



**Whittingham**  
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Whittingham, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 4UP | Telephone: 01665 574222  
Email: Admin@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

### **Northumberland School Games Year 4, 5 and 6 Finals Competition**

**Year 4 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January and Year 5 and 6 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January ( please make sure they are in PE kit on this day).**

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This year we have been taking part in Northumberland School Games multiskills virtual events.

This has involved completing challenges in P.E. lessons and submitting our scores to compete virtually against other schools. We're delighted to tell you, despite a high number of schools taking part across the county and that your son / daughter's class (Year 4, 5 and 6) has won the North Northumberland round and have qualified for the Northumberland finals.

The Northumberland Multi Skills finals are being held live via Zoom on either Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January for Year 4 or Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January for Years 5 and 6. Each of the area winners will join a live call where they will compete against schools from the other areas. This is a different way of running competitions so we're outlining how it will work and asking you to let school know by **Wednesday 22nd January** if you do not wish for your child to take part.

Zoom is an online platform used world-wide to facilitate meetings and events. Your child will see the live screens of the event organisers as well as the other schools. Each event will contain some pre-recorded content as well as the children completing the competition live. There will be several rounds of most challenges to allow all children to have a turn. Competition results will be decided on class average meaning that EVERY child's score is important. One or two of the children in each class may be invited to speak to the other schools.

The event will not be recorded so will be seen only by the schools at the live event.

To keep participants safe while online the event will have its own, password protected link which will be shared only with the participating schools and staff involved in running the event. There is a waiting room enabled for the meetings so no-one can join without being admitted by the host. The meeting will be hosted by a member of Northumberland's School Games Organiser team who all have an enhanced DBS. The host has the ability to remove participants from the event. By implementing these measures, we are confident our children will be safe while competing online and will have a rewarding competitive experience.

Looking forward to the challenge and hoping for some good results.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey – Headteacher / PE lead.