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Godmanchester Primary named UK's first 'Model School'

Renaissance Learning UK Ltd is delighted to announce that Godmanchester Primary has joined an elite group of schools worldwide by being awarded 'Model School' status by Renaissance Learning.

Any school using Renaissance Learning's acclaimed Accelerated Reader Advantage program to raise standards of literacy is eligible for consideration, but the purpose of the 'Model School' award is to recognise a school's commitment to significantly raising reading standards based on measurable results.

Godmanchester Primary has been successfully using Renaissance Learning's Accelerated Reader Advantage program for over 12 years, and has seen significant improvements in standards of pupil reading and writing with 93% of pupils achieving level 4 (94.6% level 4 reading) and 43% achieving level 5 in reading and writing (66% level 5 reading) by the time they leave Godmanchester Primary school.

These SATs results are significant not only because the boys outperformed the girls in terms of reading at level 4, but overall they are above the Cambridgeshire average – which, as a county, outperforms the National statistics. Adrian Tester, Year 3/4 Team Leader at Godmanchester Primary comments: *"Of most interest to us is the level 5 scores as this demonstrates children working well above the expected standard."* It is also interesting to note that there is still very little difference between the reading results achieved by both boys and girls at this level, which again bucks the national trend.

In addition to these fantastic SATs results, and achieving 'Model School' status, Godmanchester Primary was also recognised as an "outstanding" school by Ofsted when they were inspected last year.

Dirk Foch, Managing Director of Renaissance Learning UK Ltd, comments: *"Everyone at Renaissance Learning is very proud to be awarding Godmanchester Primary 'Model School' status. The teachers and pupils have worked very hard, and*



thoroughly deserve this accolade – it is surely just a matter of time before they achieve ‘Master School’ status!”

The formal presentation of the award will take place at the school on Monday 20th April 2009.

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About Renaissance Learning UK Limited

Renaissance Learning UK Limited is a subsidiary of Renaissance Learning Inc, a company founded in Wisconsin (USA) in 1986. Renaissance Learning UK Ltd is a leading provider of educational solutions to primary and secondary schools across the United Kingdom.

Adopted by more than 75,000 schools worldwide Renaissance Learning's advanced technology makes the practice component of a school's reading, maths and writing curriculum more personalised and effective than ever before. The company's hosted and web-delivered Accelerated Reader Advantage and Accelerated Maths Advantage programmes are used successfully by well over 220,000 children in the UK every day to help them improve their results and achieve a life-long love of reading.

Renaissance Learning produces software that provides teachers and pupils with immediate access to information on academic performance. This information technology provides timely and reliable feedback that enhances individualised instruction, creating a better learning environment for more motivated pupils.

Renaissance works closely with the National Literacy Trust and Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, and is supported by best-selling authors for children, such as Malorie Blackman, Peter J Murray and GP Taylor.