

Citation for Patrick Moore Medal: Jenny Lister

The 2018 Patrick Moore Medal is awarded to Miss Jenny Lister.

Miss Lister does phenomenal work inspiring her students with a love of Space. She participated in the Tim Peake Primary Project and took it to a whole new level with science weeks and stargazing events.

Some of the activities Miss Lister organised were; a Space Week at her school, a competition where the winners got to visit the RAS, whole school assemblies about space, careers sessions, stargazing slumber parties where over a hundred students attended, helping the students create aliens from children's books, astronomy question and answer sessions, a resource handbook for each child, a space passport, the list is huge.

Due to her unwavering enthusiasm for science, Miss Lister led the school staff, developed their science teaching skills and gathered so much evidence that the school achieved the Gold level 'Primary Science Quality Mark'. Her head teacher says of her 'she continues to strive so that all the children have a questioning mind and a love of science.'

Miss Lister shows how Space can engage a whole school and give students, staff and parents wonderfully exciting experiences understanding our Universe. With this inspiration and commitment to space at her Primary School Miss Lister inspires the space scientists and astronomers of the future.

For these reasons Miss Lister is awarded the RAS Patrick Moore Medal.