

"Believe in your dreams and anything is possible."
(Usain Bolt - Gold medal runner)

Frieth Year 6 Art homelearning - week beginning Mon 15th
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LO: *"Children will create their own NHS Olympian medals."*

Sport and athletics were a very important part of Ancient Greek culture. The most important event was the Olympic Games which was held every four years in Olympia. The first Olympic Games was held in 776BC.

Click on the link below to watch a short film about the history of the Olympic Games.

<https://youtu.be/VdHHus8IgYA>



As you probably know, in 2012, the Olympic Games were held in London. They are often remembered as the 'London 2012 Olympic Games.'



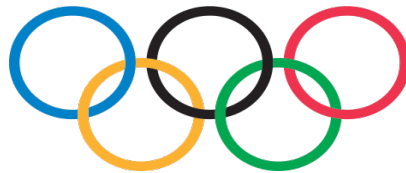
The official gold, silver and bronze medals for the 2012 Games were designed by British artist David Watkins. They were 85mm in diameter and 7mm thick, weighing between 375g and 400g (That's about as heavy as 3-4 apples! Quite a weight to have hanging from your neck!) The front of the medals featured the traditional image of the Greek Goddess of Victory, Nike, stepping out of the Parthenon to arrive in the host city (London). The reverse featured an abstract design with the London 2012 logo at its centre. The design also included a ribbon, representing London's River Thames.



The 2020 Olympic Games were due to take place this summer in Tokyo, Japan. Due to Covid-19 it is sadly rather uncertain whether or not the games will actually be postponed or even take place.



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It is with this in mind that I have set your art challenge this week. I am certain that you will have taken part in a "Clap for the NHS," at some point over the last few weeks. Now, as our way of thanking the NHS, (or in fact anyone you may know who deserves a great big thank you) for all they have done to help others during this challenging time, I would like you to try to design a medal. You can even design a bronze, silver *and* gold medal if you wish, it is up to you.

Take some time to look at previous designs for Olympic medals to help you to gather some inspiration for your own design. Think about the purpose of giving your medal. Whilst a traditional Olympian might win their medal for being the fastest, strongest or most accurate competitor, your Olympian is being awarded their medal for quite different reasons. And yet, don't they all have some qualities in common? What might those qualities be?
Determination, courage, fearlessness, passion.....

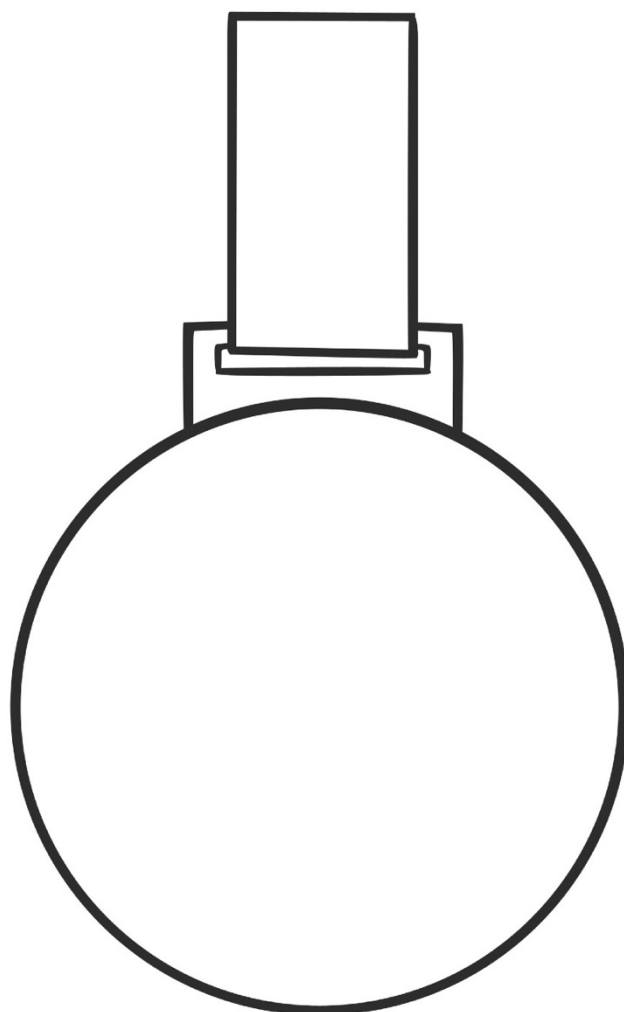
British artist David Watkins will have spent a great deal of time planning before he came up with his final designs for the London 2012 Olympic medals. He will have sketched and doodled endlessly, evaluating, amending and improving his ideas constantly.

Name:

Can you design an NHS (or other recipient) Olympian medal? Remember to plan your ideas clearly and carefully. Take your time. Planning is one of the most important stages.

Who is your medal for? Why have you chosen this person/group of people? Is the purpose of the medal quite clear on your design? Does it need to be?

Design:



What materials/equipment will you need?

Will you use ribbon? What colour will you use?

What shape would you like the medal to be? Does it have to be circular?

Will you include some text? Think about the layout/font/colour.

