Simonside Primary School achieves Gold Award for commitment to physical education in school!

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Children from Simonside have had a range of opportunities across the school year to take part in huge range of sporting activities both within PE lessons and through our continued commitment to provide FREE after school clubs for all. Sports available have included athletics, basketball, boxing, skipping, cricket, dodgeball, football, fencing, hockey, tennis, cycling and outdoor adventures. Our children have also had opportunities to take part in competitive sport both within school, within our TRUST of schools and with other schools across the city through the Newcastle PE & School Sport Service. Competitions attended include basketball, cycling, dodgeball, football, athletics, multi-skills and Schools 500 games.

We are also commited to providing our children with 2 hours of dedicated PE each week and plan carefully how we will encourage all children to meet the recommended 60 active minutes each day. Our school grounds and the vast array of physical OPAL play opportunities available as well as our commitment to providing games, equipment and specialist coaches at lunch times all help us to give our children the best possible opportunities that we can.

We are extremely proud of everyone at Simonside including all staff and pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport and we continue to encourage everyone to be the best that they can be and to strive for our school motto 'Dream, Believe, Achieve'.

We look forward to having another successful year in 2023/24 and continue our commitment to physical activity and school sport.

Mrs Berryman
PE Lead