



Artsmark Gold Award

Awarded by Arts
Council England

Pooles Park Primary School 2062856

Thank you for your recent submission, and congratulations on completing your Artsmark journey.

You've achieved an Artsmark Gold Award!

We are delighted to inform you that your setting has been awarded an Artsmark Gold Award. Congratulations!

Your Statement of Commitment and Statement of Impact have been assessed and we're pleased to share this feedback from our assessors with you:

'It is a delight to read how, faced with the problems created by the pandemic, you have turned these into opportunities to enrich your connections to families and to strengthen your children's wellbeing when away from school and on their return. The Arts have been integral to your online offer you have succeed in your core objectives of broadening your inclusive cross-curricular offer; growing and establishing new partnerships; ensuring that your enhanced curriculum design has the Arts at its core and empowering teachers with the skills and confidence to create enriching experiences for your pupils. You have embedded relationships with creative practitioners and arts organisations, with an impressive array of CPD collaborations, including the Royal Opera House for literacy via dance, the London Sinfonietta and Charanga to deliver music across the curriculum and film literacy via the BFI's Into film programme. These and other CPD opportunities such as drama through the Mantle of the Expert programme and training in Talk for Writing all enhance your cross-curricular planning and provision, and you have seen measurable improvements in writing as well as in personal development, with notable growth of children's empathy through a film project about disability and by using music appreciation to celebrate diversity, fortitude and resilience. Your immersive week-long festival of reading includes visits by acclaimed authors and poets and you have an annual literacy project across the school. You use arts in the broader teaching of literacy, science, history and geography and you provide the children with a wide range of cultural trips. You have used pupil voice to improve curriculum through School Council discussions, child-led improvement ideas and surveys. It would have been very interesting to hear more about the influence that children have had on their learning and how you foster their ownership of their arts experiences and progress. It would be good to document the ways in which all children are involved in planning and delivering authentic experiences. You might also record how you engage children in e.g. choosing arts experiences that reflect their lives and how they use the Arts to explore and give voice to issues that are important to them. It would be good to know more about how your curriculum captures and celebrates the diversity of society and this will be valuable as you begin to share the learning from your Artsmark journey with other schools. You

are setting a wonderful example and it is great that you are aiming to work with your borough partners to produce a cohesive and evolutionary plan for the future. Your vision, your leadership, your investment in staff and your commitment to strengthening children's learning and lives through the Arts will make you powerful advocates and we look forward greatly to hearing of how you make a difference beyond the school as your journey continues.'

Congratulations on your Artsmark Gold Award!

Your award is valid for two years and will expire on **26/01/2025**

Celebrate your success!

- Your Bridge organisation, A New Direction, has been informed of your award, and your Artsmark certificate will be on its way to you soon.
- We are delighted to enclose your Artsmark Gold Award logo, both for print and screen use. You can use this logo publicly until your award expires. Accompanying this is a guidance document for how to use the logo. Please refer to this when updating your website or letterhead.
- Visit the [Celebrate your Artsmark Success](#) page on our website to download our celebration toolkit, including press release templates, celebration cards for social media and advice on how to organise a celebration event.
- Keep us updated with your celebrations by tagging us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#). We would love to see how you are showcasing the fantastic creative opportunities you offer.

Looking ahead

We've developed a guidance booklet, *Your Artsmark Award*, to help you reflect on your achievements and support you to plan your next Artsmark journey. It also includes a resource to kick-start your reflection and planning process. [Download it now](#).

When you've taken time to celebrate your success, we recommend you [re-register](#) sooner rather than later. Artsmark is a cyclical journey and to keep momentum going, setting new goals now will further enhance the opportunities for your children and young people.

Once again, congratulations on your Artsmark **Gold Award**.

With warm wishes,

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