



Uttoxeter Sports Partnership Update – Using the Sports Premium to enhance provision within local schools. Autumn Term Academic Year 2014-15 review

This term has seen 18 first and middle schools in Uttoxeter buy into coordinated support, utilising their sports premium funding to fund this additional provision. The information below outlines the areas of support and activity which have been undertaken this term. A big thank you to the school staff, pupils and parents who have supported the activities and enabled them to happen.

Continual Professional Development

35 teachers and school support staff (from Burton and Uttoxeter Schools) attended the PE Coordinators training on Tuesday 18 November at St George's Park. The day provided information around delivery of the curriculum through utilising new activities including yoga and a workshop on positive play and in particular lunchtime provision. Alongside this schools shared good practice around engaging with families and helping people to be active at home, obtaining data and evidence for the sports premium and an update on competition and School Games Mark applications.

If anyone still requires assistance with obtaining data to support the collation of evidence to show impact of the sports premium please get in touch.

A gymnastics CDP session was held by Hannah Stirley from Uttoxeter Gym Club. Hannah is a trained gym coach and primary school teacher and not only gave those who attended information on how to deliver gymnastics in the curriculum as well as help schools prepare for the gymnastics competition later this term. Video clips of the gymnastics routines were provided to all schools to help with this.

A CPD session looking at a bootcamp style approach within schools to increase general fitness levels was also provided by OPEN (Outstanding PE network) from Stoke on Trent. A pilot scheme in their area has rolled out the delivery of practical activities for pupils that can be delivered throughout the school day and in the playground rather than within formal PE lessons. Examples included marching whilst doing times-tables, squatting whilst standing against walls, balancing when in a line etc. Further work will be undertaken next term in this area to provide additional resources and examples for schools to look at rolling this out.





The next PE Coordinators training is on Tuesday 27 January at St George's Park, 9.30am – 3.30pm.

INSET

If you have any other areas of INSET which would support you and your staff, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will help to facilitate this. We are hoping to host a session on delivering outstanding PE lessons later this term.

Playground leaders

A number of schools have accessed playground leaders training for their pupils this term. A minimum of 6 week support has been provided in most cases to support pupils who now delivering lunchtime support. In some schools this has been linked to Change for Life Clubs. Ongoing training is still available to all schools and follow up visits will be made to check progress. Certificates will be provided to pupils who have undertaken the training in the near future.

Training has so far taken place in 6 schools with others booked for the spring term. If anyone requires additional training sessions to be arranged, please let us know. This can be in the form of regular weekly sessions or one off activities if required to suit. We have also worked with staff from specific schools who have then delivered the training themselves.

Midday supervision

Training for midday supervisors has taken place in a few schools. This has included looking at both indoor and outdoor play and managing space. Again, this support is available to other schools if requested.

Curriculum / extracurricular support

We have provided curriculum support to schools in the form of team teaching and/or bringing in sports coaches to support curricular delivery. This has included bringing in secondary teachers to support the delivery of PE in First Schools and to help plan PE lessons with staff who perhaps have limited experience.

Information has also been made available to schools to support the management and coordination of external coaches through lesson observations, good practice information and general support.

I would ask that schools continue to observe and feedback on sessions where external coaches are used so that if there are any areas of development these can be addressed with CPD as soon as possible. I would also encourage schools to look at their own staff development during the curriculum support sessions and consider team teaching and delivering part sessions to ensure sustainability and provide the evidence of the impact of the curricular support for the sports premium.



Our extracurricular support has included identifying coaches to support lunchtime clubs, after school clubs and breakfast clubs. A variety of coaches and individuals have been used and in some cases these sessions have been aligned to the competition programme, enabling school teams to be selected and trained prior to the events. If you have any specific area of need we can help to identify suitable coaches who can help.

Action Planning

Schools have also been assisted with the development of action plans and delivery plans in relation to PE and School Sport. The plans have been used to both identify area of strength and weakness within schools, the actions and interventions being undertaken to support these and how the Sports Premium has impacted upon delivery. The plans should be considered a working document to be updated and reviewed on a regular basis.

Competition

Unfortunately the weather wasn't always kind to us resulting in a couple of competitions having to be postponed, however we did still manage to run the following events in Uttoxeter; Year 3 & 4 Cross Country, Year 3,4,5 & 6 Tag Rugby, Year 5 & 6 football and Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 sportshall athletics. In addition, some of the schools have accessed additional festivals in conjunction with the Blessed Robert Sutton Sports Partnership including a year 2, 3, & 4 football festival at St George's Park.

This is in addition to the School Games and School Sports Associations that many schools have attended (details within the school games section of this report). Turn out and support at the events has been fantastic and the hope has been that the activities have enabled some schools to identify pupils who would not usually represent their school to attend. Whilst we do identify winners and losers, the festival approaches undertaken have ensured all pupils are rewarded for their participation and most importantly have a fun and positive experience.



School Games Support

Support has included helping schools to action plan to meet the criteria for the Sainsbury's School Games Mark award, developing school sports councils and establishing A, B & C teams for competitions. School Games competitions this term have included:



- Year 3 & 4 team Cross Country in Uttoxeter
- Year 5 & 6 Open football, Year 5 & 6 small schools football and Year 5 & 6 Girls football all hosted at St George's Park. The girls' session also included a visit from the Sports Minister who witnessed over 200 girls taking part in the competitions.
- Year 5 & 6 sportshall athletics and Year 5 & 6 small schools athletics at Meadowside Leisure Centre.
- Year 5 & 6 Quicksticks hockey at Robert Sutton.

This year East Staffordshire will have a larger representation than previously at the school games finals which is fantastic to see. Oldfields Hall will be representing East Staffordshire at the Year 5 & 6 sportshall athletics and Year 5 & 6 Open football competitions and Picknalls First School will be representing the District in the Year 3 & 4 Cross Country.

We have also supported schools to increase their profile via use of the School Games blog and the creation of reports for inclusion on school websites. The school games values have also been promoted this term and over the remainder of the year we will continue to promote the values of Respect, Honesty, Team Work, Self-belief, Determination and Passion in all our competition programmes. Cross curricular information is available to support delivery of PSHE lessons connected to the values if this is of interest.

Next term sees competitions in swimming, gymnastics, quicksticks and netball for schools to enjoy,

Finally

The academic year 2014 has been busy in terms of school sport and we hope has seen many young people take part in new competitions and opportunities. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require additional support or information – we are here to help.

We look forward to a busy, exciting and productive 2015.

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