

# Paternoster School News

October 2018

**Welcome** to our new look Paternoster newsletter – all the news from your school

## New faces at the top

Paternoster School has just elected Michael (left, holding his badge) as its new President and Connor as Vice-President. Here, they introduce themselves...



### Michael can you tell us a bit about yourself?

I am 15, almost 16. I like to play on my Xbox when I am at home.

I like to go running.

### What do you like about school?

I like maths. I have good friends here too. It's coming near the end now. Next year I go to Stroud College.

### What will you be doing as School President?

I will be showing visitors around. I will be helping the Head. I am proud to be the

President.

### Connor can you tell us a bit about yourself?

I am 15, I like to play on my PS4 and on my Xbox. I like to bounce on my trampoline. My favourite food is cheese – not mozzarella, I don't like that. I like Cheddar.

### What do you like about school?

It is awesome. I like doing English, French, Maths, Science, DT and RE. I am interested in different countries. I am most interested in looking at the map of Turkey. The capital is Ankara.

### What are you going to do as school vice president?

I am going to get the door for visitors.



Michael and Connor will also be leading the Paternoster School Council over the coming year and they will be supported by Codie and Jacob from Elm Class, Xena and Eva from Ash Class, George and Lewis from Beech Class, Jamie and Kyle/Oscar from Maple Class and Nic and Kieran from Willow Class.

## Fundraising in style at Vintage Heaven

Get your shop on at this year's **Vintage Heaven**, a vintage fair with stalls selling an eclectic mix of vintage, recycled and reclaimed homewares, clothing and textiles.



Now in its sixth year, this event usually raises around £2000 for Friends of Paternoster School.

This funding has gone towards music therapy, residentials, outings, Christmas gifts for the children and sensory equipment.

**Saturday November 10th from 10am – 4pm.**

The Organic Farm Shop, Burford Road,  
Cirencester, GL7 5HF.

## Waitrose raise £513



India from Oak Class and Imogen from Ash Class collect a £513 cheque for Friends of Paternoster raised from the green token scheme at Waitrose. Thank you to everyone involved.

## News from Ash Class



Ash Class's theme for this term is Pirates and we have enjoyed visiting a Treasure Island where we found all kinds of exciting treasure. Will particularly enjoyed the chocolate coins! We have been having fantastic music sessions on Thursday afternoons when Rosie the music therapist joins us with her flute and we get the Sound Beam out so that children can create their own music using electronic sensors that convert even tiny movements to sound. We always include the Dolly Parton song Jolene in our sessions because it's Imogen's favourite song.

Every week we have been practising our gross motor skills in different ways. Three of the girls have been taking steps using their walking frames whilst the boys practise cycling using their walking bikes.

## News from Elm Class

Elm Class have been very busy with lots of new experiences, getting to know our new school friends, our new school, classroom and outside play area. This has been very exciting and we are really starting to play together.

We have heard lots of stories and explored 'messy play' many times, where we have loved getting completely covered in the process! Some of us have been introduced to swimming, which although at first was daunting, is now much anticipated every Wednesday morning! For some of the older children, alongside getting to know our new friends, we have started to become more independent in our work and have enjoyed looking at the Autumn changes which helped us to write poems.



## News from Beech Class



Beech Class have really been enjoying their Friday sessions at Forest School where we have been learning how to use maps and have been playing lots of games in the woods.

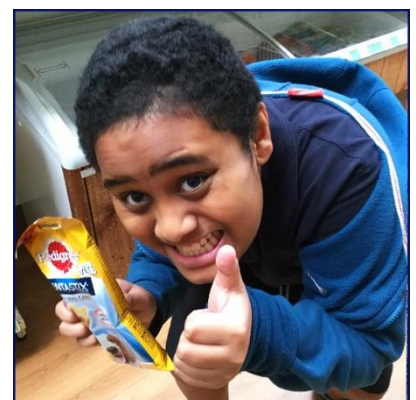
On Thursdays the class have cooking. We've made lots of things but our favourite was pizza. The class have been great at trying out new foods.

In our PE sessions we have been doing team games and learning to cooperate. We have been improving our netball skills and are getting better at working as a team. In English we have been reading Traction Man and writing about his adventures.

## News from Maple Class

Maple Class have been enjoying getting to know their new classroom and all the exciting areas of the new build. Jamie's favourite part is the outside area and Jason really likes the little room for peace and quiet.

Our topic is Animal Tales and we have been reading the book Zoo, by Anthony Browne. We have made our own zoos and thought about what would make the animals happy. To help us write non-chronological reports about how to look after animals, we visited Pets at Home (Miti, right, gives it the thumbs up) and looked at all the different things we could choose for our pets (real or imaginary!).



