

Great Massingham C of E Primary School PE Grant Funding 2013 to 2017

PE Grant Funding is a source of funding provided directly to schools in addition to their main funding from the Local Authority for the academic years 2013/14 and 2014/15, commencing in September 2013 to run until August 2015. The purpose of the grant is to enable schools to improve the quality of sport and PE provision for all the children within their school.

Eligible schools

Funding for schools is calculated by the number of primary-aged pupils (between the ages of 5 and 11) as at the annual school's census.

All schools with 17 or more primary-aged pupils will receive a lump sum of £8,000 plus a premium of £5 per pupil. Smaller schools (below 17) will receive £500 per pupil.

Purpose of funding

Schools must spend the sport funding on improving their provision of PE and sport but they will have the freedom to choose how they do this. They may use the funding, for example, to:

- Hire specialist PE teachers or qualified sports coaches to work alongside primary teachers when teaching PE.
- Pay for professional development opportunities in PE/sport.
- Provide cover to release primary teachers for professional development in PE/sport.
- Run sport competitions or increase participation in school sports.
- Buy quality assured professional development modules or materials for PE/sport.
- Provide places for pupils at after school sport clubs and holiday clubs.

HOW THE FUNDING HAS BEEN USED

September 2013 to end of March 2014

Allocation for the seven months is ££5,304

After School Multi-Sports Club (£500)

The school has a tradition of running an After School Multi-Sports Club, on the school field or inside if wet, every Summer Term and for the first half of every Autumn Term, one evening a week. A specialist PE sports coach runs these sessions. In the past, all children attending have paid a fee to cover the cost. The school has always been aware that this approach is not inclusive as the cost is often prohibitive for some families. The option of not charging has not been possible until now as the school needs to balance its budget.

From April 2013 the Club has been free to all pupils at the School from year 1 to year 6. Attendance at the Club has increased significantly to above 90% on most occasions.

Swimming (£1700)

Swimming has always been seen as an essential part of Great Massingham School's curriculum. Although the National Curriculum expectation is for one year group (usually year 4) to be provided with swimming tuition, at Great Massingham the expectation is that all pupils should be provided with swimming tuition every year, for the minimum of one term. This is expensive but an expensive necessity in the school's opinion. In the past, parents have been asked for a voluntary contribution which, for many families and particularly larger families, has been costly and often hard to afford. Governors of the school are regularly reviewing this provision as it is expensive.

What this grant has allowed us to do is to ensure that every child has quality swimming instruction at a pool four miles away for twelve weeks of the year, free of charge. The cost of a qualified swimming teacher, at the pool, is included. A teacher at the school is

also taking the swimming qualification and a Teaching Assistant, who attends with the children, is already qualified.

Gymnastics (£2,146)

The school does not have a gymnasium. However, the school feels strongly that regular exercise and the opportunity to experience all that a gymnasium has to offer is an essential part of any PE curriculum. For this reason, for the past three years, the whole school has been enrolled in a twelve week course at Lynnsport Gym, in King's Lynn. As mentioned with the swimming provision, this is expensive but considered essential. In the past, parents have been asked for a voluntary contribution which again places a burden on some families' finances. The School budget was such that governors were being forced to make difficult decisions about whether this could be continued. What the grant has allowed us to do is to ensure that, at least for two more years, all the children at the school will receive quality gym instruction at a fully equipped gym, for twelve weeks of the year, free of charge.

Contribution to Cluster for Sport Coordinator (£402)

Great Massingham School is part of the Litcham High School Cluster. All schools in the cluster have paid a contribution towards employing a Multi-Sports Co-ordinator to provide sports sessions in a variety of sports for each school such as Hi Fi netball and tag rugby.

Tennis

Our village has good tennis facilities and a growing, enthusiastic tennis club. The Club is in the process of setting up court facilities for younger children. Often the fees for courses run at the club are too high for many of our children to participate but we intend to use some of the grant to organise some age specific courses. In March the children took part in a Tennis Taster Session at the school.

Partnership Activities with Partnership School (£200)

A Partnership between Great Massingham C of E School and Harpley C of E School began in September 2013. Some of the sports grant has been used for joint activities within the Partnership with costs shared.

A 'Partnership Day' was held in November 2013 with the main aim being to introduce the children to various sporting activities. Both schools were used as they are less than two miles apart and children were transported by minibus between the two sites. The following activities were offered, led by specialist teachers:

- Orienteering
- Dance
- Speed Stacking
- Playground Games

Forest Schools (£356)

The grant provided the opportunity for all the children in Reception and KS1 of both partnership schools to attend four sessions of 'Forest Schools' at our local 'Hawk and Owl Trust Sculthorpe Moor Reserve'. The children experienced much about the 'outdoor life' and what it has to offer. Years 1 and 2 attended in October and Reception in November/December 2013.

Sports Grant Steering Committee

A 'Sports Grant Steering Committee' has been set up with membership including governors from both partnership schools. The remit of the committee is to plan shared PE/Sport activities for the two partnership schools that will give all the children the chance to experience as many different sports as possible.

