



TAUNTON
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Prep & Pre-Prep COURIER

14th May 2021

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THE GREEN RIBBON CAMPAIGN



This week marks Mental Health Awareness Week 2021 and our Prep School students have been showing their care by wearing some super homemade green ribbons.

The green ribbon is internationally recognised as the symbol for mental health awareness.

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The Head has his say...

We held another busy online Open Morning the weekend before last, and we are looking forward to holding our first onsite Open Morning of the academic year on Saturday 22nd May. Please do let any interested friends

know that they would be very welcome to attend in person, but they do need to pre-book by contacting tpsadmissions@tauntonschool.co.uk. For next September, parents wanting places in Years 3 and 4 are having to go on to a waiting list, but there are day places available in the other year groups. We have boarding places still available in all year groups.

It feels very good for all of us to be part of a school which is in demand, but I want you to know that we will not compromise on our offer of small class sizes. The average across the whole of the Prep School is currently 17 pupils per form and we will always do everything we can to avoid having classes of more than 20 pupils. In classes which have slightly higher than the average of 17, we monitor very carefully to ensure that all of the pupils are making the very good progress which we all want to see. Should any parents ever have any concerns whatsoever about the academic attainment or progress of their child, we are always more than happy to discuss this with them at any stage of the term.

Next September, the two classes in the current Year 5 will become three classes for the start of Year 6 (with the addition of a number of new joiners), and the three classes in the current Year 6 will become four classes for the start

of Year 7 (again with the addition of a good number of new joiners). More information regarding classes and Form Tutors for next year will be sent to parents when these things have been able to be finalised.

For those of you who have been wondering why we have been wearing green ribbons in school, it is Mental Health Awareness Week, hosted by the Mental Health Foundation. The green ribbon is the international symbol for mental health awareness and is worn to show colleagues, loved ones, or simply those you walk past, that you care about their mental health. It can also be worn in memory of a loved one.

Finally, it has been wonderful to see one or two more things being permitted as the pandemic figures continue to stay low in our country. Year 4 became the first year group for a long time to go for a trip out of school today, and I know that they will have really enjoyed being at Bristol Zoo. The sports fixtures on Wednesday were a great success, as well as Tuesday's Performing Arts Cafe, and we can look forward to some relaxation from next Monday in the rules concerning the wearing of masks in classrooms for Years 7 and 8. Mr Coleman will be writing to parents with clarity regarding this change to our protocols.

I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable weekend.

Andrew Edwards
TPS Headmaster



News from Pre-Prep

As we speed through the term, the heavy downpours in the playground caught the children this week.

During the week, when we enjoyed the Queens address to the House of Commons, we share the start of Year

1's journey into the 'Turrets and Tiaras' topic. It is simply fabulous that the children will also be enjoying their trip to the Museum of Somerset next week.

As we move towards the landmark 17th May, I thought I should write an update to you all to keep you posted. Looking at the current updated school's guidance from 17th May, I do not see a change in our protocols for the current wearing of face coverings around the school and in communal areas.

TPPS has a Performing Arts Café taking place after school on

Monday 17th May and remote Parent Consultations will be taking place after school on both Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th May.

We also have Emily Fairweather taking photographs next week. Thank you in advance to you all, for enabling your children to be in their uniform for this.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Louise Leah
Head of Pre-Prep and Nursery

National Mental Health Awareness Week: 10th-16th May



The Covid pandemic has had a very significant impact on mental health and wellbeing; particularly amongst children and young people, where we have seen rises in anxiety, eating disorders and feelings of social isolation.

TPS are keen to support this initiative which raises awareness of mental health and starts important discussions.

We asked pupils to wear a homemade (or purchased) green ribbon into school on Tuesday (the day where a lot of pupils are in school uniform) in support of this event. We had a fantastic response and it proved a real catalyst for discussion, not least of which in Chapel today, where the Rev spoke about the need for kindness, compassion and understanding of mental health and made the reflective statement,

**“Hurt people, hurt people”
“transformed people, transform people.”**

We were also treated to a performance of the Jersulema Dance by a group of Y8 pupils; an uplifting way to start the day!

In a world where you can be anything, - be kind.

**Joanna Hall-Tomkin
Assistant head Pastoral.**



Safeguarding your Children in 2021

Two weeks ago, pupils in Years 6 to 8 sat an anonymous survey, in which they were asked a variety of questions focusing on their use of language, whether they felt safe in school, whether the school takes bullying seriously when they are aware it is happening, the use of banter and whether they feel they can talk to adults in school about their concerns.

