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Report on Spending on Sports Field and Olympic Legacy Funding

In 2013, the government announced that all primary schools would receive a sum of money to invest in PE. There were many strings attached to this money as it was meant to ensure a lasting legacy of sports education in schools- hence the title Olympic Legacy Funding (OLF). The money equates to a yearly amount of approximately £8000 depending on the number of pupils at the school. From the outset we decided that we wanted to take advantage of this great opportunity and provide a lasting legacy that will raise the quality of education and attainment for all our pupils in PE for many years to come. We felt that what the pupils were really missing at Shirwell was a sports field.

After approaching the land owner of the field adjacent to the school we realised that this was a realistic project. Through a lot of hard work by our governors to ensure this took place, we finally took possession of the land in July 2015.

We were then able to initiate the second part of the plan which was to convert the field in to an astro-turf sports pitch. We initiated a three-year plan. However, with the award of National Lottery Grant money and other grants; and also a healthy donation, we now and have a school sports field. The breakdown of the funding for this project is detailed below. This also includes all of the spending of the OLF.

Year	Money Received	Money Spent	
2013/14	4 992 - OLM		
2014/15	7 999 - OLM 2 009 - Budget Transfer		
2015/16	8 208 - OLM 10 000 - National Lottery Grant 5 091- DCC invest in Devon 3 000 - Communities Fund 500 - Councillor Grant 6139.37 – Budget Transfer	15 000 – Cost of Land 1 380 – Sellers fees 4 886 – Fencing 720 – Solicitors 300 - Surveyors 166.67 – Estate Agents 2400 – Pilton Service Level Agreement	
2016/17	8 213 - OLM 267.67 - Budget Transfer 6 000 – Donation	16 666.67 - Surface Cost 25 333.33 - Ground Works 2770 – Pilton Service Level Agreement	
	Total= 62 419.04	Total= 69 622.67	

To come from OLM for completion of project= 7203.63

This will be offset with the contractors and paid from the 2017/18 OLM money.

Pilton Service Level Agreement.

We have paid a large amount of OLF for the past two years to Pilton School in order to access the learning community School Sports Coordinator. Before 2015/16 this was funded through the Barnstaple Learning Community.

This enables us to:

- Develop PE and sporting opportunities for young people
- Promote a physically active culture and enhance its importance in school life
- Contribute to the strategic planning and leadership of high quality physical education, physical activity and school sport with our learning community
- Raise the profile of physical sport and activity across the curriculum
- To increase participation in a range on intra and inter school competitions
- Enter Year Group Festivals
- Enter Central Venue Sports
- Link between School Games Organiser and schools

IMPACT on Sport and PE

The impact of having our own sports pitch has been huge and far reaching. The children have been able to engage in sports and activities that were not previously possible. In PE this has meant (for instance) KS2 have been taught rugby as part of their invasion game program. This has been very popular and it is our intention to enter tournaments in 2017. At Year 7 children have already reported increase engagement with this sport, particularly girls. Competitive tennis has been possible as part of our striking and fielding (previously games were not possible due to space and all teaching was skill based). Impact on other sports such as athletics, multi-skills, hockey and netball et al are vast and will continue.

Children also engage in a higher level of activity at break-time. Around half the school take part in mixed age football while many infants take advantage of the increased space in their creative play.

Competitive Sport

Before 2012 we had no history of any sporting achievements in the wider community. This is understandable considering that we only have around 50 pupils and we are competing with schools up to 10 times as large.

Since the purchase of the field:

We have been

Barnstaple Area Hockey Champions (2015)

Barnstaple Area Hockey Runners up (2014, 2016)

Barnstaple Area Netball Champions (2016)

Devon Schools Area Netball Trials 3rd Place (2016)

Barnstaple Olympic Legacy Athletics Champions (2016)

Gliddon and Squire Cross Country League U10 girls Runners up (2015, 2016)