



Archbishop Benson

C of E Primary School

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Archbishop Benson C of E Primary School is a large two form entry School with 412 pupils on roll, located in the centre of Truro. In the Autumn term 2021 Year 2 and 3 took part in the six week chance to shine programme with Mr Shaikh from Cornwall Cricket. Archbishop Benson has created throughout the years strong links with local cricket clubs such as Truro and St Erme, with many children taking part in Dynamo and All Star programmes.



Throughout the Chance to Shine programme the children learnt the fundamental skills required to become a successful cricketer. The children became Cool Catchers, Ferocious Fielders, Brilliant Bowlers and Super Strikers culminating in applying these skills in the exciting and competitive game Rapid Fire. Not only did the programme improve the children's cricket skills it enabled the children to become more rounded individuals. Due to the impact of lockdown, many Year 2 and 3 children missed the crucial opportunities to develop their Personal, Social and Emotional skills. The Chance to Shine sessions provided a platform for the children to develop better teamwork, perseverance, determination and confidence. Many children are now able to arrange their own games at break times, which has built and

solidified old and new friendships.

Children, teachers and TA's alike all hugely benefitted from the sessions in a multitude of ways. One of our TA's commented that Mr Shaikh's engagement with the children was inspirational. The Chance to Shine programme was extremely inclusive enabling all children regardless of sporting or academic ability to engage and thrive. The growth and development of the children's self-esteem and self-worth has been evident across all aspects of school life. A Year 3 pupil commented that Mr Shaikh's sessions improved his ability to concentrate and this was transferred back into the classroom environment. A parent was quoted saying 'how their children had been inspired during the sessions and want to join their local club.'



Mr Shaikh's sessions were planned and delivered in such a way that our school staff were empowered to support and deliver sessions during the programme. His infectious personality encouragement and enthusiasm captivated the children throughout. During the programme the cross curricular opportunities were evident e.g. geography

knowledge when using flags from cricketing nations to make school teams; using different times tables to count runs made in the games

Another benefit of the programme was how closely it matched our school values and motto. Our school motto 'With fun and learning, hand in hand, all things are possible. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' Shone through during the sessions enabling all children to achieve.