## News from Willow Class

Willow Class have been loving going to Scrubditch Farm every Friday morning this term. The children get to measure out the food for the chickens, ducks, pigs and sheep and then travel around the farm to deliver the food to all the animals.

We do heavy work too and have moved bales of hay to feed the sheep and Manny the horse. We also water the plants and have enjoyed trying the tomatoes, beans and spinach which is grown there.



We have particularly liked seeing the baby animals as Tigger the pig has had piglets which we are watching feed and grow and there are lots of chicks running around the farm too. Here's Myles making friends with Tigger and her piglets.

## News from Oak Class

The students and staff in Oak class have had fun getting to know each other and have settled in very well into their new classroom.

In Oak Class this term our topic is Animal Tales and so we have been getting to know a number of Aesop's Fables including The Hare and the Tortoise, The Fox and the Crow and The Lion and the Mouse. The students have taken part in a range of structured activities as well as sensory based interactions to gather deeper understanding of the stories and to start giving consideration to the morals attached to them.

In PHSE/ Citizenship the students have been learning how to care for animals. We had guinea pigs visit class so we now know how to care for them.



On Wednesdays some students have continued with sailing at South Cerney and with a new 'luger' boat the students from Oak and Willow class have been able to access even more time out on the lake.

Michael has been doing amazingly well as he has just received his bronze award.

## Head's Update



The new school year has got off to a very positive start with four classes moving in to our amazing new building. It has been ten years in the planning and at times it felt like it might never happen! But here we are at last and it really is making such a difference to everyone, with plenty of space for the children and great outside learning spaces.

Last week also saw the unveiling of our new sensory room which has been very cleverly designed and will give our children a great way to extend their school experience.

I would also like to take this chance to extend a massive thank you to Heather Teather who has just stepped down after ten years as a governor. Her wealth of education experience has proved invaluable over the years.

Have a great half term and we will see you all after the holiday.

Julie Mantell

## News New minibus arriving

- We are excited to announce that we will be taking delivery of a brand new minibus, which will be formally presented to us by the Lord's Taverners on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.15am. All are welcome to attend the handover there may even be a celebrity to hand over the keys. Staff are taking bets on who this might be!

## News Apply for holidays

- The Pied Piper Appeal is offering to fund once-in-a-lifetime holidays for children with life-limiting illnesses and their families. To apply contact Kelly on 0300 4226119 or fill out the form at: <https://www.piedpiperappeal.co.uk/wish-holidays>

## News Nut allergy

- As we have a staff member with a nut allergy, please do not send your child in with nuts or food containing nuts for snack or lunch. Thanks.

## Please help to raise funds for our new accessible playground



Above is just one of the amazing designs we are considering for our new accessible playground. The Friends of Paternoster are leading the push to get something in place that all our children deserve.

The whole project is likely to cost in the region of £100,000 and so the Friends are hoping that everyone in our school community will pull together to come up with their own fundraising ideas, or make a donation to make this dream a reality.

Rachael Fletcher, school governor and mother of William Fletcher is leading the playground team, and the playground will be dedicated to the memory of William who died earlier in the year. Please donate, or set up a fundraising event via Just Giving:  
[www.justgiving.com/friendsofpaternosterschool](http://www.justgiving.com/friendsofpaternosterschool)

## Dates for your diary

**29th October:** Term starts  
**30th October:** Leisure centre swimming starts  
**9th November:** Minibus presentation 10.15am (all welcome)  
**10th November:** Vintage Heaven (see front page)  
**12th November:** School photographer  
**16th November:** Children in Need  
**23rd November:** Pantomime: Aladdin in school  
**27th November:** Last leisure centre swim  
**4th December:** Elm Class Christmas play 2pm  
**7th December:** Upper school Christmas play 1.30pm  
**17th December:** Carol service 2pm  
**21st December:** End of term  
School finishes 2pm. Father Christmas at 10am  
**7th January 2019:** Term begins

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[www.wiltshirelocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirelocaloffer.org.uk) for information on a wide range of services and support for children with additional needs in Wiltshire.  
[www.allsortsglos.org.uk](http://www.allsortsglos.org.uk) for support, events and activities for families with children with additional needs.  
[www.skybadger.co.uk](http://www.skybadger.co.uk) finding help for families with children with additional needs.  
[https://www.autism.org.uk/branches southwest](https://www.autism.org.uk/branches_southwest) for information on National Autistic Society groups which meet regularly.  
<https://yournetwork.mencap.org.uk/group/602> Stroud and District MENCAP, charity focusing on learning disability.

