THE WILLOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL - GOLD SPORTS MARK

We are delighted to announce that we, The Willows Primary School, 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 and recognise schools' engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our physical activity and school sport achievements this year include:
- continued development of our PE curriculum to include a wide range of sports (speed stacking, fencing, dodgeball, curling, badminton, footgolf, archery as well as football, rugby, tennis, netball, hockey, gymnastics and dance) to engage all children in sport and physical activity
- 1 gold medal winning KS2 speed stacking team
- 1 silver medal winning KS1 speed stacking team
- 1 silver medal winning Y3/4 tennis team
- 1 gold medal winning KS2 Foot Golf team
- a 5/6 boys football team that won gold medals in their league
- participation in a range of external competitions against other schools

This year the school has set up a Sports Crew committee consisting of children who support and work with the Headteacher and Sports Leader to continually develop PE and physical activities across the school.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those staff, young leaders and officials who made our events possible. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer.

We are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.
A special thanks to all our Sports Crew, the children, our staff and Mr Turner, our sports leader.

We look forward to applying once again in 2023!