

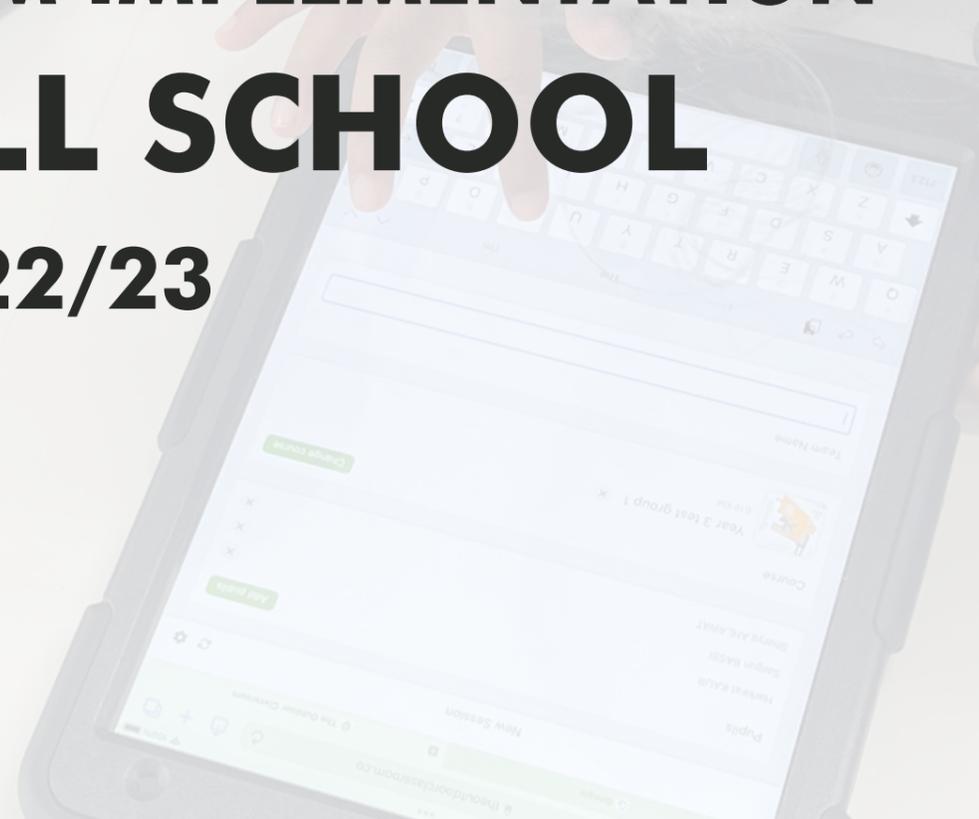


THE **OUTDOOR** **CLASSROOM**

IMPACT OF SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

SPRINGWELL SCHOOL

ACADEMIC YEAR 22/23

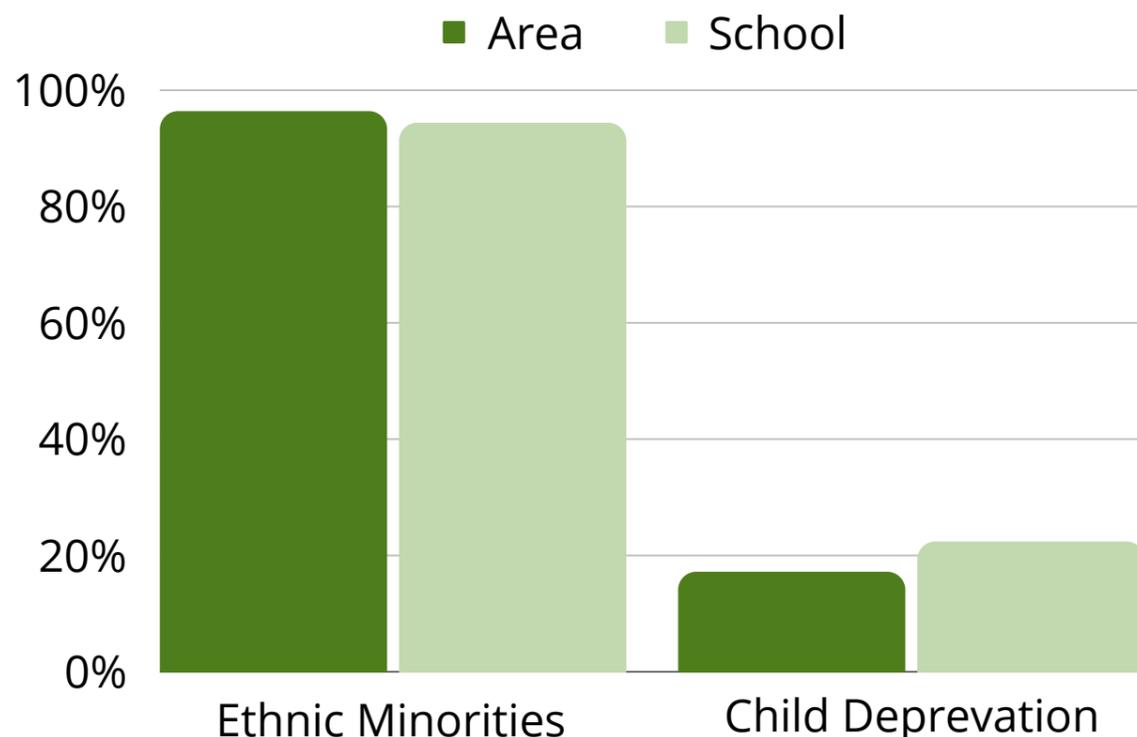


ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Springwell School, a primary school in Hounslow, was established in 2019 following the merger of Springwell Junior School and Springwell Infant School.

In 2022, a total of 634 students were enrolled at the school, with a gender distribution of 49% boys and 51% girls. The school has a particularly diverse student body, with 22.40% of pupils eligible for free school meals, and 94.4% of pupils from ethnic minority groups.

Positioned in an area with a 17.2% child deprivation rate, the school is dedicated to tirelessly working towards ensuring that all students are provided with equal opportunities for both learning and sports.



PE lead, Mr. Burlow, who had previous experience collaborating with The Outdoor Classroom in his former role, implemented the system as he began his new post as Sports Lead at Springwell School.

The school premises boast numerous outdoor features that enhance the students' overall experience. Before The Outdoor Classroom was introduced, the school were awarded an 'Active Schools' award for their use of the available outdoor space.

The original plan for The Outdoor Classroom was to digitise the existing orienteering club activities because of the data reporting and automatic tracking, making it easier to evidence orienteering sessions.

