

Lockerley Primary School



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AREA(S) OF GOOD PRACTICE:

Development of a School Sports Organising Crew (SSOC) to lead new school sporting initiatives.



WHO/WHAT WAS THE IDENTIFIED PRIORITY?

Being a small village school it's easy to feel a bit isolated. We overcame this by joining in with our cluster competition programme that we took part in every year. With the profile of sport being raised during the London Olympics 2012 and with the implementation of PE and School Sport Premium funding we wanted to find a way to give the children the responsibility for engaging the whole school community in sport. With this came a vast range of leadership opportunities and the ability to involve the whole school in a wide range of health and fitness activities in an enjoyable way.

HOW WAS IT IDENTIFIED?

On completing the School Games kitemarks for PE we realised that in order to achieve a higher grading we needed to do more than just take part in the events that were already on offer to us. The SSOC has grown from strength to strength. There are a couple of aspects of being a small village school that mean it is still very difficult for us to reach the highest kitemark. Despite this, we have met new standards head on each year. These inform us of our next steps for the coming years.

WHAT WERE THE INTENDED OUTCOMES?

The intention was to raise the profile of sport within the school and the wider community. The SSOC are responsible for communicating via the website, assemblies and the sports notice board to keep everyone fully informed of what's going on.

We wanted to inspire as many children as possible to get out there and give different sports a try. Being organised, led and managed by the pupil-led SSOC meant the children were far more engaged with the opportunities.

Alongside this we wanted the children to become confident leaders, and not those children who you typically think of as 'good at sport'. The range of roles within the SSOC means that a wide range of skills are required to be part of the crew and it attracts children of all ages.

WHAT PROVISIONS WERE PUT IN PLACE?

The SSOC started as a weekly lunchtime club. We elected Bronze ambassadors through an application process, and then they lead the meetings. They took on planning, resourcing and running a level 1 competition programme with a range of different sports.

This developed further into the whole crew planning a sport relief day which raised money for the charity. From then on the Crew developed and with it the level of responsibility. We appointed event managers, press managers, resource managers and training managers. We now meet after school and as well as the level 1 competition programme they organise and resource all of the PE equipment and request new equipment when needed. They communicate with the school community via newsletters, assemblies, the website and the notice board. Having analysed groups of children, their skill levels and participation levels, the crew planned and ran a change for life club for a selected group of children which was highly successful.

The most successful event so far has been organising and leading our own 'Race for Life' which raised £1,400.00. Not bad for a small village school!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR US?

In the future, we would like the Crew to develop best practice training videos that can be used across PE lessons. We are also hoping to get them involved in developing a new whole child health and fitness programme, as well as keeping going with everything else that they already do!