

OAKDENE PRIMARY ACADEMY

PSQM GILT AWARD



We are a PSQM Gilt School



Oakdene is a PSQM (Primary Science Quality Mark) Gilt school. This means that Science leadership, learning, teaching and opportunities for experiencing science outside of the curriculum across our school is outstanding.

PSQM :

- Enables science subject leaders to develop and articulate a clear **intent** and aspirational vision for science. The process of achieving a PSQM raises the profile and quality of science across the whole school.
- Supports subject leaders to effectively **implement** a curriculum for science that is informed by research evidence and best practice data. Working with an expert hub leader, subject leaders evaluate current provision for science and put in place a development cycle that leads to sustained progress in science across the school.
- Ensures strong and positive **impact**: Children make good progress, building and consolidating their knowledge and skills, developing positive attitudes about science and its value to their lives and globally. Teachers and children enjoy their science lessons.

Please click the link to view our PSQM portfolio which demonstrates the evidence submitted towards the award.

What is it?

There are three different Primary Science Quality Marks to ensure that all schools can achieve the accreditation. Primary Science Quality Marks are intended to be school appropriate and provide a framework for

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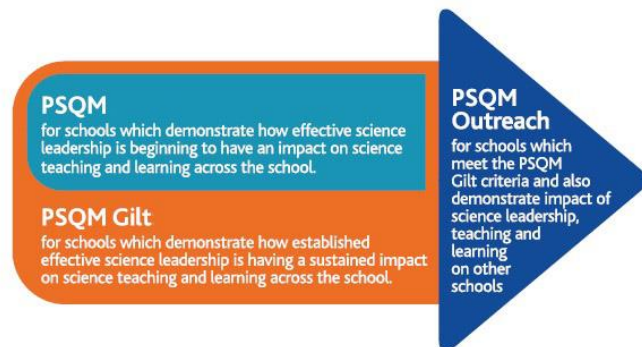
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improvement and development in leadership and provision. Most schools are awarded PSQM (60%), PSQM Gilt is a higher accreditation and is awarded to schools who demonstrate that science was already well established before beginning the award.

The PSQM self-evaluation and development framework consists of 4 aims identifying goals for:

- **science subject leadership**
- **science teaching**
- **science learning**
- **wider opportunities**



Our PSQM Gilt accreditation is valid for three years. We have decided to be re-accredited at PSQM Gilt, this will enable Oakdene to continue to embed and improve the practises developed in the previous cycle.

Why bother?

PSQM enables confident, knowledgeable and reflective leadership which results in an improvement in the way in which science is strategically planned and taught across the whole school. We believe that the rigorous cycle of assessment raises the profile, effectiveness and impact of science across Oakdene.

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Our School

Our staff and children are extremely enthusiastic about Science. Through our PSQM journey and beyond, we are passionate about providing for our children:

- Enthusiastic teachers, who love teaching science
- An engaging and exciting curriculum
- A practical based curriculum
- The skills and knowledge they need to be successful in Science
- Their learning in Science is enriched by trips and visitors linked to topics
- Building their science capital