However, recognising the broader uses of the tracking features, the school extended its application beyond orienteering, leveraging them to document physical activity and conduct routine Formative Assessments on student achievement across various subjects.

Most teachers immediately embraced the system, but others required additional guidance to get started. The Outdoor Classroom team conducted on-site CPD sessions to offer hands-on support, ensuring the school maximised the benefits of the system.

In 2023, Headteacher Mrs. Grewal instituted a new protocol mandating all staff to incorporate The Outdoor Classroom into their lessons, emphasising the potential benefits for students' mental and physical well-being and overall academic support.

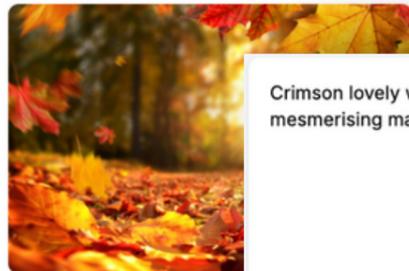
Following this, the school has consistently increased its efforts in Outdoor Learning, culminating in their remarkable achievement of securing first place in The Big League 2023.

LESSONS AND CHALLENGES

Get the group to say they do NOT have this pet



What exciting adjectives can you think of to describe this image?



Crimson lovely warm crispy beautiful pretty mesmerising marvellous

Since integrating Outdoor Learning into all corners of its curriculum, Springwell School have, successfully delivered lessons such as English, STEM subjects and Modern Foreign Languages that use the outdoor environment to bolster meaning and further pupils' understanding of new and recalled material.

Lessons like poetry writing for English have incorporated the naturally falling autumn leaves to help pupils find adjectives to inspire their own poems.

