



## Eastlea Primary has achieved the School Games GOLD Kitemark

Eastlea Primary in Cramlington has recently been awarded the GOLD kitemark for School Games in 2013-14. This award recognises a schools' commitment to the delivery of school sport and competition and is a fantastic achievement for Eastlea who are one of only 6 Northumberland schools to achieve the gold award. At an assembly on Tuesday Gill Marsden the Cramlington School Sport Partnership Organiser presented the gold pennant and certificate to the school on behalf of Marie-Anne Dowson (School Games Organiser)

In 2013-14 Eastlea pupils took part a wide range of sporting opportunities – in school events, festivals for whole classes, numerous school games competitions and lots of before, during and after school clubs. A large percentage of pupils took part in the events and the leadership of the Eastlea Sports Council and Year 6 Sports leaders was also recognised as part of the award. The Northumberland School Games event last summer was fully supported by the pupils from Eastlea with the KS2 street dance team performing at the opening ceremony, a Year 5 pupil chosen as the flag bearer for the Cramlington and Seaton Valley area, Year 6 sports leaders helping as 'mini leaders' to run events on the second day and the Year 6 netball team taking part in the competition itself.

Head Teacher, Emma Beeston said, "We are over the moon to have been awarded the gold kitemark! Having got silver the year before we had set ourselves the goal of achieving gold within the next two years – so to do so after only one year is fantastic! We recognise the value of sports for all children and encourage as many pupils as possible to take part and enjoy participating. We try to take up every opportunity we are offered and as a result we are well represented at all the town and area events. We may have smaller numbers than other schools but we have great enthusiasm and commitment for sport at Eastlea."

Gill Marsden was also delighted with Eastlea's achievement. She said "I am delighted with Eastlea's Gold Award. It is clear that both staff and pupils show a commitment to PE and Sport and it is fantastic that their efforts have been recognised with this award."



Eastlea Primary Sports Council with Emma Beeston (Head Teacher), Catherine Merryweather (PE Coordinator) and Gill Marsden (Cramlington School Sport Partnership Organiser).