Background

Rushey Mead Primary School is situated to the north of the City of Leicester serving a community that is rich in a diversity of language, faith and culture. For 93% of the children, English is an additional language; the first language for 52% of the children being Gujarati. The largest faith community is Hindu, although we have significant numbers of children who are Muslim. Sikh and Christian, 12% of our children are on Free school meals. It is for this reason that historically the children at Rushev Mead Primary have not participated in a breadth of experiences and consequently have demonstrated a poor awareness of sports skills when participating in competitive sports. In the last OFSTED inspection, 2014, it was noted that 'The school uses the primary school sport funding to strengthen teachers' skills through working alongside specialist coaching staff and to enable pupils to participate in a wider range of competitive sports. There are suitable plans to measure its impact. ' The school has a dedicated PE Coordinator, Lisa Smith who encourages all teachers to ensure that all children carry out 2 hours of PE a week. She is a strong advocate for PE and School Sport and she supports all staff with the planning and delivery of their lessons.

Quote - Pupil(s)

"I like sport because it encourages you to keep fit and it's fun!" (Yr 6)

"I like playing sports because everyone can join in and have fun" (Yr 6)

"It has been good to work with the different coaches because thy tech skills that we can use in the future." (Yr 3)

"Our PE lessons makes us storng and healthy." (Yr 3)

We are able to get better at different sports" (Yr3)

Providing opportunities to widen the children's experiences within a range of sporting activities and competitions.

Actions

Through monitoring the planning and delivery of PE the PE lead within the school was able to identify the following areas as priorities for the academic year 2015-2016:

- Continued membership of the Soar Valley School Sport Network.
- Continue to offer a variety of sporting clubs after school.
- To develop a school netball and football team.
- continue to take part in local sports competitions/events organised by Soar Valley School Sports Network
- Participate in city wide competitions
- Continue to hire qualified sports coaches to work alongside staff for short PE modules eg cricket, football, tennis etc.
- make links to other community sports providers encouraging pupils to join out of school sports clubs
- To purchase additional equipment to further support the delivery of PE e.g. basketball and netball posts, rugby balls and footballs.
- Continue to support the planning and delivery of PE in school.
- Provide new staff with further CPD opportunities to enhance the delivery of PE and Sport in school.
- To continue to monitor the current planning and delivery of PE and Sport so that sessions are of a high quality.
- Promote a lifelong active lifestyle.

Impact

At Rushey Mead Primary School we have worked hard to ensure that the children are dressed appropriately for sporting events and activities. When participating in events out of school we have ensured that the children promote a professional image by providing them with matching sportswear.

Providing the children with a range of sporting activities within the curriculum, through competitions and within afterschool clubs, has resulted in more children being active across the school.

All children in the school have developed a deeper understanding of the importance of PE and have demonstrated a growing enthusiasm for participating in a range of different sporting activities during curriculum time as well as attending extra curricula activities and out of school community clubs.

We have developed a school football team and netball team to help us to make further links with schools within the community. We are trying to form more and more links with the schools in our local area as well as across the city to enable us to participate in regular friendly matches. We have begun to play inter-sport competitions through a Football League within the city.

How partners are supporting the school/cluster of schools to embed and sustain the activity

We are part of the Soar Valley School Sport Network and have met regularly as a working party to create a set of medium term plans which match the new national curriculum across the primary school. We participate in a range of sporting festivals/tournaments against other schools within the network, promoting competitive sport and participating for fun and enjoyment. Through the partnership we also gain access to a range of Professional Development opportunities as well as being able to network with other schools as part of a community.