“It’s a great new way to connect content with outdoor experiences, getting children to work together as they improve their physical health and build on their classroom learning. ”

-Teacher



Aside from the initial focus on orienteering club activities, teachers with other academic specialisms recognised the value and potential for the diverse multi-media elements of the system. This spurred on the school to seek additional support from The Outdoor Classroom staff as part of their membership package.

In an ongoing effort to enhance professional development, the school has taken the initiative to develop internal CPD training courses covering a spectrum of topics, ranging from Safeguarding to Curriculum Planning. Feedback shows teachers enjoy utilising the system for their own development as much as their pupils do!

WHOLE SCHOOL IMPACT

Outside of PE and sporting activities, the most taught subject at Springwell School using The Outdoor Classroom was Citizenship. Sessions using the system for multi-subject assessment and revision were also highlighted by teachers.

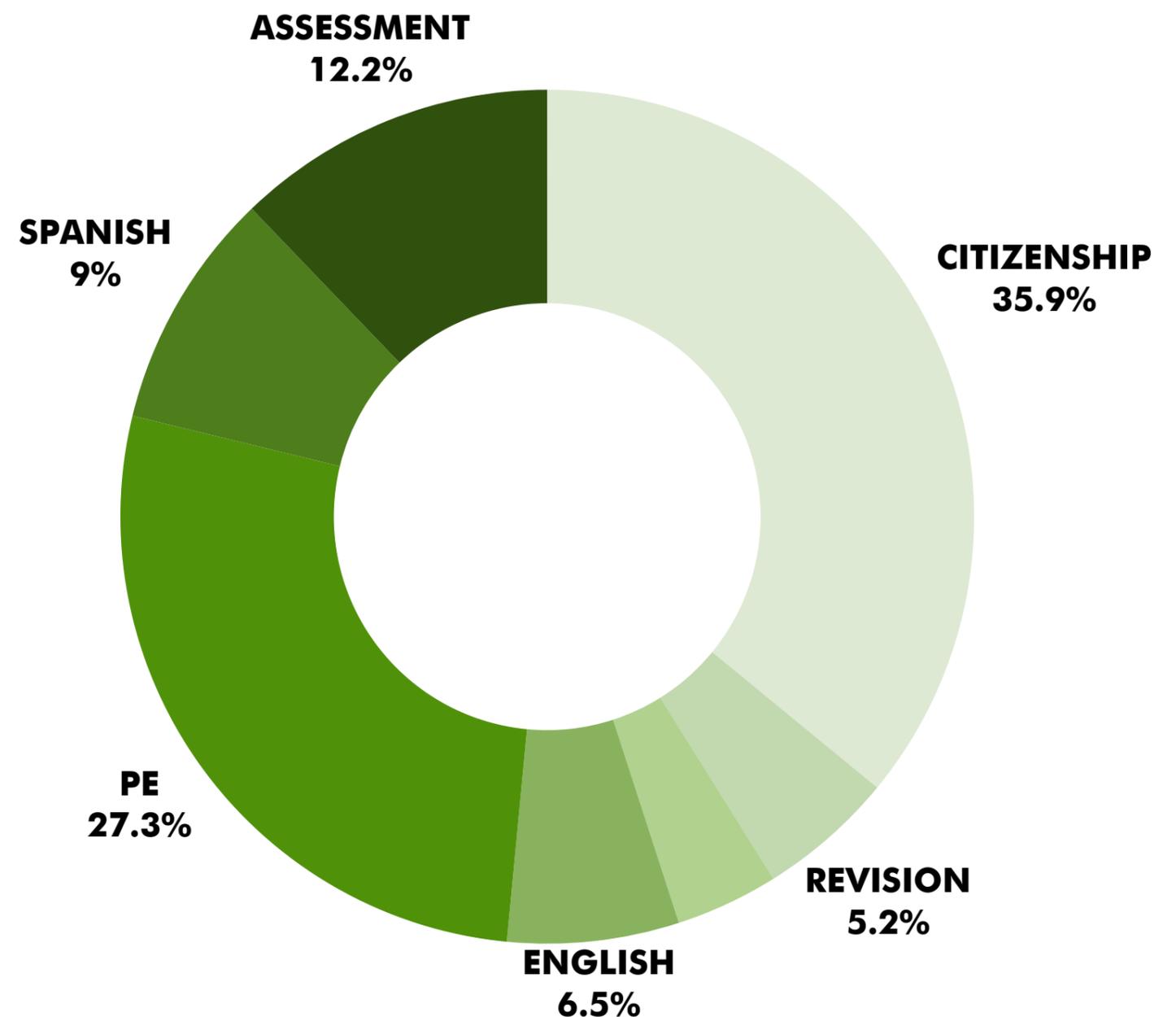
Citizenship lessons play a pivotal role in nurturing essential life skills by imparting values of responsibility, empathy, and respect, and cover a wide range of topics. Outdoor Learning offers strong development of equally important skills such as communication and independent thinking. By offering two robust vehicles of development in tandem, the school has created invaluable opportunities for its pupils to build on those skills that further their educational understanding of other academic topics.

