

Quality Marks All Round!

Grove Park is delighted to announce that we have been awarded not one but two quality marks in recognition of our outstanding curriculum provision in both Geography and Science.



The Primary Geography Quality Mark (PGQM) is a prestigious award that recognises high-quality geography in primary schools. The PGQM is a process of reflection which celebrates achievements, encourages creative and critical thinking and identifies school priorities to help pupils become responsible global citizens. Despite initially applying for the Silver Quality Mark, the moderators at the Geographical Association felt that Grove Park was actually deserving of a Gold Award. We were one of just 8 schools across the country to achieve this prestigious recognition. The Geographical Association states that, *“Gold award schools lead the way in providing excellent and innovative geography”*.



The Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) is an award scheme to develop and celebrate the quality of science teaching and learning in primary schools. This year, only 200 primary schools were awarded the PSQM. It is a joint project led by the University of Hertfordshire in partnership with the Primary Science Teaching Trust and supported by the network of Science Learning Centres, the Association for Science Education and the Wellcome Trust. Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said, *“Gaining a Primary Science Quality Mark is a significant achievement for a school. The profile and quality of science teaching and learning 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.”*

A huge thank you goes to all of the teachers and leaders who were involved in the applications for both of these awards.

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For more information about the PGQM or PSQM, please visit:

<https://www.geography.org.uk/PGQM-awardees-and-news-articles#5>

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