

Paternoster School News

December 2018

Ribbon is cut on new building



Paternoster School's new building was officially opened by School President Michael on November 30th. Around eighty guests came to school to see the ribbon cut and to enjoy a tour around all the new classrooms, meeting rooms and the new sensory room. Parents and governors were joined by officials from Gloucestershire County Council, the builders, architects and a whole host of others in the community who are involved in some way in the life of our school. The children enjoyed showing visitors around the new rooms and especially enjoyed showing them into the small hall for tea and cakes.

Head teacher, Julie Mantell said, *'The new building has made a real improvement to the*

working life of the school and it was wonderful to celebrate this with all those involved with Paternoster.'

Paternoster stars triumph in The Grinch

Paternoster pupils gave a truly fantastic performance in their Christmas Show, *The Grinch* which featured almost every pupil in Ash, Beech, Maple, Willow and Oak classes.



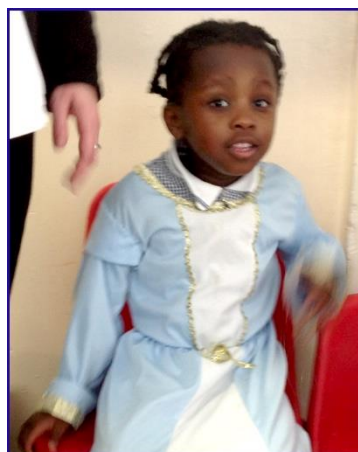
The children absolutely rose to the occasion when performing in front of their parents, family and friends and lapped up the audience's laughter and applause. The idea for the show originally came from Oscar, from Maple Class who was a dazzling Grinch. Jodie, as his 'reindeer', delighted everyone with her beaming smile and Xena, from Ash Class, stole hearts as little Cindy Lou Who.

Cath Moore, who put the show together, said, *'It would be impossible to be more proud of the children, each one of them is an absolute star. And I am very grateful for the staff's enthusiasm in making the show happen. I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came on the day and made the show such a special event for our children.'*

Wriggly Nativity was a treat!

Elm Class gave their families a treat with their *Wriggly Nativity* play. Paternoster's youngest pupils were delightful in multiple roles, both when on, or off the stage!

With Joshua playing a donkey and 'Snowman angel', Jacob an Innkeeper and a Wise Man, Codie an Innkeeper and a Shepherd, Jack an Innkeeper and a Wise Man, Braxton a Shepherd and a Wise Man, Harry the Star of Bethlehem and Leighton a Camel, we were very proud of all of them for joining in and singing along.



Michelle and Jude had gone all through rehearsals as Mary and Joseph, although on the day, Michelle (in the photo) wasn't so well, so Imogen from Ash Class was a fantastic understudy. Miss Gardener and Mrs Chapman took cameo roles as a Cow and a Chicken! Says Miss

Gardener, *'The children were just brilliant and everyone had a great time wriggling and performing for their families.'*

News from Ash Class



Ash Class have been enjoying their new portable sensory equipment this term. We have a bubble tube which is operated by iPad controls, colour-changing fibre optics, a projector and an aromatherapy kit. We owe huge thanks to Emma Sutton and the Friends of Paternoster School for raising money from the Lord's Taverners for the portable sensory equipment.

Also, this term, the class have been taking a trip to India, where we have been learning all about Diwali. In sensory we have been smelling incense and curry powder and have learned the story of Rama and Sita and have been loving wearing antlers and garlands of flowers and looking at ourselves in the mirror.

News from Elm Class

Elm Class have gone to Forest School this term, the older boys have loved exploring and searching for 'animals' around the forest. For some of the new, younger children it has been a brand new experience and they have loved exploring the trees, hut, leaves and of course swinging in the hammock.



News from Beech Class



Beech Class loved taking part in a Special Schools Archery Competition which took place at Heart of the Forest School in November. There were six other schools taking part and Paternoster School did really well even if they didn't lift the trophy.

Sophie in particular was a star archer and got through to the final round. We are also having weekly archery sessions with specialist coaches and we've been getting better by the week.

News from Maple Class

Let's Celebrate has been Maple Class' topic for the term and we have looked at different celebrations which happen around this time of year. We've enjoyed making and decorating sugar skulls for Day of the Dead and wrote poems for bonfire night. We all had a fantastic time at the *Aladdin* pantomime that came to school. We all learnt a lot during Friendship Week and had a very spotty time for Children in Need.

