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Outstanding – Again!

Ofsted PE Subject Inspection Report

Dear Parents and Carers

A year ago we were delighted to be judged as 'Outstanding' following a full inspection report by Ofsted. It was something of a surprise when Ofsted called a few weeks ago to let us know we had been randomly selected for a PE Subject Inspection.

Ofsted run a full programme of inspections covering every subject in the National Curriculum and judge the following areas: achievement, quality of teaching, curriculum and leadership and management.

A subject inspection is very rigorous and the school was once again delighted to be awarded 'Outstanding'. Very few schools across the country receive this accolade.

They found that the outstanding teaching produced outstanding achievement. All areas of PE: gymnastics, games, dance, swimming, sports and outdoor pursuits were judged to be outstanding and pupils seen to make swift and sustained progress. They commented "Staff are excellent role models and their enthusiasm for the subject is infectious".

Higher attaining pupils are challenged well and pupils use their skills to coach their peers. The school was congratulated on using digital cameras to provide immediate visual feedback. Once again, children's active involvement in making improvements and clear understanding of how to bring about these improvements, was cited as a strength of the school.

During the PE inspection, children demonstrated an exceptional knowledge and understanding of sport and health along with excellent levels of fitness, most being active at break and lunchtimes. The Play Leaders, Olympic Ambassadors and Sports Representatives were superb ambassadors for the school.

The curriculum was found to offer a breadth of high quality experiences and enrichment opportunities. All interests and abilities are catered for through a wide range of clubs and by the introduction of activities such as street dance, tri-golf and girls only football sessions. Excellent links are created with other areas of the curriculum, for example, through dance days, pedometer challenge and whole school fundraising events such as 'Run for Fun' and 'Scootathon'.



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Inter-house sports provide opportunities for competitions. Excellent links exist with other local schools and sports clubs and the school benefits from a community sports officer, outdoor adventurous activities and residential visits.

PE is so strong because it is highly valued by the school, and has been for a number of years. Strong strategic leadership was recognised in maintaining consistently high standards over time and subject leaders are knowledgeable and have strong expertise.

I am very proud of this outstanding outcome. It is the validation of our work and achievement, not easily won. Such rigorous inspections recognise and reward everyone's hard work.

Yours sincerely

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