is looking forward to next year's season.

Rounders Tournament

On Wednesday 17th June, Whitehall took two teams to compete in the districts rounders competition at Ryefield School. Although the teams did not progress beyond the group stages, throughout they showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment not to give up. It was pleasing to see many of the children on these teams compete in their very first competition and we hope that they will now have a passion to compete in more events in the future.

District Sports

On Wednesday 8th July, Whitehall took 32 children to compete in this year's Uxbridge large schools' district sports at Hillingdon Athletics track. The children competed in either a running, throwing, jumping or relay event. All the children performed brilliantly but a special mention should go to the following medal winners:

Riane, year 3, silver medal in tennis ball throw

Ruth, year 4, bronze medal in 60m sprint

Chelsea, year 5, bronze medal in 70m sprint

Rahim, year 5, gold medal in vortex javelin

Alex, year 5, gold medal in 70m sprint

Alex, Ruby, Chelsea, Abi, Kairo and Ramel, year 5, silver medal in relay

Xochitl, year 6, bronze medal in 80m sprint

Emma, year 6, silver medal in running long jump



Health and Fitness Week

What an action packed week which was enjoyed by all! It was wonderful to see so many sports being explored: athletics, fitness sessions, tennis, table tennis, football, traditional English dancing, cricket and sponsored walk. As well as this, you all gained a lot from the assembly about hidden sugar in your diets as well as the performance of 'It's Yum Mum' by a local theatre company. The fruit stall also proved very popular by all - including parents!



Sports Day

Despite having to cancel the first date due to poor weather, we finally had the sun shining on us to complete our sports day on Tuesday 30th June. The whole school came together to earn valuable points for their house team in throwing, jumping and running events throughout the day. It was a tight competition but congratulations to Frays who won this year - thank you to all the parents who came along and supported!

Sports Assembly

Congratulations to all those who received a medal for representing the school in a competition this year. The number of you who received a medal, or several medals, was astounding which really highlights how much sport is a part of our everyday life here at Whitehall and how much we enjoy, and gain a lot from, sport. A special thank you must go to Rianna Dean, an under 17 England player and Arsenal first team named player, who is a past pupil of Whitehall for coming along to award the medals in our assembly. The fact a past pupil of ours has reached such great success in football really is inspirational to all of us in terms of what we can achieve in sport if we work hard to succeed!





We have reached the end of the Summer Term and we have so much to be proud of. We are elated by this year's achievements but we are just as excited about the new successes to come next year!

Miss Costa and Mr Jones