



# The Bishops' C of E Learning Academy

Faith to Belong, Believe, Aspire and Achieve.



*If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. (Matthew 17:20)*



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## The Bishops' C of E Learning Academy – Community Links

The Bishops' Church of England Learning Academy is a large two form entry primary school with a nursery in the centre of Newquay. There are 389 pupils on roll and in the summer term 2021 Year three and six took part in the 6-week Chance to Shine Programme with Mustafa Shaikh from Cornwall cricket. The school has strong links with Cornwall cricket not least because our field used to be Newquay Cricket club's main pitch.



The children learnt all the skills required to play cricket over the course of the lessons. They built on their knowledge and progressed through the lessons which were highly interactive and delivered in a fun and engaging way. The cricket development had a huge impact on the children returning from their second lockdown period in the last year. It increased their confidence in arranging their own games at lunchtimes, improved their turn taking ability and deepened friendships that had been interrupted earlier in the year.

All the children took an active part in the lessons and parents commented it was fantastic to see the school field full of classes outside and active during the day. Teachers noted that resilience and personal organisation improved: "The children have missed so many opportunities due to COVID 19 this year and Chance to Shine fit brilliantly into our curriculum plans this summer by enabling the pupils to flourish and thrive" – Year 6 teacher.

One of the key aspects of the success of the Programme was the infectious enthusiasm of the coach, Mr Shaikh. The children responded brilliantly to his passionate energy and expert coaching knowledge, often asking him to stay through lunchtimes so they could include him in their games. A fantastic role model, not only would he demonstrate bat and ball skills, but also modelled effective relationships and sportsmanship which was hugely helpful to our budding sports leaders. They, in turn, passed on these skills and enthusiasm to the younger children in the subsequent weeks of the term.

Headteacher, Adam Richards said: "The timing of the Chance to Shine cricket Programme at The Bishops' could not have been better. The children benefitted greatly from reestablishing



their relationships and friendships in a positive and active way and made brilliant skills progression through the lessons. Many of our children are keen to run an after school cricket club in September.”



Another one of the benefits of the programme was how closely it matched the school’s Christian Distinctiveness and values. The Bishops’ underpins all of it’s learning with the Parable of The Mustard Seed and the children responded to the challenge of cricket by articulating how “Nothing was impossible” for them especially when defending their wicket.

During their last week of the programme the field was decorated using flags from countries and the children made up the international teams using their geography knowledge to come up with their own identity. It was a brilliant event and the classes used all their skills, which had developed considerably by this point, and showed great teamwork and sportsmanship.