I am pleased to confirm that 97% of pupils feel safe in school and 92% of pupils feel the school deals seriously with bullying when they are aware it is happening. However, pupils need to see that we have listened and acted on the results of the survey.

Our focus now then, is on addressing some of the issues raised by the survey; namely verbal comments, which can cause distress and worries about being teased if you speak out about

what is happening. As a school, we are working hard to combat use of the word “snitch” and discussing with pupils the right thing to do if you or someone you know, is experiencing unkind behaviour. In addition, we continue to encourage pupils to chat about issues that are concerning them.

As a result of the survey, all the Pastoral Heads of Year (Year 3 to 8) have designed form time activities, designed to encourage open discussion about the topics of safety, banter, language and positive relationships. In addition, Year 8 will be discussing the question of what does and does not constitute “consent”. These discussions and the outcomes, are part of a constant process of engagement with pupils and a determination to ensure all feel valued listened to and ultimately, safe and happy at TPS.

Safeguarding Webinar for parents of Year 6 - 13

Tuesday 18th May from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The event is for all parents of students in Year 6-13 [Click this link to join](#)
Please email questions to safeguardingwebinar@tauntonschool.co.uk



I am very much looking forward to the opportunity of an open discussion with parents and the chance to chat about our safeguarding, PSHE and enrichment practices and the way they link to topical events, which our pupils are currently discussing.

Later this term, I will be writing to our Year 2 to 5 parents

and we will run a webinar where they will also have the opportunity to discuss the above points, in addition to online safety for pupils.

**Joanna Hall-Tomkin, Assistant Head Pastoral/
Safeguarding Lead**

Looking back... Neil Mason reflects on 126 terms of TS



As I come to the end of my 126th (and last) term at TS, I started to think in detail about my first term – September 1979. What has changed and what hasn't?

My first, and perhaps most important, thought is that when I came to TS on interview in March 1979, and when I began teaching here later that year, I found it to be the most amazingly friendly and inclusive place to work. I honestly believe

that this has not changed throughout the last 42 years, which says a great deal about the TS ethos.

As a lifelong music fan it has always amused me that the most famous pop record of late 1979 was 'Another Brick in The Wall' by Pink Floyd with its chorus of 'we don't need no education'.

Of course many, many things have changed and below are one or two descriptions of life at TS in the late 70's and early 80's.

As I drove in to TS in March 1979 for my interview, I noticed a major building site on the left of the main drive and a building just about completed to first floor level. This, of course, would become Weirfield House, opened in September 1979 as two separate girls' boarding houses; Murray and Gloucester (opened by the Duchess of Gloucester).



I began as a Biology teacher, rugby coach and Assistant Housemaster in Wills West. In those days there were no house tutors; every house had a Housemaster/ mistress and an assistant, who covered all the duties equally.



Teaching meant, of course, chalk and blackboards. No computers, internet or mobile phones. The school owned one video recorder and a TV for teaching that had to be pre-booked and moved around the school by the pupils.

Along with Murray and Gloucester, there were 5 boys' boarding Houses: School House, Wills East, Wills West, Fairwater and Foxcombe (now TSI). The 6 day houses were the same as now.

WW was a little more spartan in 1979; with two 16 bed dormitories and slippers, dressing gown and a towel were the only items that could be seen in dormitories – no pictures/photos etc were allowed on show. I must admit to being a little shocked by this. However, I do think that other houses were not quite so strict!

Long before mobile phones and the internet, the only way for boarders to contact anyone was by letter or telephone. There was only one public telephone for pupil use. This was at the bottom of the stairs in the main building and you can perhaps imagine the queues and lack of privacy. There were no locks



Looking back... *continued*

on any of the bedrooms and some boys' boarding houses were not always locked overnight. School House was in the main building on the first and second floor and all the entrances and exits to this building were always unlocked in term time. Most TV's in boarding houses were black and white at this stage and house kitchens were a rarity. Pupils attended chapel on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, plus a full service every Sunday morning. I had the pleasure of carrying out many roles in my time at TS but my time as Housemaster of School House between 1988 and 1994 (with the wonderful support of John Brown as my assistant) will always remain with me as a truly rewarding time in my career.

