

PE Annual Report 2018

PE has maintained its high profile at Denver V C Primary School this academic year. The high standards already in place have been recognised in our school development plan and, as such, a key target has been to at least maintain these standards.

To ensure that this target was achieved, our aims were as follows:

- To offer at least 2 free clubs a week at Key Stage 2
- To continue to provide opportunities for children to compete at cluster level
- To enable teaching staff to access School Sports Partnership INSET training courses.
- To achieve sporting success at cluster level
- To improve provision for all abilities
- To identify an appropriate large scale project for use of the additional funding
- To provide children in Key Stage 1 with opportunities for inter-schools competitions
- To hold intra-schools competitions each term

Further targets in the PE specific action plan included an update of the PE policy, the development of ongoing formative and summative assessment and to train Upper Key Stage 2 as Young Leaders.

The following report details how these targets have been successfully achieved with the support of the PE funding which has been used to provide for subject leadership, cluster INSET training, sports clubs funding, the costs of transport to inter-schools events and the PE Curriculum Development Wheel effectiveness of provision online tool (this has been used to track our current position and to inform next steps in subject provision).

This year all children have had at the very least their 2 hours of curriculum provision for PE each week with a timetable in place to ensure access to the hall. PE is also featured on the curriculum provision maps for each class to ensure that the different PE skills are catered for in a progressive manner. Children have also been involved in a wide variety of sporting or active pursuits through the provision of extra-curricular clubs or extending their activity levels through engagement in planned playground, break time or lunch time activities.

The children in UKS2 have all received Young Leaders training this academic year and are working well toward achieving the different levels of awards. The 2 day training run by the School Sports Coordinator developed the children's ability to

arrange multi-skills events based on the consideration PACE principles: People, Area, Communication and Equipment. It also necessitated team building skills so that such activities could be successfully carried out efficiently. All children successfully completed their training and have been able to subsequently implement these skills in a number of ways: being playground buddies to encourage cooperative play at break times and lunch times, leading the Key Stage 1 and Foundation events during the Sports Day carousel, helping to set up the Key Stage 2 traditional events, organising playground challenges to extend and enrich opportunities to be active during lunch times and by providing an intra-school multi-skills event during our Denver Primary School Games Festival.

In order to be playground buddies the children had to submit applications in writing to the Headteacher. Since being selected, the children have worked in rotation throughout the academic year to support adults on the playground and in the hall.

The School Council not only has specific sports representatives but is led by good ambassadors for sport: Sophia who has a keen interest in badminton; Kieran who enjoys participating in all sports and has a good level of general knowledge about major sporting events; Kevin who is a natural athlete; Eva who is an accomplished dancer and gymnast and Freddie who is a good all-rounder, passionate about PE, and has been identified for particular skills in hockey. They have been very effective in communicating their ideas for improvement to the PE leader and for explaining what they think is working well.

Our school continues to use the Red, White and Blue House team system with dedicated team captains for each. The children are involved in writing post match reports and keeping scores in school sporting events. Event reports and league scores are also available in our Events Folder, PE leader's file and are displayed on our PE display 'Our Sports Stars'. Children are also encouraged to bring in their certificates, badges, medals and trophies to recognise their sporting endeavours when out of school. These are also celebrated on our PE display and on the WOW board in Class 1.

The children have participated in a wide range of inter-schools events this year, including:

- Tag rugby
- Cluster netball tournament
- Cluster and area cross country tournaments
- Cluster Tri-golf (years 3 and 4)
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- Cluster football tournament (3 sessions)
- Cluster mini-tennis

- Cluster Area Sports athletics competition
- Key Stage 2 Dance Festival (this year held at the Corn Exchange)
- Cluster swimming gala
- Cluster Kwik Cricket

The children have also participated in the following inter-schools events that they have not previously tried:

- Sportshall Athletics area finals
- Active Kids – for children in years 1 and 2, particularly those less enthusiastic about sports

Unfortunately, due to heavy rain, we were unable to host the First Steps Netball tournament this year.

Cluster leagues were, for the first time and for a trial period, replaced by tournaments held within school hours. The majority of local schools have responded positively to this move as it has ensured that adult support and travel arrangements have been reliable without any onerous pressures put on parents and carers. It has also ensured that children who have sporting talents have not been inhibited by transport and care arrangements. It has been agreed with the School Sports Partnership that this will continue into next year.

