

School Sports Funding

At St Bernadette Catholic Junior School, we are committed to promoting the importance of good health and well-being for all of our children. We recognise the important role that Physical Education (PE) plays in this, as well as the positive influence it has on concentration, attitude and academic achievement.

What is School Sports Funding?

The government is providing funding of £150 million per annum for 5 academic years to provide new and substantial primary school sport funding. The funding is being jointly provided by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport, and will see money going directly to primary school head teachers to spend on improving the quality of sport and PE for all their children.

How much money will we receive in 2016/17 for School Sports Funding?

Each school will receive £8,000 plus an extra £5 per pupil each year for the next 3 years. Here at St Bernadette Catholic Junior School that will mean £9,235 this year. The money can only be spent on sport and PE provision in schools.

How has the money been spent at St Bernadette Catholic Junior School?

Item/Project	Cost	Details	Impact
Girls Football	£1,290	In an attempt to raise the profile of girls sport in the school, a girls only sports club has been established.	This has given girls an opportunity to develop their skills independently so that they are also able to compete with boys in competitive sport. The boy's football team has always been successful in the borough and nationally. The school now has girls on their competitive teams on a regular basis as well as entering girl only competitions.
Elite gymnastics	£4,464	To establish gymnastics in the school for those pupils who showed potential.	Gymnastics is being taught on a weekly basis by a gymnastics coach to a high standard. Pupils have entered competitions locally with some success, which will now be built on. The large number of girls taking part is also raising the profile of girls sport in the school.
Gymnastics equipment	£960	Springboard and beams	The gymnastics class can now access these disciplines weekly without having to borrow from the local secondary school.
Ballroom Dancing	£1,345	Y6 took part in a series of weekly workshops in the summer term to learn 4 different types of ballroom dancing including the waltz, samba and the jive.	Initially boys and girls found it difficult to work co-operatively together but through the dance lessons they related more positively and danced at the Leaver's Ball. It had a profound impact on confidence as well as keeping physically fit in a different way.
Playground activities	£1,176 (Contribution towards actual cost)	Regular lunch time focused fitness sessions.	Targeted at obese children in the school who have increased levels of fitness and some weight loss.