As children have been working in groups when using The Outdoor Classroom app, it has allowed them to develop skills which are closely linked to teamwork, such as, communication, leadership, decision making.

-Mr. K. Crosby

During feedback, teachers reported using the system as a tool for Formative Assessment at mid-points in the set schema, and Revision as the SATs drew closer.

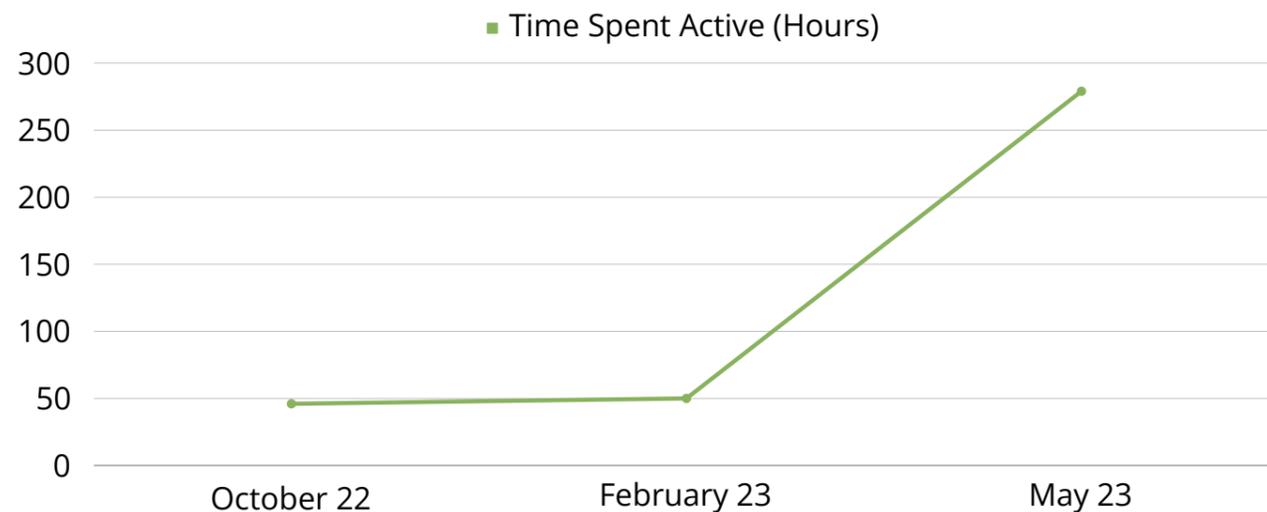
Teachers referred to the ability to review individual pupils' responses to questioning, combined with clear data charts of progress, as a helpful indication of pupil understanding and attainment, from which future lesson planning could be adjusted as required.



