Hipsburn Primary School Wins Gold!

We are delighted to announce that we, Hipsburn Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 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.

Our sporting achievements have included providing quality physical education lessons to all children and links for family activities during lockdown, the Santa Dash, the virtual Year 6 Hockey Challenge and the virtual Year 5 Football Challenge. We have provided additional swimming lessons to ensure all children have the opportunity to leave school with the ability to swim at least 25 metres, use a variety of strokes and self-rescue safely, despite the lockdown, through our catch-up programme. Each half term we have provided at least one afterschool sports club for our children, so that over the year all children have had the choice to further develop their skills. We have full use of our field now, owing to extensive field drain work, and now utilise the space to provide fun, physical activities which improve both health and wellbeing. Our fantastic Year 5 and 6 School Sport Organising Crew now run an afterschool club and offer lunchtime activities too.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We look forward to applying once again in 2023!
Miss Haswell, PE Leader