



Queens' Federation

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As another busy academic year of PE and school sport draws to a close, it is an opportunity to reflect on how the government's Sport Premium funding has been used to improve our provision at Queen Edith and to think ahead to the improvements we will look to make in the future.

Sport Premium finding has again been used to prioritise the following areas:

- Release time for Mr Barnes to support class teachers with planning and delivery of PE lessons
- Subsidising new extra-curricular sports clubs to ensure places are provided free to all children (we have continued to ask for donations from parents of children attending these clubs to allow us to provide more sports clubs free of charge)
- Subscription to the Cambridge School Sports Partnership, providing us with access to initiatives such as the Bronze Ambassador Scheme and Bikeability, as well as curriculum support from qualified and experienced coaches and entry to partnership tournaments and festivals
- Supply cover to allow children to participate in a greater range of tournaments and fixtures

Last Year's Development Priorities:

- 1) Except for two year groups, girls' participation is significantly lower than boys' across the school. Look to encourage more girls to attend clubs, support them to do so (e.g. offer girls only clubs) and provide more clubs that will appeal to them
- 2) There is still significant variation across classes and year groups for the number of children attending clubs, even where identical opportunities exist. Look to target particular classes/ year groups where attendance at clubs has not been as good
- 3) Increase inter school competition in KS1 and Middle Years, focusing on fixtures with Queen Emma
- 4) Continue to share successes via the school website and newsletters
- 5) Develop a clearer pathway between curriculum PE sessions, school-based clubs, intra-school and inter school competition and community clubs
- 6) Continue to empower Young Leaders to organise and run sporting activities



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Review:

- 1) Although boys' participation continues to be higher than girls' across the school, there has been a significant increase in the number of girls attending clubs: 70% (up from 53%) compared with 76% for boys, across the school.
- 2) There is still variation across year groups, ranging from 61% to 86%, but, as even the lower percentage is higher than last year's average, this reflects the significant increase in sports clubs attended by children across the school.
- 3) Inter School competition has happened between Queen Edith and Queen Emma in football (Year 2) and tag rugby (Year 3) with a Year 1 Mini-Olympics event also held. Middle Years children had the opportunity to represent the school at korfbal, tennis and cricket (as well as football, tag rugby and athletics in the Partnership Youth Games). 52 children represented the school at least once (over a third of Middle Years) compared with 36 children last year.
- 4) Regular updates and photos have been shared in newsletters and on the school website (www.queenedithschool.org.uk/curriculum/physical-education)
- 5) Careful planning has gone into the PE curriculum and extra-curricular clubs to ensure children have been able to participate (and be competitive) in a range of intra and inter school competition. Some links to community clubs have been established but more work is needed to formalise these and share them consistently with children and parents.
- 6) Sports Leaders have continued to enjoy opportunities to plan and lead sporting events – e.g. end of unit competitions; fixtures against Queen Emma; delivering lessons in our sports week

Other Successes:

- Curriculum support for different year groups/ classes (Year 2 – athletics; Years 2 and 3 – swimming; Years 2, 3 and 4 – gymnastics; Year 5 – tag rugby; Year 6 – hockey) provided by qualified sports coaches through our subscription to the Cambridge School Sports Partnership
- Sports clubs funded by Sport Premium money – multi-skills, tennis, football, gymnastics and athletics (KS1); tag rugby, hockey, gymnastics, football, cricket and athletics (KS2). These were in addition to clubs offered by school staff (cross country, football, cricket, netball, tennis, korfbal and girls' sports academy).
- Overall participation in sports clubs has risen from 55% to 73%. There has been increased participation in every class, apart from one, with some dramatic increases (one class had a 52% increase in attendance, while there were also 49% and 45% increases elsewhere).
- Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 attended Partnership festivals with many ex Queen Edith children leading activities



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- Regular inter school competition. In addition to those opportunities mentioned previously for KS1 and Middle Years, in Later Years, we had a regular programme of football and korfbal fixtures. We also entered competitions in the following sports: cricket, cross country, hockey, athletics, netball and tag rugby. In total, we entered 37 different sports competitions (with multiple teams in many of these).
- You have to be in it to win it – we again enjoyed a great deal of sporting success, with our football and Year 4 tennis team both qualifying for the county finals as runners-up and winners, respectively, in their Partnership events and our Under 9s and Under 11s korfbal teams both winning two of the four local competitions they entered. We narrowly missed out on qualification for the Year 5/6 kwik cricket county finals, having won our group, and finished as runners-up in the Year 3/ 4 event. Our Year 6 tag rugby team finished third in their Partnership competition and we provided the winner of the Year 5 boys' cross country competition, with other runners placing 7th, 12th and 18th in their races.
- A significant number of children took part in these competitions (75% of girls and 92% of boys in one year 6 class, with over half of Year 6 children representing the school on 3 or more occasions). 30 children represented the school on 5 or more occasions (including 6 in Middle Years) while 11 children participated on 10 or more occasions (all from Later Years, although a girl from Year 4 got very close!).
- The number of ex Queen Edith children involved in the running of partnership competitions. 2 of our former pupils were chosen as the Gold Ambassadors for the School Sports Partnership – something for our current crop of leaders to aspire to.
- Intra School Competition also happened regularly at the end of units of work in PE in KS2. These were again organised and run by Year 6 House Captains and Bronze Ambassadors, with the support of Sports Leaders, who also led a similar competition for Year 3 children at Queen Emma.

Development Priorities:

- Continue to develop the range of clubs available, communicate this to parents in a timely way and manage places at these clubs fairly to ensure as many children as possible are able to access them
- Closely monitor children's attendance at clubs and support and encourage those who are not accessing these opportunities, especially in classes/ year groups where attendance is lower
- Ensure information about clubs (including letters where appropriate – e.g. for ongoing school clubs) is readily available on the website



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- Continue to share successes via the school website and newsletters
- Develop links with community clubs and share this information with parents and children
- Continue to empower Young Leaders to organise and run sporting activities.

If you have any questions or comments about PE and school sport or the way in which we are using the Sport Premium funding, please do contact me: abarnes@queenedith.cambs.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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