SCHOOL PROGRESS

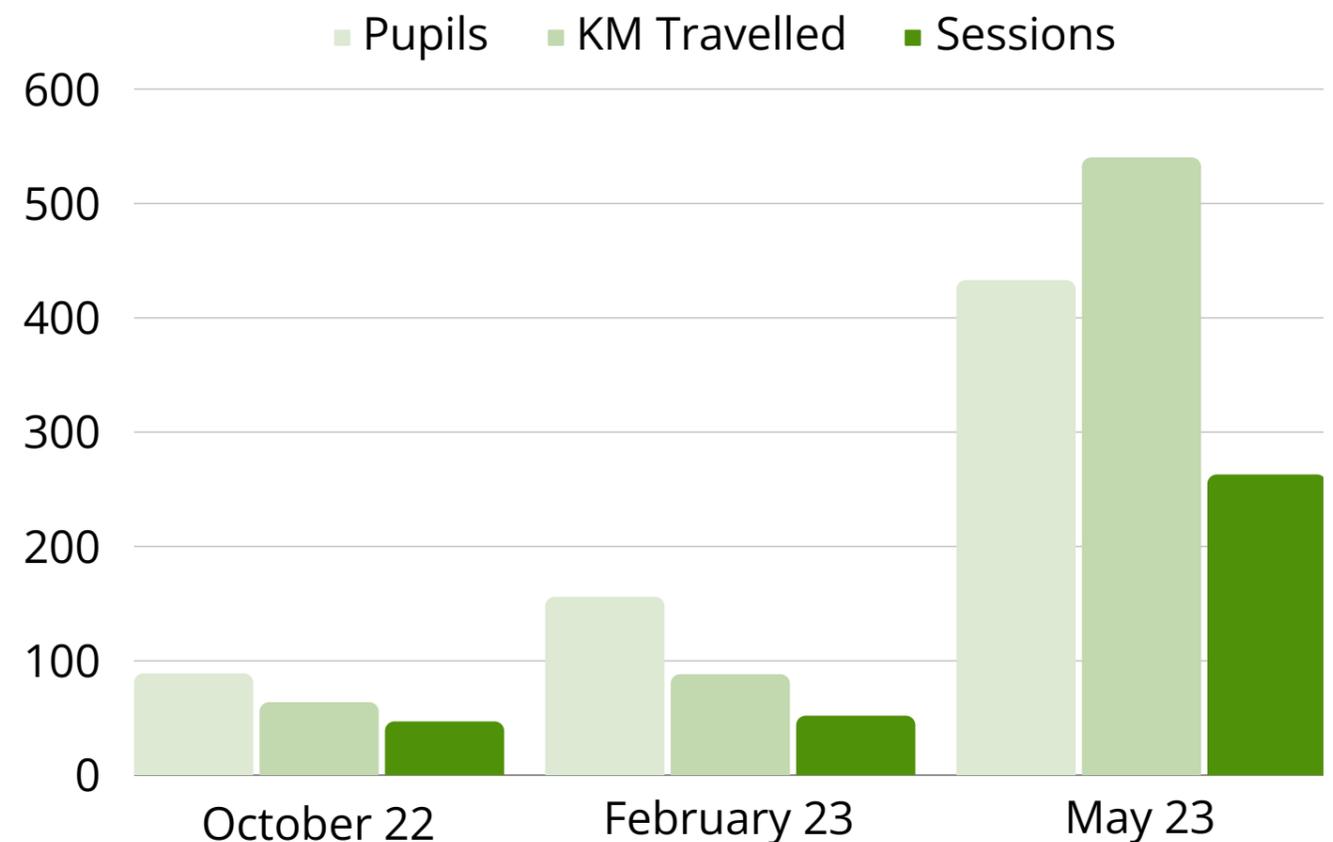
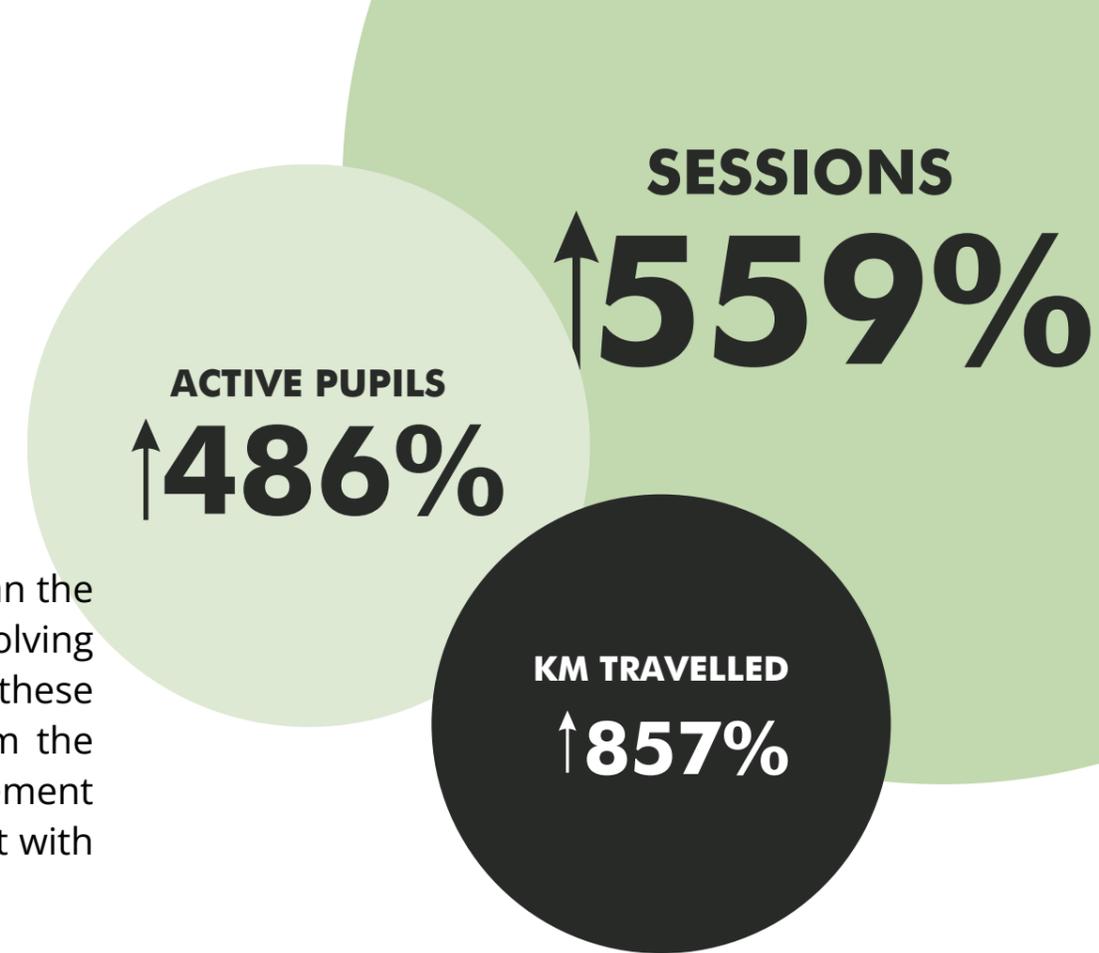
From starting their Outdoor Learning journey with The Outdoor Classroom, pupils' level of physical activity has significantly increased.

