

### **Use of PE and Sports Grant 13/14 & 14/15**

Herefordshire Marches Federation of Academies has used the Sport Funding to employ two specialist PE teachers to work across all 7 schools in the wider federation. This has ensured that high quality PE lessons have been consistently taught in all schools.

Non specialist teachers have benefited by increasing their knowledge, understanding and confidence to teach PE. This has been achieved via regular observation and discussions with the specialist teachers and support with their planning if required, as well as centrally organised CPD sessions. One example of CPD was the opportunity to work alongside qualified cricket coaches during their lessons and supported with specific resources for teaching their lessons.

Pupils have benefited from taking part in HMFA federation sporting events and festivals; these include netball, tag rugby and hockey tournaments, gymnastics and multi skills festivals and a federation athletics event which has involved KS1 and KS2 children. In addition to this there have been a number of friendly sporting fixtures between HMFA federation schools. Several of the federation tournaments have fed into the winter and summer school county games providing further sporting opportunities for the pupils.

The specialist PE teachers each run a weekly sports club at each of 7 federation schools. These are for Reception, KS 1 and KS 2 pupils and enabled every year group to access extra-curricular activities. These clubs have been full to capacity across the federation.

The collaboration has allowed the smaller schools such as Llangrove, Kings Caple and St Weonards to enter teams made of pupils from their combined schools into tournaments such as swimming galas which previously they would have struggled to enter as they had too few pupils.

As the specialist PE teachers are employed to work across all the HMFA schools, this allows for sharing of PE equipment to ensure that all pupils have access to sports equipment and therefore are able to participate in a greater range of sporting activities.