There was very little choice for sport for boys or girls in 1979. For example, boys had to play rugby at least three times a



week in the autumn term and ALL pupils had to watch the 1st XV when they played at home, unless they were themselves involved in a fixture. The sports halls at TS and TPS had not yet been built and the only indoor facility was the old gym plus a very cold outdoor swimming pool (now the Keeling Pool). The astro pitches were a long time in the future and hockey was played on a shale pitch, where the Durrant is now, or in most cases, on grass pitches. A short cinder track was the only athletic running facility in the summer term. The parade ground was used as a tennis court (first come, first served) in the summer term. Transport was very different with only 2 minibuses and a very old Land Rover – no buses at all.

Although the long holidays were much the same as now, half-term in the spring term did not exist and were much shorter in the autumn and summer terms. Boarders were only allowed to go home on 2 weekends each term – school commitments permitting, and town leave was allowed one day each week.

Life was very different but perhaps a little simpler and less stressful. I am delighted that my children were educated here and have benefited from all that they learnt. It is also a real pleasure to still keep in touch with many ex-pupils from across the years even though the oldest of them are now approaching 60 years old themselves!

I am delighted to be able to say that the pupils were a pleasure to teach in 1979 and they still are in 2021. I certainly never thought that I would still be teaching here 42 years on but it has been a privilege.

Neil Mason, Biology Teacher



House Points



GOLD

Barnaby Roberts – 3R
 Oli Hallett – 6C
 Florence Legg – 6C
 Charlie Vile – 7V
 Lily Blackwell – 7W
 Johnny Chiu – 7W
 Sophie Day – 7W
 Thomas Gendall – 7W
 Zachary Roberts – 7W
 Edward Wreford – 3R
 Bella Vile – 5H
 Louis Ayrinhac – 5H
 Atul Gudsoorkar – 7W
 Dylan Simmons – 3R
 Olivia Brackstone – 3R

SILVER

Henry Mico – 3H
 Imogen Darvall – 6C
 Saffron Masters – 6C
 Valentin Bala – 6C
 Harry Adams – 6C
 Kikandi Applegate – 3R
 Teddy Berry – 4P
 Bobby Saunders – 5H
 Gethin Jennings – 7W
 Jack Saxton – 7W
 Takara Dupont – 8M
 Leonidas Perdikaris – 8M
 Ben Hatcher – 8M
 Monty Wells – 8M
 Freya Brierley – 7W

BRONZE

Fedor Demochka – 6T
 Jose Galindo Gonzalez – 6C
 Seth Burton – 8M
 Gabriel O'Mahony – 8M
 Ella Burns – 8M
 Millie Trescothick – 8M
 Lily Adams – 8M
 Isobelle Riley – 8M
 Rohan Narang – 8M
 Immacolata Notaro-Livingstone – 7W
 Christan Onwubiko – 6T

Performing Arts Cafés

We are so fortunate to have so many talented musicians, actors and dancers at Taunton Prep School. The children performed in the Performing Arts Cafés with enthusiasm and confidence, and it was a real pleasure listening to them all. If you are interested in hearing the performances, [click this link](#).

Jayne Hornsby, Head of Music and Performing Arts TPS

4th May

Safa Boraei
Evie Linden
Sophia Odedra
Chris Wallace
James Sercombe
Nyasha Dsvanga
Harry Cottrell
Ethan Li
Erin Whitelam



11th May

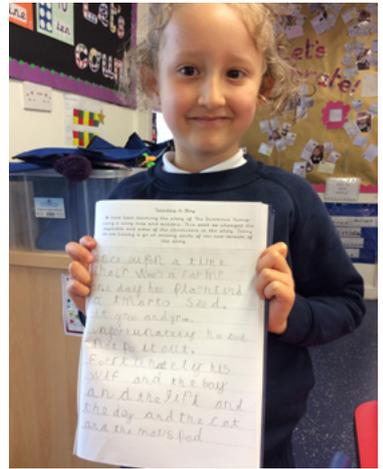
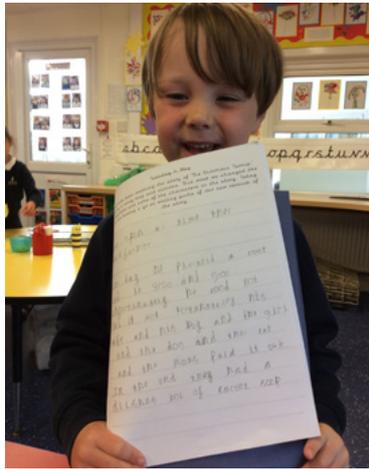
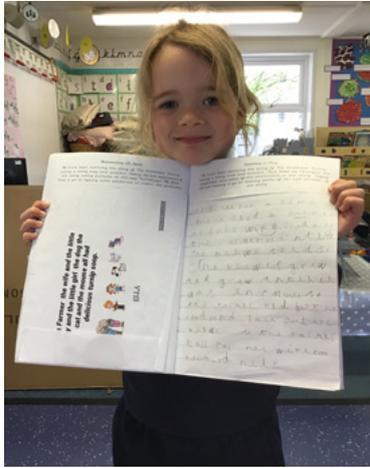
Chris Wallace
Ben Hatcher
Tongfei Deng
Katie Sercombe
James Sercombe
Harry Simpson
Freya Simpson
Jayden Mills
Connie Burton
Genevieve Grundy
Ben Leahy
Maddie Hudgell
Grace Gendall
Harry Cottrell