In the netball tournament we played well in our opening games, gaining confidence. We were unable to compete in the second tournament as we were performing our Tunnels of Fate play to parents.

The cross country team performed very well with 40% of the children going on to the area finals.

The football team achieved 4th place and showed improvements in each of the three tournaments.

In Tri-golf the Year 3/4 team came second. The Year 1/2 team won their competition and progressed to the area finals where they came second.

In our first Sportshall Athletics event we finished 2nd in the SSP area event.

Children from years 3 and 4 attended the mini tennis.

The year 5/6 Kwik Cricket team finished in 4th place.

In the Area Sports event we regained the trophy that we won in the small schools category last year.

There were many individual successes in the small schools event at the swimming gala.

The children in Class 4 attended Alive Downham Market Leisure Centre once a week for the Spring term for swimming lessons. They were a strong cohort this year and all children achieved at least 25 metres.

We have continued to hold intra-schools competitions to compete against each other within our own school.

In the Autumn term we held a cross country tournament for Key stage 2 with each year group racing at a time. We had planned for a multi-skills day in the Spring term for Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage for the Spring term but three consecutive snow day closures meant that too much curriculum time was lost.

However, this was rectified in the Summer Term when, on 6th July, we held our Denver School Games Festival. The festival had the theme of love and togetherness and began with a launch assembly where children waved their flags of the World Cup. The dance club performed a cultural dance to open the festival and we all sang the theme song 'Upendo' which in Swahili means love.

Young Leaders used their skills to organise the events for the festival. They planned and led the multi-skills festival for KS1 and Foundation Stage. For the second part of the festival KS2 competed in a rounders festival. The day ended with a celebration assembly where all children received certificates.

On June 27th we had another very successful Sports Day. The weather was very kind to us. We began with the Key Stage 1 and Foundation carousel. Young Leaders from Class 4 supported adults to ensure the smooth running of each of the 6 stations which involved the children using a range of running, jumping, throwing and balancing skills. The carousel works well to ensure that the event is inclusive and maximises participation. Children from year 5 also supported those individuals that needed a little bit of extra help or encouragement.

After the carousel, Key Stage 2 children took part in traditional track races and the tennis ball throw. Field events had previously been decided during PE lessons.

A number of clubs have been on offer throughout the school year. As we have a small staff we have continued to employ Andrea Glover from Finish Line Sports to enrich the number of clubs available.

In the Autumn term clubs the following clubs were offered and well attended: football and hockey with Mrs Glover, netball with Mrs Henden, dance with Miss De Vanche and Miss Waters and cross country with Mrs Hurst and Mrs Henden.

In the Spring term these clubs took place: gymnastics with Mrs Glover, badminton and netball with Mrs Henden and dance with Miss De Vanche and Miss Waters where they prepared for the dance festival which was held at the Corn Exchange for the first time.

In the Summer term Mrs Glover provided a tennis and athletics club, Mrs Henden ran another badminton club and Miss De Vanche and Miss Waters continued with the dance club to prepare for the School Games Festival. We were also joined by Gavin Straffon-Lawrence from Denver Cricket Club who ran a Kwik Cricket club to prepare the children for the cluster competition. He was impressed by the children's skills and was eager for them to join Denver Cricket Club.

A cookery club has also been provided to promote healthy eating.

Our curriculum has also been enriched by other initiatives. In the Autumn term all children in Class 4 took part in and passed the Norfolk Safe Cycling scheme. The children also were joined by Janice from King's Lynn Badminton Club for four coaching sessions. This led to a number of children joining the club at Downham Market Leisure Centre.

In the Spring term Wisbech Grammar gave Class 4 three coaching sessions in hockey which culminated in a tournament day at Wisbech Grammar School competing against other schools in the area that had also received the coaching.

In the Summer term a group 11 year 5 children took part in Bikeability, a national cycling scheme which develops on the road cycling skills. 1 child achieved Level 1 in cycling skills within the school grounds. The ten other children progressed onto the road and all achieved Level 2.

This year Class 4 has been involved in a Heritage Lottery funded project called 'Noted Liars'. The aim of this project is to ensure that traditional Fenland tales and customs are not forgotten. The project has been running since January here at Denver and has finished this July with a performance at King's Lynn

Corn Exchange. As part of this project, the children have learnt to perform a number of traditional dances, enriching our PE curriculum.

