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## PE GOVERNOR VISIT

20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

Attendees:     Natasha Stott – LPS Sport Leader  
                  Oliver Poulain – Parent Governor  
                  Paul Warmington – Parent Governor

Following an FGB meeting in March 17, it was proposed that a PE / Sport governor visit would be beneficial as Natasha Stott had recently taken over the position of Subject Leader for PE from Jan Cole. It was agreed N Stott, P Warmington and O Poulin would meet to discuss some of the following items;

- The current primary school curriculum for PE.
- Lesson planning and school programs to achieve this.
- Future plans for school sport and PE.
- Open discussion regarding the current provision of equipment and teaching of PE at Little Paxton School.

Due to teaching timetables it was proposed that we should split this visit into 2 and have an initial meeting to discuss the theory and practise, then a follow up meeting to visit teaching lessons with the staff and also lessons taught by external coaches.

Our first meeting was a good introduction into PE, the curriculum, facilities, equipment and teaching. Some quick observations were that the current curriculum for PE, set by government, is open to interpretation and allows schools flexibility to approach this subject in their own ways. Teachers are therefore can plan lesson and activities based around some basic guidelines. Naturally this is approached in different ways by all teachers but is monitored by teacher observations by the (Senior Leadership Team) SLT.

The school is going through a term of transition with the new build, so it was observed that equipment is located in many locations rather than in a few managed areas. This will be readdressed when the new build is complete and the new PE store is available. However the main store in the school hall was noted that even with very clear organisational labels, very little was in its rightful place! When asked does this then add additional time for setting up a lesson, the answer was yes, which meant that the time at the end of the lesson was limited so equipment was put away by the children, wherever it would fit. *\*following this meeting Paul and Oliver received a photo of a fully organised PE cupboard, everything in its rightful place ready for the following days lessons\*.*

N Stott is keen to continue the good work of J Cole and raise the profile of school sports at LittlePaxton School. She mentioned more input into the newsletter, sports notice boards, and communications regarding sporting involvement and successes. All of which would be very good to



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help raise the profile of PE and sport generally as well recognising the efforts and successes of the children.

We also discussed the possibility of getting in external speakers to give motivational talks and run sessions with the children. Recently the children and staff spent a fantastic day with Sean Rose. N Stott reported this had been very successful; all children and staff had attended the session held in the school hall and listened in rapt attention – there was clearly a buzz of enthusiasm afterwards. This is something N Stott would like to see more of as she feels that hearing from real athletes at the top of their game will help inspire the children and staff to strive for participation and success and understand what it takes to get to the top. N Stott sourced this opportunity and will continue to find ways to bring more inspirational sports men and women into school. The governors present also volunteered their own contacts should they be of interest.

We concluded the first part of our visit acknowledging where the school is currently at in terms of PE, sporting fixtures, equipment and teaching. Also discussing some future ideas for raising the profile of school sport, and looking at future visits from sporting stars. N Stott is very keen to ensure each child is inspired to participate in PE and sport and understand the benefits of doing so.

We look forward to seeing the children and teachers involved in class lessons, and also observing the teaching from the external coach. This is to be arranged and will be updated asap.

Following this meeting, one of us (O Poulain) attended the KS2 inter school tennis tournament at Huntingdon tennis club. This was an excellent example of offering children an opportunity to play in a sport that they may not have had much exposure to before. It was well organised and the school were able to send 2 teams to the event. All the children played very well against some very good opposition and were a credit to the school. The more events and tournaments the school can be involved in the more opportunities there would be for every child to have an opportunity to play individual and team games as representatives of their school. Thank you to N Stott, D Herbert and all other staff for the weeks of training, organisation and hard work put in to getting the children ready.





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