Buzzy Bees in Reception

Reception have been very buzzy bees over the past two weeks. They have enjoyed learning about different mini-beasts and this week, created their own bug hunt sheets to use in the forest on Friday. The children have even used mini-beasts to support with their maths learning, creating their own halving ladybirds. In Literacy, the children have become authors by writing their own versions of 'The Enormous Turnip' and WOWED their teachers with their amazing story writing!

Reception Team



Nursery 4 explore the world of science

Nursery 4 have been learning about how scientists and doctors help us. We shared photos of scientists in our families and took part in science experiments through the week. Margot shared an experiment she did at home making bubbles and we then had a go ourselves. We have enjoyed exploring our science lab and doctors surgery.

The Nursery 4 Team



Year 2 are wunderbar!

Year 2 children are enjoying learning German this term. They started learning a little about life in Germany and German culture. They have also learnt how to say a number of greetings and how to say how they feel. With the words "Hallo" and "Gute Nacht" they have decorated a door hanger for their home. Wunderbar!

Louise Ashmore, Modern Foreign Languages Teacher

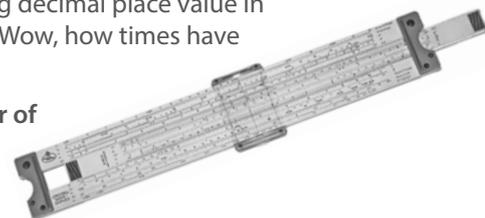


A trip back in time: Calling all grandparents

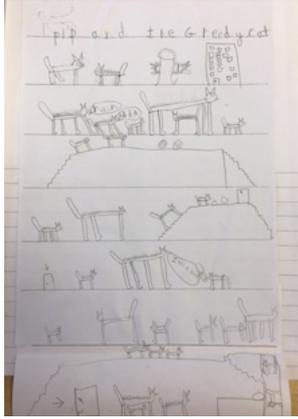
Do you remember a life before calculators? An era, void of the word 'digital'? A time when the slide-rule was the 'state of the art technology' used in the classroom. Neil and Buzz took slide rules with them on their journey to the moon in 1969, and I was one of the last pupils to use a slide rule for my 'O' level Maths in the hot summer of '76.

Last week, members of the Advanced Maths Club were treated to a trip back to the 60's. A big pat-on-the-back to all the pupils who managed to solve calculations using these antiques. This involved reading from complex scales, estimating answers and understanding decimal place value in order to obtain an answer. Wow, how times have changed!