At the end of November, Maple class went to the parish church to decorate the Paternoster School Christmas tree and did a fantastic job!

Because we all worked really hard on the amazing Christmas play of *The Grinch*, we went to the cinema to watch the new *Grinch* movie. It was great as we even got to meet Bumblebee and went to the park afterwards.



News from Willow Class



This term Willow Class have been learning about different types of celebrations and have learned about Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita. The class have also been learning the Nativity story and cooking Christmas treats and making Christmas cards and presents.

The class are still going to Forest School and Scrubditch Farm each week, and Nic and Kieran have been getting to grips with a range of tools including saws and drills as they have created reindeers made from wood from the forest.

News from Oak Class

Oak Class had a great time on their community link visit to Paternoster House care home. They organised the visit where they entertained the residents with songs and took cakes to share. The older people loved having our young people there and joined in 'Bring Me Sunshine' with us. A second visit, to sing Christmas Carols will have happened by the end of term.

In geography lessons this term, Oak Class have enjoyed thinking about the Polar Regions. Some of the students took part in a sensory exploration. Among other experiences they were able to feel the cold ice and explore our Polar Wonderland. Other pupils wrote an email to the scientists in the Antarctic. We are still waiting for their reply!

Some pupils have been thinking about the skills needed to carry out work tasks. They have carried out jobs around the school and had a visit from Alan Clark from the Department of Work and Pensions.



Head's farewell



It is hard to believe I am approaching my final day at Paternoster and that I have been here for fourteen years. I had originally only planned to stay for five years!

Annette and I have been meeting regularly to share information to ensure a smooth transition in January. It is a time of mixed emotions as I look forward to a new chapter in my life and a rest. It has been a huge privilege and honour to be headteacher of this amazing school and to have worked with such inspirational pupils, staff and parents.

I shall take away many happy memories of pupils' achievements and of numerous amusing things that have happened along the way!

Thank you for your much-valued support over the years and for the very kind messages since I announced my retirement.

Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and every best wish to you and your children for the future.

Julie

News Your views needed

•The Department for Education is asking for parents' views before writing a draft voluntary safeguarding code of practice for out-of-school settings (OOSS). OOSS are institutions which provide tuition, training, instruction or activities to children without parents' supervision (not schools or colleges, 16-19 academies or carers for children under 8 who are registered with Ofsted. To take part see: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/regulatory-framework-unit/out-of-school-settings-voluntary-safeguarding-code/>

Welcome Annette

Hello!



My name is Annette Fidderman and I am very much looking forward to joining the staff team at Paternoster School as Acting Head Teacher from January 2019. Currently I work at the Milestone School in Gloucester as Assistant Head and am also a qualified Ofsted Inspector.

I have already had the pleasure of meeting some of you at a coffee morning and look forward to meeting you all in the New Year. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very peaceful and restful Christmas and a happy new year.

Annette Fidderman

News just in

•As from January, all staff in school will be known by their first names.

•Mel Durban would like to thank everyone for their presents and good wishes on her recent retirement.

•Paternoster School is due to take delivery of a people carrier funded by the Pied Piper appeal and the Friends of Paternoster School.

•The Friends' Summer Fair for 2019 will be held on Saturday June 8th. Friends would also like to ask if anyone knows of an accountant who would be willing to sign off the Friends' accounts annually from next year. If so, please could you contact Emma Sutton on sutton134@btinternet.com

Rory Bremner presents new bus

Staff and students were thrilled to welcome impressionist and comedian Rory Bremner to school on November 9th to hand over the keys to our brand new minibus.



Rory was in school for the bus handover as part of his role with the Lord's Taverners who part-funded our new 16-seater bus.

Rory toured the school and delighted students with his impression of Donald Trump.



Dates for your diary

Monday 7th January - INSET Day

Tuesday 8th January - Term starts for Children

Monday 14th – Friday - 18th January Feeling Good Week

Tuesday 15th - January Swimming starts at Cirencester Leisure Centre

Friday 15th February - End of Term. Parents Assembly 2pm

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www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk for information on a wide range of services and support for children with additional needs in Gloucestershire.

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 for support, events and activities for families with children with additional needs.

www.skybadger.co.uk finding help for families with children with additional needs.

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.