



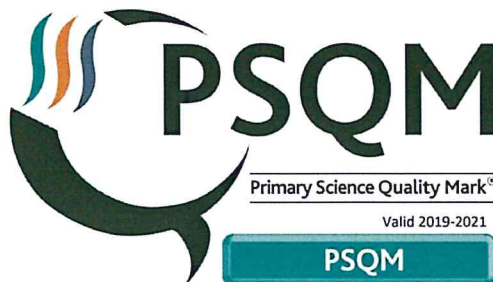
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Dear Parents and Carers,



## Avalon School Awarded Primary Science Quality Mark

We are delighted to be able to share the news with you that our school has been accredited with the Primary Science Quality Mark. This award celebrates and acknowledges our commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. So far, since its national launch in 2010, just 3000 schools across the UK, have achieved this prestigious Primary Science Quality Mark.

The Primary School Quality Mark programme ensures effective leadership of science, enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. It encourages teacher autonomy and innovation while at the same time offering a clear framework for development in science subject leadership, teaching and learning. Schools that achieve PSQM demonstrate commitment and expertise in science teaching and leadership.

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire, School of Education in collaboration with the Primary Science Teaching 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."*

We are indeed immensely proud of this achievement and congratulations must go to Miss Tweed, Science Subject Leader, for her determination, commitment and sheer hard work in completing the many modules of evidence contributing to our accreditation success. Children at Avalon enjoy a very broad and inspiring science curriculum, guided by the high quality skills and expertise of its teaching staff.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Callaway  
Headteacher