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Aston Rowant CofE Primary School - Awarded Primary Science Quality Mark

Aston Rowant is proud to announce that it is one of 136 schools that has achieved the **Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)** this month, a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates a commitment to developing excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning.

Led by the University of Hertfordshire, for over a decade the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) has been setting children on a path to a life filled with exciting possibilities and opportunities, by giving them access to a strong foundation in quality primary science education. Over 7000 Quality Marks have now been awarded, impacting on the learning of almost 2,000,000 children.

PSQM is a comprehensive, evidence-informed, professional learning programme which equips primary science subject leaders with the knowledge, confidence, and expert support they need to transform the quality and profile of science education in their schools.

Helen Sizer, PSQM Director said: 'The Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) recognises a school's commitment to developing and strengthening science education, celebrating the positive impact this has on children's learning and understanding of the world around them.'

Our congratulations go to the whole school community on this achievement and particularly to the school's science subject leader(s), who has led this process through participation in the PSQM professional learning programme and by driving a cycle of reflection, development and improvement across the school. Their leadership helps to ensure that all children benefit from high-quality science teaching and learning.

Everyone involved should be very proud of the positive difference they are making to children's learning and of their commitment to continuous improvement in primary science education.'

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Notes to Editor

Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) Schools achieve a PSQM through a year-long professional development process, consisting of initial audit, followed by action and evidence-based reflection. For more information please visit: <https://go.herts.ac.uk/psqm>

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