In September 2022, the school formally enrolled as a member of The Outdoor Classroom and began the integration of Outdoor Learning initiatives. By February 2023, the school recorded 52 sessions, involving the participation of 158 pupils, who actively engaged with The Outdoor Classroom. The majority of these sessions related to physical education and sports activities, with a substantial contribution from the orienteering club. During the summer term, the school experienced a remarkable surge in engagement levels, as the head's new initiative took place and more lessons like Maths and Science were taught with the system.



Springwell School was awarded 1st Place in The Big League 2023 after increasing their active pupil numbers. The competition inspired the school to take more learning outdoors with a chance to compete for prizes.

Following the school's success in The Big League, Outdoor Learning integration in every subject continued to grow consistently through to the end of the academic year.



SPOTLIGHT SUCCESS

In the summer term of 2023, Springwell School participated in The Outdoor Classroom's annual competition: The Big League.

As reflected in the statistics shown in this report, Springwell School had increased their Outdoor Learning efforts drastically by beginning to implement The Outdoor Classroom into all subjects following the success of their sports activities that used the system.

The Big League aims to encourage schools to make all lessons active in a bid to increase physical activity and better their pupils' health. The school took this challenge in their stride, finding new and creative ways to use the system as much as possible to contribute towards their efforts for the competition.

End-of-year assessments, revision and other lessons were taught using The Outdoor Classroom so pupils were able to spend more time being active without negatively impacting their core learning.

The school reported a noticeable increase in attainment in the run up to SATs from pupils who were using The Outdoor Classroom in their learning.

The school was awarded first place in all categories, making them the overall winners of The Big League 2023. British Orienteering and The British Schools Orienteering Association donated prizes for school's success, including the annual trophy, a signed Team GB shirt, free entry to orienteering competitions and a video message from Megan Carter-Davies, a Team GB athlete. All teachers and school governors were in attendance for the ceremony which celebrated the school's immense success.