Ron Hornsby, Teacher of Mathematics

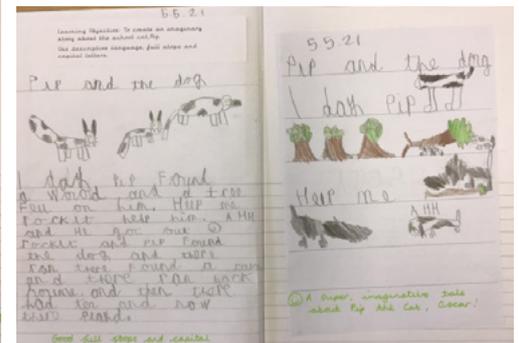
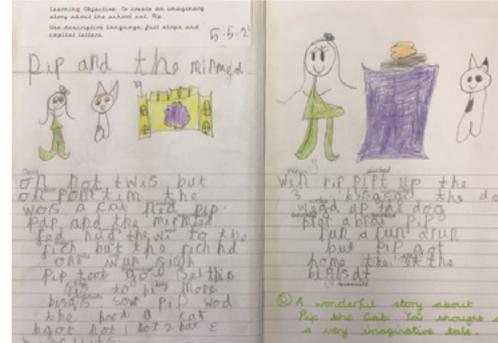
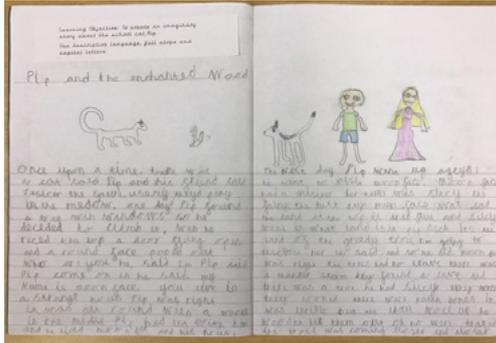
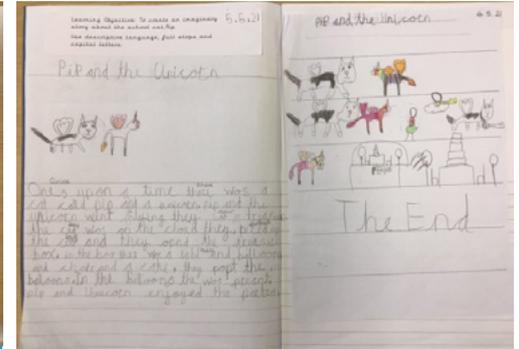
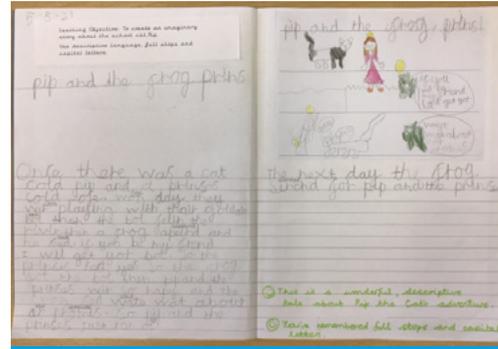
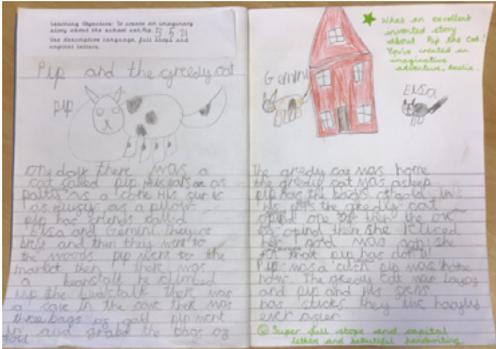
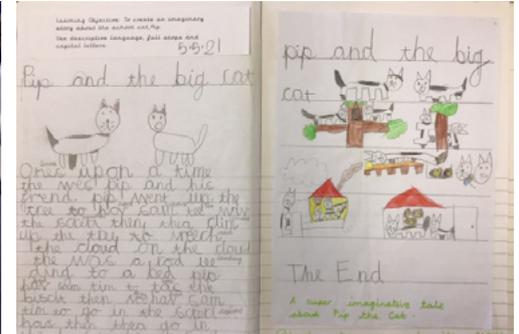
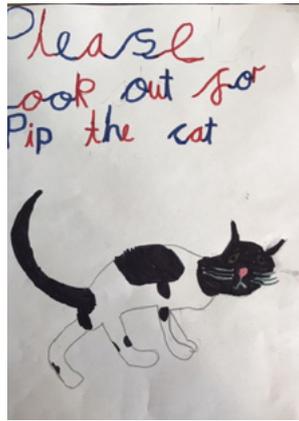
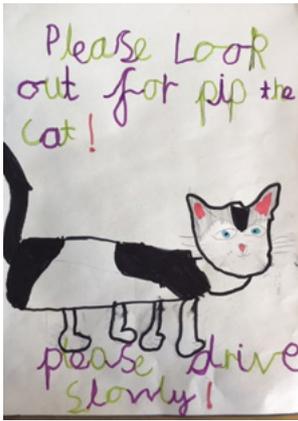


Year 1 and The Adventures of Pip the Cat



The Fairwater House cat, Pip, (who belongs to Felix in N4), likes exploring the school grounds and is a frequent visitor to the Year 1 classroom. It's very exciting when Pip pops in for a visit; the children love seeing him. One morning, some of the children spotted him crossing the road from Fairwater to the Pre-Prep and Nursery. They decided to make posters asking drivers to be careful and to look out for Pip. Their posters are now displayed in the windows of the Pre-Prep entrance. Our thoughts of Pip then led to the writing of imaginative tales of Pip's adventures. The children started by creating a story-map and then used it to guide them in their story writing. If only the stories were real; Pip would have a wonderful time!