HOW THE FUNDING HAS BEEN USED

April 2014 to March 2015

Allocation is £8,150

• Second part of Cluster Sport Coordinator's Contribution	£ 398
• Gill Sports Activities for KS1, Summer Term 2014.	£ 360
• Swimming Autumn term 2014 and Spring Term 2015, Pool & Transport	£2,460
• Swimming – Costs for two qualified swimming teachers	£1,889
• Cost of swimming course for swimming assistant	£ 50
• Multisports Club in Summer Term	£ 360
• Andrea Glover – Multisports- Autumn and Spring terms	£ 780
• Forest Schools – Reception – Autumn Term	£ 125
• Multisports After School Club – Autumn & Spring	£ 360
• Lunchtime Football Club – Autumn & Spring	£ 225
• Contribution to new PE shed and equipment	£1,100
• Swimming Equipment	£ 43
TOTAL	£8,150

HOW THE FUNDING HAS BEEN USED

April 2015 to March 2016

Allocation is £8,150

• Swimming Autumn 2015 and Spring 2016, Pool & Transport	£2,500
• Cost of Swimming Assistants	£1,900
• Cost of H & S course for teaching assistant	£ 60
• Andrea Glover Sports Activities – Summer Term 2015	£ 375
• Andrea Glover – Multisports – Autumn & Spring Terms	£ 780
• Forest Schools – Reception – Autumn Term	£ 100
• Tennis Tuition	£ 200
• Equipment	£ 200
• Sports Teacher – Summer Term - 0.1 (2015)	£1,620
• Rounders Club – Various costs – Summer Term	£ 200
• Contribution to Cluster PE	£ 215
TOTAL	£8,150

HOW THE FUNDING WILL BE USED

April 2016 to March 2017

Expected Allocation is £8,155

PROVISIONAL PLANS

• Swimming Autumn 2016 and Spring 2016, Pool & Transport	£2,500
• Cost of Swimming Assistants	£1,900
• Cost of Training course for teacher	£ 100
• Multisports – Autumn & Spring terms	£ 780
• Finish Line Sports Activities – Summer term 2016	£ 375
• Forest Schools – Transport	£ 150
• Tennis Tuition	£ 200
• Sports Teacher – Summer Term – 0.1 (2016)	£1,620
• Horstead Residential Adventurous Activity	£ 200
• Contribution to Cluster	£ 215
• Equipment	£ 115
TOTAL	£8,155

The Impact of the Funding

- 13/14 More children are participating in the Multi-sports After School Club sessions (attendance above 90% on a regular basis). They are benefiting from the regular exercise and from learning new activities. Other benefits in social skills from playing team games together are also evident.
14/15 This year the Multisports Club started later to fit in with all the other activities. We are monitoring the impact.
15/16 The Multisports Club is now a fully established after school activity with good, regular attendance.
- 13/14 Having the whole school, from reception to year 6, going swimming once a week for a twelve week block has many benefits. This provision is far more than the minimum recommendation in the National Curriculum and is really helping improve the children's confidence in the water and their ability to swim. Water exercise is also beneficial for therapeutic and other health reasons as well as the main purpose to teach children to swim and be confident in water. It is always difficult to quantify the full impact but we know we have happy confident children excited about going to the pool to swim.
14/15: Due to the gym not being available in the Spring Term the decision was taken to have two terms of swimming in 14/15 for the whole school. We are monitoring this closely to see the benefits two terms of swimming brings. So far it has proved very successful.
15/16: We are pleased to be able to continue this activity for another year. Parents, when surveyed, stated how important it is for them to know their children are gaining confidence in the water and learning to swim. They consider it an essential, regular activity and say how difficult it would be for them to offer this while living in such a rural area.
- 13/14 Having the whole school attending a twelve week course at a well-equipped gymnasium with a specialist instructor has many benefits to the children, their self-esteem, their physical health and their PE skills. They love attending the sessions and take part enthusiastically.
14/15 Sadly, the gymnasium was not able to offer a term of gymnastics this year. We are considering other options for 2014/15.
15/16 Ditto above. However, we have secured a booking for summer 2017.
- 13/14 The Cluster Co-ordinator is good value and has already introduced the children to new sports and skills. By pooling the resource with all Cluster schools we are getting a greater variety of provision than we could ever achieve on our own by funding each sport individually. One of our success criteria from the use of the grant is to introduce the children to as many different sports as possible. We want the children to grow into healthy adults and, hopefully, carry on participating in sport in adulthood. We hope that by letting them trial many sports there will be at least one that appeals to them. The children also develop many new skills as each sport has its own particular skill. Children at Massingham are active and enthusiastic and they really appreciate the chance to try out new skills to good effect.
14/15 The Cluster decided not to continue with the Cluster Co-ordinator so for this year we have purchased our own support and are continuing to offer a good range of sports for the children to learn.
15/16 The Cluster activities are important although it gets more difficult for Cluster to cover the costs. There are not so many activities but the school has taken part in all that has been on offer and contributed to the costs.
- 13/14 The tennis taster session was just the start of the children's introduction to tennis. More will follow in the 2014/15 year of the grant.
14/15 Tennis sessions on the village hall tennis courts were organised during the summer and autumn for both schools in our federation. They were very successful and the children's tennis skills improved tremendously.
15/16 Ditto above.

- 13/14 Working with our partnership school and pooling our resources has allowed us to achieve much more. In addition to gaining new skills - be it in orienteering or learning about forest skills - the children have developed their social skills by mixing with the children from their partnership school. Seeing all the children confidently making new friends and taking part with new friends is very rewarding. This is important for all schools but particularly so for small schools.
14/15 More Forest schools – this time for the new Reception.
15/16 Ditto above.
- 13/14 Our Partnership Steering Committee is busily planning for the next year of the grant and it has every intention of using the funding wisely to good effect.
- 14/15 The school lacks quality storing for its PE equipment so this year, as part of the redevelopment of the Foundation Stage area, some of the fund has been used to purchase a quality PE store and some new equipment. This should allow us to continue with the variety of activities should the grant end in 2016.
15/16 Purchase of more equipment for new activities so that the range offered is wider.