433

TOTAL ACTIVE PUPILS

273

TOTAL ACTIVITY SESSIONS

561.8

TOTAL KILOMETRES TRAVELLED

289

HOURS OF ACTIVITY

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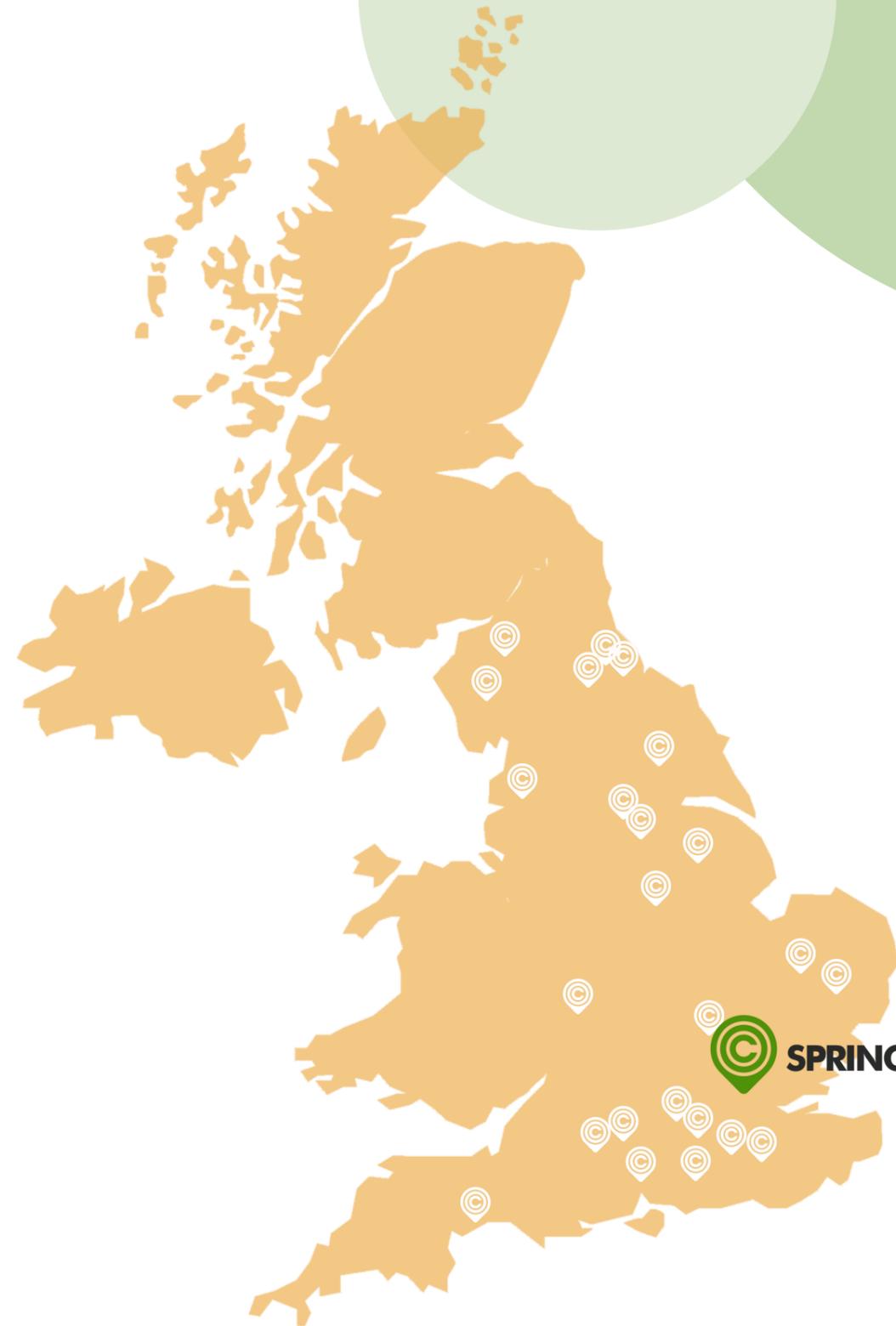
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