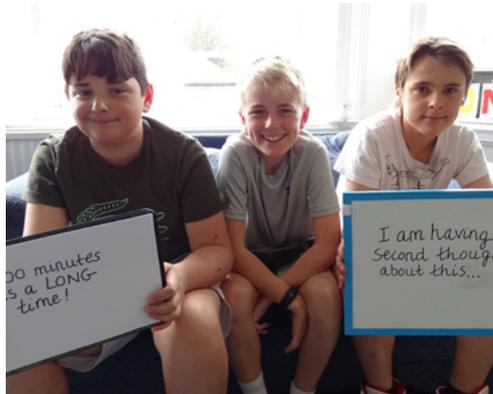
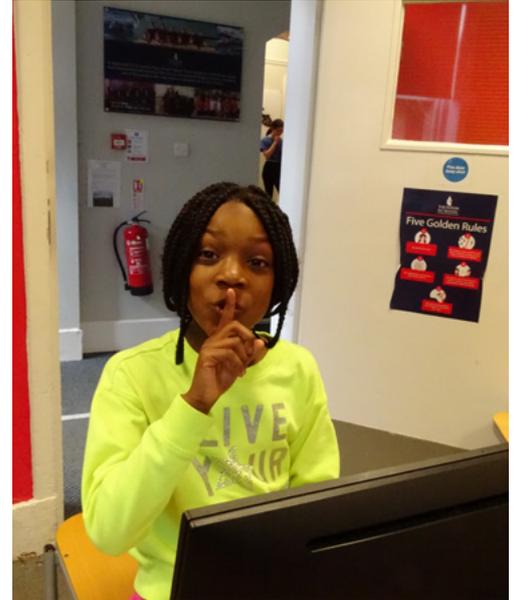
Rachel Lawson, Year 1 Teacher



The 100 Challenge

On Sunday 2nd May Thone House participated in the '100 Challenge' in honour of Sir Captain Tom Moore. Some took part in a 100 minutes silence, some did 100 netball shots, some pirouettes but the main event for the whole house was the 100 length swimming challenge. It was organised as a relay style race between 5 teams (one of which being a staff team) and the first team to 100 lengths in total, won! Everyone completed their challenge within 45 minutes, and although many were tired, it was obvious that everyone really enjoyed the challenge and some competitive fun. Some of our more experienced swimmers even opted to swim the 100 lengths on their own! In total we calculated that approximately 16,000 metres were completed. A great team effort and a fantastic Thone House event.

Nyasha Dzvanga, Year 8



Meet Dan Swires, Teacher of Mathematics TPS

What is your job role?

I currently teach Mathematics to Years 5-8 and Games to Years 5 & 6, I'm Head of Cooper House and also Pastoral Head of Year for Years 5 & 6.

When did you start at Taunton School and what did you do before?

I actually started at Taunton School in 2016 as a GRA (which some of the younger pupils may not remember!) and was here for one year before I went to Durham University to do my Teacher Training and worked at a secondary school in Middlesbrough for a couple of years before returning to Taunton School in September 2019!

Who inspires you?

So many people! I love listening to podcasts or reading autobiographies and hearing people's stories about how they have overcome adversity and become who they are today. On a personal note, my family, former teachers or mentors and friends who keep me driven.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I really enjoy the variety that each of my different roles has but I love those moments when you can see you've made a difference in a pupil, whether it's in a classroom learning about fractions, on a sports field or even just a quiet chat on the playground.

What do you find most challenging?

Having to try and avoid using my northern accent so that people can understand me! It does reappear after long holidays though.

What projects are you working on at the moment?

I have recently completed my Masters in Education so now I'm just trying to put everything I've written about in the last three years into practice as well as learning some new skills too.

How do you switch off from work at the end of the day?

I love keeping active whether it's going to the gym, going for a run or playing cricket. I do also love watching a good crime or detective series on Netflix!



