



**PSQM Press Release September 2022**

## **Ashton West End Primary School has been Awarded Primary Science Quality Mark!**

**To gain this award, our school had to prove that the teaching of Science in school was of good quality and that the pupils had many opportunities to learn. We are very proud of our teachers and pupils who helped us to get this achievement.**

**Over 400 Primary Science Quality Marks** have been awarded to infant, junior, primary, middle and special schools this month to celebrate their commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. So far, since its national launch in 2010, over 5000 schools across the UK have achieved a prestigious Primary Science Quality Mark.

Primary Science Quality Mark is a one-year school improvement programme for primary science, which provides professional development for new and experienced subject leaders each year. PSQM enables confident, knowledgeable, reflective leadership which results in an improvement in the way in which science is planned and taught across the whole school.

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire in collaboration with the Primary Science Teaching Trust.

Associate Professor Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: *“There was never a more important time for primary children to have a high-quality science education. The*



*coronavirus pandemic and climate change crisis have made everyone aware of the importance of science in our world. Primary schools have an important role to ensure that children understand how science works and keeps us and our planet healthy and safe. Schools that have achieved a Primary Science Quality Mark have demonstrated a significant commitment to science teaching and learning. The profile and quality of science in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.”*

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## **Notes to Editor**

**Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)** is the only national award scheme to develop and celebrate the quality of science teaching and learning in primary schools. Schools achieve a PSQM through a year-long process of initial audit, followed by action and evidenced-based reflection. For more information please visit: [www.psqm.org.uk](http://www.psqm.org.uk)

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**The Primary Science Teaching Trust (formerly the AstraZeneca Science Teaching Trust)** was created by Trust Deed in April 1997, to provide financial assistance to help improve the learning and teaching of science in the UK. Our



*objective is to help improve the education of children and young people in science. For more information, please visit:*  
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