Swallowdale Primary School

Coaching to enhance skills

School name: Swallowdale
Name: Mr I Cant
Role within School: Class Teacher-PE co-ordinator

Context

- 337 children on roll.
- The amount of Sports Premium funded to the school was £9,440.
- Swallowdale has been extremely fortunate as historically all heads and the Governing Body have fully supported and valued PE in the school curriculum and helped to promote after school clubs, fixtures, festivals and the health and safety of all pupils.

Actions

- Our Annual Action Plan and PE Policy was updated.
- Work alongside the Lynx cluster of schools and the school sports partnership.
- Strengthen links with local clubs such as Asfordby amateurs Ladies FC and Hamilton Tennis Club.
- Increase competitive provision within the school and against other schools.
- Maintain the existing network of excellent coaches.
- Provide swimming opportunities for all Year 2 children.
- The Sports premium has also allowed us to employ 3 qualified ASA coaches instead of 2.

Impact on participants

- 100% of pupils replied ‘yes’ to the question ‘Do you like doing PE and Games’. This was up 10% on the previous year.
- In a recent survey conducted by the ICT co-ordinator to find out how valued all the subjects are the KS 2 children put PE as the most important subject after Literacy and Maths.
- Sports Days were enjoyed by 95% of pupils last year which was an increase of 5%.
- With so much more expertise coming into the school to coach the children it has had a positive impact upon children’s skill levels.
- The Sports’ premium has enabled schools, like ours to continue and extend, the professional coaching in PE and Games. For example all year groups have an allocated number of Dance lessons led by the excellent Alison Watson.
- After school clubs are all inclusive ensuring that all children have access to these opportunities.

Impact on school

- Upskilled staff in various areas of teaching and coaching ie Leicester Tigers Tag Rugby Coaching Sessions and The Mountain biking Course.
- Dance programme is tailored to meet the needs of each year group and this has had a positive effect on the wider curriculum.
- Almost all of the staff now confidently taking their own PE lessons, which in turn promotes self confidence in the children.
- Some staff have been able to use PE to show certain aspects of Maths particularly shape work, perimeter, scoring etc. We have also found there is better communication in Literacy.
- By working within the cluster of schools it has enabled us to organise a variety of festivals to promote both competitive sport and CPD for those staff who attend the festivals.

Head teacher quote

PE and Sport is a rightly valued element of our school curriculum. Not only in promoting fitness and mental well-being, but also in terms of collaboration, team work, resilience and other life-long skills.
Miss D.Vials