Throughout the year a group of 15 children from year 1 and some from year 2 have taken part in the Active Kids Festival. This involved 3 visits (one per term) to Lynnsport to trial different activities with the themes of 'targets', 'teamwork' and 'adventure'. These were very successful and achieved the aim of engaging the children in activity and increasing their enjoyment of and participation in sport.

Cross-curricular links continue to be used in PE lessons. An observed lesson was rich in mathematics. Staff have also been provided with trial materials for 'Maths of the Day' to encourage this.

As a school we have been able to engage in SSCO INSET courses. The PE leader has attended all cluster PLT meetings, and received Racket Pack coaching, Golden Mile coaching, gymnastics training and Health and Safety in PE training. Other members of staff have also received training in gymnastics and Fundamental Movement Skills.

Members of staff were booked onto the Dance Fitness course but this was cancelled and is yet to be rescheduled.

Staff have also received CPD through the badminton and hockey coaching and also through the PLT meeting where Sportshall Athletics was demonstrated to encourage more schools to take part.

Staff meeting time has been given to PE over the academic year. A new policy has been discussed and agreed. The risk assessments have been updated. Feedback from INSET courses and PLT meetings has been given to staff as part of staff development.

Sporting events are shared on our school website and in newsletters. They are also put in the Events Folder and displayed on our PE wall. This keeps parents up to date with sporting successes in school. The PE leader strives to ensure that High Quality PE is being provided across the school through monitoring and collating assessments.

The PE leader has continued to encourage our ongoing assessment through feedback to lesson observations and the collation of end of unit assessments from each class at the end of each half term.

As a school we are aware of the need to encourage children to be more physically active. With this in mind there are a number of things already in place to provide children with opportunities to be more active such as having playground challenges available at lunch times with a specific MSA allocated to overseeing this. Daisy and Abby have also begun using the new dance equipment to encourage children to dance during playtimes. Netball is given a specific day on the playground so that those that do not enjoy football have a chance to play something else. Playground buddies help with skipping games and giving out playground equipment. In Class 1 each day begins with 'Wake Up, Shake up'.

We also held our annual sponsored walk in May which gives the children a personal challenge to maintain a walk for an hour. For those that have been here more than one year it provides them with the additional challenge of completing a greater number of laps than in previous years.

To increase personal challenges and activity levels we have now signed up to the Golden Mile initiative. Children in Year 5 are to be trained as monitors and will digitally track our children's progress towards a number of ambitious targets. This will begin with a launch assembly in the new academic year.

During the academic year 2016-2017, the Silver School Games Mark earned in the previous year had expired so a priority for this year was to regain the School Games Mark. Therefore some time and budget were allocated in pursuit of this, including the PE leader meeting with the School Games Organiser to achieve this. We were very pleased when the School Games Organiser assessed our current level of provision as worthy of the Gold School Games Mark.

Staff and governors have also been considering the use of additional PE funding for a large scale project involving improving the outdoor area in the Foundation Stage to promote a wider range of physical activities. Further discussions are to be held before final decisions are made. The PE leader has also liaised with the School Sports Coordinator about best use of the funding and has attended promotional meetings with Premier Sports and Real PE to see what is available to us to drive the subject forward.

Overall, this has been a very active year for PE in our school with many new challenges and successes and a continuation of the previous high standards. We are strongly committed to promoting our children to lead active, healthy lifestyles and to delivering high quality PE.

Aims for 2018-2019

- To at least retain the Gold Level School Games Mark
- To engage in the Golden Mile initiative
- To increase daily activity levels of all children and increase pupil awareness of a healthy lifestyle by engaging in the Healthy Body, Healthy Mind programme.
- To increase our range of provision of additional clubs and activities for Key Stage 1
- To encourage the use of new sports in our intra-schools events
- To maintain our participation in local inter-schools events and enhance through new initiatives such as OMNES Games
- To maintain access to INSET courses
- To continue to use the CD Wheel to monitor the subject
- To finalise decisions on our larger project
- To audit and update as necessary our equipment and schemes of work

Eaton Vale has also been booked for next Summer to ensure that the outdoor and adventurous aspects of the curriculum are fulfilled.