PE Survey – response to parents

Thank you very much to the 41 Key Stage 1/Early Years parents who completed our online survey about sports provision at school, we really value your input. We will incorporate your feedback into future decisions/changes but thought you might like an early summary of your responses and actions we have already taken or can implement in the near future.

What already happens...

- 92% of your children attend sports clubs outside of school.
- 78% of your children already attend extra-curricular clubs offered at school.

What you would like to see in future...

- A few of you suggested you would like to see a gym club at school and other individual responses included swimming, hockey, cricket, athletics/running, martial arts and yoga. A few of you mentioned clubs not being available to children in Reception.

In response:

- We do plan to offer children in Reception the chance to attend Playball in the summer term (at present we feel it would be too much for them to fit into the school day as they are just finding their feet and attending a club may not give them enough time to eat their lunch in a relaxed manner). Playball offers an ideal (and fun) grounding in general skills and builds confidence for young children.
- After school football (Wycombe Wanderers) has also always been available to Reception children (and will re-start when the nights are lighter)
- The ‘multi sports’ club running this term (Tues lunchtimes) will cover a number of different sports including hockey (spaces are still available, please contact the school office).
- In the summer term the multi sports club will become a fitness/athletics club and include running and other activities.
- All children will attend swimming lessons with the school in Year 3, 4 and 5.
- We will look into other clubs such as gymnastics, cricket, martial arts, yoga, archery. (We won’t be able to offer everything at once due to a lack of available time/spaces. We will also need sufficient levels of interest to make the clubs viable, so far only a few people have expressed an interest). I approached fencing club but they do not feel the sport is appropriate for children under 7 years old.

Other comments:

- Several of you gave positive feedback about the Playball Club.
  - Thank you! This club continues this term but currently only has a small number of children attending, we will need numbers to increase for it to continue to be viable. Please contact the school office if your child would like to join.
• One person felt that there are not enough sports for boys, that teachers should run sports clubs and we should have a school football team.
  ➢ Currently boys and girls can join football and rugby (daylight permitting) tennis, multi-sports, Playball and Dancemania. We do not feel that young children could manage to attend a club everyday but we will look into different clubs (as mentioned above) if there is sufficient interest. In Years 1 and 2 we feel the children need to learn basic sports skills rather than play matches (and we would have nobody to play against as we don’t know any schools with Year 1 or 2 teams). Teachers currently run clubs according to their expertise (e.g. art and music), specialists run the sports clubs on our behalf.

• One person queried the amount of PE we do in school.
  ➢ All children have 2 PE lessons each week (one on games or gym and one in dance/movement). This totals 2 hours of PE. Other opportunities for activity exist at playtimes and lunchtimes (and throughout the day in Early Years).

• One parent had some concerns over Early Years children being mixed with Year 2 at Wycombe Wanderers.
  ➢ We will mention this to the coaches but suspect that there are not enough Early Years children for them to play on their own.

Thank you all once again for taking the opportunity to provide feedback. We hope we have addressed some of your queries already and can make future changes in lines with your wishes.

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