

Paternoster School News

December 2022

A privilege and a pleasure to work here Annette changes her role

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I cannot believe that Term 2 has sped by so quickly and it is now just a few days until Christmas!

I am pleased to tell you that our school improvement partner, Deidre Fitzpatrick, who has been with the school on its journey since January 2019, believes that the school is sustaining its improvement. She was particularly impressed with the school's assessment tool, Earwig, and wrote that it *"is now being used extremely well by teachers and enables the school to effectively monitor the quality of the curriculum"*.

As you know, our whole school topic in Terms 1 and 2 was 'The Stone Age'. The pupils have thoroughly embraced this topic and lots of new learning has clearly taken place throughout school. Our new topic for Terms 3 and 4 is 'Roald Dahl' and you will hear more about this from class teachers in January.

And now on to the school's wonderful Christmas production, *Peter Pan*. Special thanks must go to Cath Moore and Nikki Sanders, who worked so hard to produce such an excellent show. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to show their acting skills off to family, friends and visitors. I was amazed by how many of you came along to watch the children perform (we counted 82), especially as conditions were so snowy and icy outside. Your continued support of the school and engagement in events is of immense importance to our pupils and staff.

The Christmas Market was a very joyous occasion which again was well attended by parents, families and also a number of external visitors. The pupils made some beautiful items to sell, including bug and bird houses, Christmas cards and a whole array of decorations for Christmas trees. Oak Class will tot up how much money was raised and we will let you know next term. Many thanks for your generosity.

It was wonderful to finally be able to welcome the donors and Friends of Paternoster to celebrate the opening of the playground. The playground opening had been delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic and then unexpected snow threatened to scupper the opening. Although our



We were thrilled to formally open our new playground with donors and Friends of Paternoster School

visitors were unable to view the playground properly, they were still able to appreciate the difference their donations had made in creating such an amazing playground for our pupils.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Emma Gardener who will be leaving us at Christmas to move to the south of England to take up a new teaching position. We wish her all the best for her future and thank her for her dedication and hard work. The new class teacher in Chestnut Class is Andrew Armond.

And, finally, it's time for me to say goodbye as Head Teacher of Paternoster School. It has been an absolute privilege and pleasure to work in the school, and with the pupils, staff and parents over the past four years. I am very proud of the changes that we have made together to make the school into what it is today. I am delighted to be staying on as Executive Head teacher one day a week until July 2023 and wish Jennie all the best as the new Head Teacher.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. It has not been the easiest of times, and I thank you for your patience and understanding. I wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year, and a peaceful and restful break with your families. With warmest wishes,

Annette

News from Elm Class

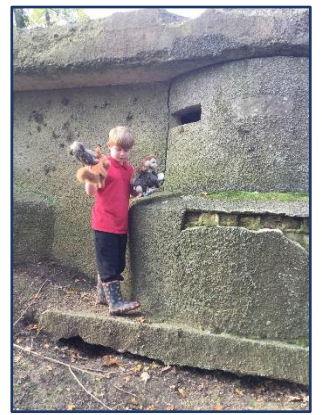
In Elm we have been focusing on self care. Children have been learning to put their shoes in the shoe box, hang up their coats and bags, and correctly match their registration pictures. Most children can now wash their hands independently. We've also been working hard to zip our coats up.



News from Pine Class

Pine Class have been very busy this term with Forest School, horse riding, swimming and cinema and panto trips.

The children have come on in leaps and bounds with reading and handwriting using the Read Write Inc approach which has been introduced across the school. Well done Pine! We have also enjoyed learning about lots of different kinds of dinosaurs and people living in the Stone Age.



News from Beech Class



Beech Class have been working hard this term making lots of things to sell at the school Christmas Market. The children have also been working together as a class team to fill up their Pom Pom reward jar to do some Christmas baking.

News from Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have been enjoying their Stone Age topic and have made cave paintings and have used geology hammers to explore rocks at Forest School. Our pupils have been involved with getting our class Science Room ready. We are beginning to fill the shelves with exciting exploration and construction equipment.



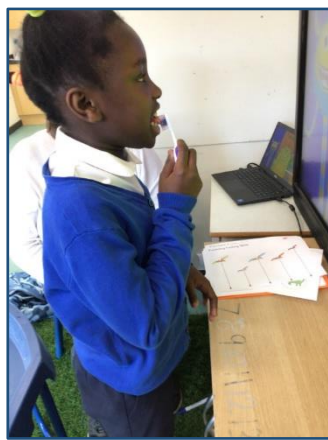
News from Ash Class



Ash Class have been loving our music interaction sessions with Baz. We've also been doing lots of art this term, focusing on collage. It has been lovely seeing the young people in class enjoying each other's company, eating snack around the table and playing together.



News from Willow Class



This term Willow Class have been exploring dinosaurs and moving to the Stone Age through our class stories *10 Little Dinosaurs* and *Cave Baby*. We have created lots of dinosaur art and made our own cave paintings.

We have been working on our personal care routines with daily hand washing and teeth brushing, which we are getting really good at!

We have enjoyed Forest School and hydrotherapy and have recently been getting in the festive mood with lots of Christmas cooking. Willow class did an amazing job in the *Peter Pan* play and made the whole team very proud.

News from Maple Class

Maple Class have worked really hard at Macaroni Wood for their work experience sessions and, so far, have worked on clearing the pond area, car parks and paths. We have also visited SkillZONE this year, where the pupils learned about electrical dangers and how to stay safe in the community.



News from Oak Class

Oak have been busy with lots of woodwork and cooking, making things for the school Christmas Market. Oscar, Poppy, Ryan and Noah have been making bird boxes to earn money for the school enterprise project. Bethany has been improving her sewing skills and has made lots of little toys. It has been a very creative few weeks. We have started working towards several different ASDAN qualifications and look forward to continuing these in the new year.



Children shine in Peter Pan

Whole school did us proud

There was a fantastic turnout for the school production of *Peter Pan*, where every class played a role in delivering a show full of energy and enthusiasm. We were so proud of how the children performed.



Captain Hook (Oscar Gough) and Peter Pan (Matthew Blizzard) delivered an impressively fearsome swordfight.



Imogen Wilson from Ash Class made a delightful and feisty Tinkerbelle (left). Theodore Charalabopoulos from Elm Class was a playful Merperson (far left, top) and Zinzi Wilson-Kissoon from Maple Class was a swashbuckling pirate (far left, bottom).

New presidential team in place Supported by School Council

Following a whole school election, Paternoster School has a new school president in Ryan Parker from Oak Class. He is supported in this role by Vice-President Oscar Gough, Head of Hospitality Zinzi Wilson-Kissoon (making sure school events are properly catered) and Head of Homeland Security Rhyce Telling (working with school caretaker Andre to ensure that school premises are safe and secure). Already Ryan has taken a key role in helping to officially open the playground.

The presidential team are supported by the School Council, which this year are class representatives Owen from Pine Class, Alex from Beech Class, Isaac from Chestnut Class, Luke from Maple Class, Brandon from Ash Class and Matthew from Maple Class who is acting as an advocate for Elm and Willow classes. The School Council have interviewed candidates for vacant teaching positions at school so far this term.



Chestnut is represented by new boy Isaac