

EDUCATE Awards 2016

Application for the category of:

Outstanding Commitment to Sport in Primary School

Prescot Primary School



To get a complete picture of SPORT at PCP, please consider our application alongside these supporting materials.

Movies:

<http://www.prescotprimary.org.uk/gold-medal-sport/> (Sport at Prescot Primary)

<http://www.prescotprimary.org.uk/pupil-power/> (Pupil Power at Prescot Primary)

<https://vimeo.com/171431362/60e4c5f157> (Children's University)

Sports blog: <https://pcpsport.edublogs.org/>

Sports Twitter Feed: @PrescotCPSport

PCP Sport Mission Statement:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/tel8653m4zpqjx/PCP%20Mission%20Statement%20Competitions.docx?dl=0>

PCP Community links via SPORT:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/wsegevmy8e7g48i/Prescot%20Primary%20School%20Community%20Links.docx?dl=0>

BETT Exhibition, London. January 2016:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fypib3zsvolivea/AADQfmIIutLDuu59Z7luriya?dl=0>

iTunes U Course: 'Sport & Technology at PCP'. Enrollment code: ECY-FCC-XTD

Media articles:

<http://www.educatemagazine.com/prescot-vault-to-victory-in-knowsley-primary-schools-gymnastics-champs/ldph7059/>

Our Supporting document.

In September 2014, Prescott Primary made 'Sport' a **priority**.

We started to look at sport differently.

At this time, we began to use a new PE scheme, called '**Real PE**' that focused on **fundamental skills**. All teachers were trained and we bought new resources to support. The desire to reinvigorate our attitude to sport was also driven by our dedicated Sports Teacher and Team Leader, Jane Watts. In September 2014, it was decided that Jane would lead her own **Sports Team**, training **Sports Apprentices** in school and planning an explosive timetable of wrap-around sporting activities. In line with other areas of the school, a Twitter feed and blog were created to emphasize the importance of sport in our learning community.

And so our **new approach** began.

At first, Jane and her team worked hard to get the **basics** thoroughly embedded. Communicate with parents. Ensure that all children take part. Develop positive attitudes. Grow a mindset of practice for **improvement**. Live and breathe team spirit.

As the Sports Team were responsible for covering teachers' PPA across the school, they developed a comprehensive overview of the needs of the pupils. The new schemes of work were delivered consistently well, supported effectively by **excellent sporting expertise**. A new love of sport began to grow in the weekly, timetabled lessons.

But we didn't simply want to offer our pupils a one-window time slot of great PE. We wanted more.

Jane and her team drew up a **menu of activities** that would offer our pupils a chance to practice or master new skills before, during and after the normal school day, for example, 'Mini-motors'. This daily club was created for our children with specific needs linking to movement, control and balance. **Extra-curricular clubs** covered as many age-ranges and disciplines as possible and it was this time that the newly created Sports Twitter Feed came into its own – our news was shared to the world.

During this first year, we joined the '**Children's University**' initiative and recorded all attendance at clubs. We were amazed at the amount of extra time children spent at school! From 8am in the morning until 5pm at night. At the end of our first year, 15 children attended Liverpool Hope University to receive their Bronze Award. This year, over 40 children achieved an award, with 11 pupils achieving Gold Award or higher.

In November 2015, Prescott Primary was awarded the **Sainsbury's School Games GOLD Award**. Whilst we were very proud, this only served to motivate us further.

At Prescott Primary, we place great value on **pupil leadership** and through Sport, we have been able to develop this in line with national Sports Leader Qualifications. Over the last two years, children mainly in Y4, Y5 and 6 have applied to be **Sports Crew Members**. In their orange T-shirts, they organise lunchtime resources, activities for younger children and important sports events.

In January 2016, as an Apple Distinguished School, we were invited to attend the huge **BETT Exhibition in London**, which showcased our use of iPads to improve sporting techniques. Our Y6 children, lead the way chatting confidently for two days to the hundreds of visitors about using 'Coachmyapp' and the digitally-chipped basketball. We have written an iTunes U course to support this aspect of sports development in school. Liverpool Hope University are interested in conducting **educational research** with us in this area.

Over the past two years, the Sports Team have developed strong partnerships within the **community** to open more doors for our pupils. More and more 'sporting' visitors come through our doors! Our children also go out to visit excellent sporting provisions in the locality: from watching the cricket at the Emirates Stadium to attending swimming galas and cross-country races – even at the weekends! (See additional list)

And in addition to all of the effort we put into school-led sport, we constantly celebrate and encourage our pupils as they dedicate more time to their chosen sports outside of school. We love to share their sporting stories, award the much-loved mascot 'Wenlock' and enjoy the special **Sports Celebration Assembly** during every half term.

Our school has gone from strength to strength. Our Sports Team is determined to offer the best sporting experiences in a supportive atmosphere that values **winning – and losing**. (See Mission Statement). Our whole community are now excited by sport.

We are proud of the opportunities that we offer our pupils and we know that we have more engaged, active learners as a result of our sporting revolution.

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Please contact us if you would like any more information or if any of the supporting materials need clarification. Thank you.

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