

Primary PE at INA

Isaac Newton Academy is committed to providing pupils with opportunities and experiences which enable them to lead healthy and active lifestyles. The Reception and KS1 PE curriculum is dedicated to developing fundamental movement skills in all pupils, in order to increase confidence in a range of physical activities. During PE lessons, pupils develop their agility, balance and coordination through Gymnastics, Dance and Games. Within Reception, pupils acquire the knowledge and physical awareness to be able to run, jump, throw and catch; and at KS1 the pupils begin to perform simple movement patterns and apply some tactical awareness when attacking and defending. PE at INA aims to create an enjoyable environment which encourages pupils to perform in both healthy competition and cooperative tasks by generating challenging opportunities for all. At Reception, pupils' physical development is measured against Early Learning Moving and Handling goals and within KS1 assessment moves in line with the National Curriculum strategy. Through these activities, pupils are consciously developing sporting values such as fairness and respect, alongside continually building upon their BRIDGES characteristics within lessons.

Each year, INA hosts a primary sports day where all pupils participate in a range of sporting activities in the fantastic Cricklefield athletics stadium. This provides pupils with an opportunity to compete with their peers and set school records, as well as allowing the parents to feel part of the school community. Last year was an amazing success and we are looking forward to hosting the next KS1 and Reception sports day in July of 2017.

Last year we also hosted our first KS1 multi-skills event, where pupils from local schools came together to participate in a variety of sporting activities in a fun environment.

PE at INA Primary largely takes place within the school hall and on the MUGA. However for enriching experiences such as sports days, secondary sports leaders' events and the annual Spring Spectacular, we also utilise both Cricklefields athletics stadium and the secondary sports hall.

We have a wealth of equipment, from gymnastic vaults and wall apparatus to differentiated skills equipment which enables all pupils to progress within lessons and master new skills.

Primary Sports Grant

In 2015-16 we received a Primary Sports Grant of £6,000. We used this money to pay for secondary PE specialist teachers to teach the Year 1 and reception children PE one afternoon a week each. The grant also funded the resources and equipment needed for PE lessons, a responsibility allowance for one PE teacher to co-ordinate the Primary PE curriculum provision and a payment to one of the primary TAs to support the Year 1 teachers in teaching a second session of PE per week to their classes.

In the 2015/16 academic year, Reception pupils made an average of 6.6 sublevels of progress in the Moving and Handling EY strand, with 96% of pupils meeting ELG2 in this area.

The secondary PE specialist who is in charge of primary PE delivered regular CPD training to the primary teachers. This focussed largely upon safety within lessons and the aims of our PE curriculum, but also included practical ideas for progression within lessons and ideas on how to assess through a variety of activities whilst simultaneously developing fundamental movement skills.

The Sport Enrichment Clubs that INA Primary ran last academic year were:

Cricket - 23 pupils

Gymnastics - 52 pupils

Netball - 14 pupils

Tag Rugby - 20 pupils

Football - 40 pupils

Athletics - 24 pupils

Just Dance - 21 pupils

These enrichments each ran for a half term and the pupils learnt physical skills needed for the sports, in addition to developing their personal skills such as integrity, fair play and sportsmanship.

In 2016-17 the school will receive a PE grant of £8,450. The funding will enable the model of delivering PE described above to continue and to be expanded into Year 2. In addition to the provision of 2015-16, it is planned to take each class to a local pool to have swimming lessons.

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