

# BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

## PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK

We have many proud moments at Bourne Abbey, but we are so thrilled with our latest accolade which highlights the spirit to fly high in Science! Indeed, we are truly delighted to report that the school has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark at Gilt level.

Our talented young scientists have not only enjoyed an amazing range of extra-curricular science activities, but they have received the very best in primary science teaching. As ever we remain deeply grateful for the support of children, parents/carers and governors as well as all of our teaching staff in helping us achieve this prestigious award.

Over the last year, the Bourne Abbey Science Team has been working hard to gain a Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM). This week we heard that we have achieved a Gilt mark, which is given to schools which demonstrate how established science leadership is having a sustained impact on science teaching and learning across the school.

Primary Science Quality Awards have been awarded to 320 infant, junior, primary, middle and special schools to celebrate a commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. The Primary School Quality Mark scheme 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.

Jane Turner, PSQM National Director, said: "Gaining a Primary Science Quality Award 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 science understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud."

We are extremely proud of the opportunities that we offer our children. As well as exciting, hands-on science lessons, children can take part in science related clubs, have science visits and visitors across their primary years and have the opportunity to become science ambassadors. Mrs Ross, science leader, said, 'It is fantastic once again to have gained this quality mark which represents the fabulous science teaching and learning across our school.'

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.J. Moore', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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