

*Sports funding in Corpus Christi - how **did** we spend it?*

This year we were allocated £9585.00 from the Government to spend on PE and Sports.

It was decided that the money would be used to give our children the opportunity to try new and exciting sports, which they might not otherwise have experienced, with the aim to help each child make a change for life.



For each year group the money has been spent on:

Year group	Activity	Number of children who took part	Responses from children
Yr R	Balance bike training	44	'It was hard to begin with but I kept trying.' 'I liked going up and down the ramps.' 'It helped me balance.'
Yr R, 1 and 2	Circus skills day, which included tight rope walking and stilt walking	134	'We had fun.' 'We walked on a tightrope.' 'I went on a tiny bike'. 'We walked like giants.' '(on stilts)
Yr 1	Taster afternoon at the gym centre	44	'I liked bouncing on the trampoline.' 'I want to go again as it was fun.' 'I want to go again to learn new skills.'
Yr 2	10 weeks of swimming lessons	45	'It's fun, you get to learn new skills.' 'We learnt to do roly poly's in the water.' 'They help us with our swimming skills.'

Yr 3	An activity day at Queen Elizabeth Country park which included orienteering, team building activities and water obstacle course	45	'I liked building the den and collecting the wood for it.' 'We had to use a map to find our way around.' 'The water obstacle course was tricky to get over with water in a bucket.' 'The water course was fun and challenging.'
Yr 4	An activity day at Fort Purbrook, which included rifle shooting and archery	45	'It was fun'. 'There were exciting activities'. 'It was challenging'. 'My aim got better'. 'I tried new activities'.
Yr 5	Sailing and raft building day	44	'I have never done it before, it was fun'. 'It involved team work and everybody got a chance'. 'I got to do things I couldn't do at home.'
Yr 6	Go Ape, high wire obstacle course	44	'People who weren't scared helped those who were.' 'I want to go with my family.' 'The zip wire was the best bit, you just jumped off and landed in the woodchips.'



The response from the children has been great; they have been so enthusiastic about trying new sporting activities, learning new skills, having time to practise them and facing new challenges. Through these activity days



we have widened the breadth of sports on offer to our children, these sports have included rifle shooting, trampolining, orienteering and sailing.

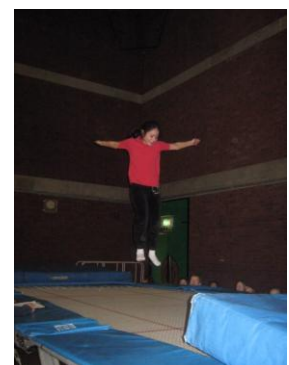
Each child has faced their own personal challenges, whether this has been to try something new or to improve their skills.



We were very keen to get our year 2 children to have swimming lessons, as this is a key life skill. The response to these lessons has been very positive from both parents and children. By the end of year 6 all children should be able to swim a minimum 25m. When assessed during their final session 25 children were able to swim 10m, while 10 children were confident swimming 20m.

Some of our funding was spent on joining the 'Portsmouth Sport Service Level Agreement'. By joining this we have been able to take part in a number of competitions and festivals across the city. These include football, netball, basketball, cheerleading, junior dance off, sportshall athletics, tri-golf and cricket. A highlight from these competitions has been the opportunity for some of our children to take part in the Hampshire county finals for athletics and also the Hampshire county games for tri-golf and netball. The team achieved silver for tri-golf and came 4th in netball.

Through the SLA we have also been able to offer specialist coaching to our children. Children from year 3/4 experienced trampoline coaching, where 27 children achieved level 3, 34 children achieved level 4 and 2 children achieved level 5 of the British Gymnastics Proficiency Scheme. Our year 1 children have had a dance coach in to teach them street dance for 10 weeks, the children were taught new dance steps and practised these steps so that they could put a routine together. The school have a link to the dance coach for future coaching.



And as a result?

1. The teachers also enjoyed all the activities, and share in the children's enthusiasm. They have requested more opportunities to teach sport and therefore next year we will spend our funding on training teachers to teach indoor and outdoor PE
2. We will be upgrading our take up of Portsmouth Sports Alliance from Bronze to Silver, (£4,500) which will give additional coaching time for teachers as well as pupils, and even wider access to sporting events.
3. A number of children have asked can they have the chance to play in competitive games such as football and netball, and therefore, as well as our very successful school teams, we will be working with local schools on Sports Festivals where everyone gets to play!
4. We were delighted with our success in swimming, so we will keep introducing Y2 to this sport, as well as continuing to provide lessons to all Y5 as part of our usual PE provision.
5. The YR leader found the Balance Bike activity provided a valuable insight into the children's gross motor skills, and have requested that we provide this earlier in the year.

All in all, a great sporting year for Corpus Christi!

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