Quick Fire Questions now...

Favourite film

Pursuit of Happyness

Favourite book

Eddie Jones autobiography

Hobbies

Playing cricket and keeping fit

Any pets?

Not at the moment!

Favourite singers/bands

John Mayer

Favourite TV programmes/series

True Detective

Any claims to fame

A niche one for my Maths sets but Mr Hegarty does follow me on Twitter!



Music Matters

Pride – TPS Mission Word of the Week

Being proud of your skills in Music does not necessarily mean that you are one of the most brilliant performers with the most advanced skills, or that you are working towards really high grades on your instrument. It can mean many things, but the most significant way of showing pride in making music is by participating happily in as many activities as possible that our school offers. This can mean being in any number of our free instrumental ensembles that take place on every day, or the 1-1 tuition that we offer on almost any instrument that takes your fancy. Making progression on a musical instrument is hugely rewarding, as is recognising how you have developed and improved over the course of time. This leads you to feeling a sense of pride in your own skills and ambition, as well as general positive feelings of teamwork and belonging as you experience the joy of music and all that it brings. During this week of Mental Health Awareness, this is a particularly good reminder. Music is the food of the soul, radiating joy and happiness (both for you as the player and for people who listen and enjoy your music).

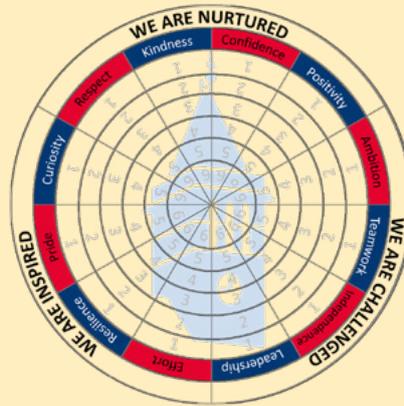
Here are some of our musicians who take pride in their skills:

Cicely Henry: I am proud I won a Music Shield at the Taunton Festival last year. I love being part of ensembles at school, it gives me a sense of teamwork and being part of a fun community.



Emily Vernon: (Winner of the Pride of Somerset Cultural award) I am really proud of my recent Pride of Somerset achievement and I love the different challenges that Music offers me.

Ethan Li: I am proud that I have learnt to play a piece by Mozart, the Piano Sonata in C major K545 first movement.



Maddie Berry: I recently took my Grade 4 Piano exam. The result hasn't come through yet but I am confident in the result and I am proud to have prepared well for it. I learnt how to play and sing along to "Walking in the air" which is really hard but I can do it and am proud of that!

Harry Simpson: I have a sense of pride and achievement about playing difficult pieces at high grades. I enjoyed the challenge playing in the Performing Arts Café recently.

Chris Wallace: I have singing and French Horn lessons. I am proud of my skills and pleased about my resonant voice in Singing.

Gabriel McCarthy: I'm proud I can play 7 Nation Army, it's my favourite song to play on the drums. I have improved my coordination on the drums and learnt how to use many different cymbals and rhythms, which I'm proud about.

Destiny Zhemu: I am working towards Grade 3 Violin and I am proud of the way I work hard to prepare for the exam. I like being able to understand cool and different things to do with Music Theory.

Freya Simpson: I am on Grade 6 Piano and Grade 5 Violin. I am proud of being able to achieve high grades in Music and I practise lots.

Nyasha Dzvanga: I am working towards Grade 5 Violin. I am learning new techniques that are challenging, for example Vibrato, and I am enjoying the challenges and I take pride in becoming an advanced musician.

Sophie Carruthers: (Working towards Grade 3 Saxophone) My mum played the saxophone and I am proud now that I am learning just like she did.

Sam Baker, Music Teacher and School Organist

Bringing King Tut back to Life

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed bringing Tutankhamen to life last week in their History lessons using their devices!

Take a look at the video by [clicking this link](#).

Katie Hill



Which creation story is true?

Over the past few weeks, 5H have been exploring the many different creation stories in PRE and have been making their own decisions from discussions. They wanted to find out what others thought too and asked Rev Getman to come and join us for one of our PRE lessons. She was able to explore the insights of many different creation myths and helped them to be more open-minded about the possibilities of each. 5H would like to say a huge thank you to her for taking the time to join them as it was a thoroughly enjoyable lesson.

Amanda Hendy, Year 5 Teacher



Musical Activities



| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------------|--|---|---|---|--|
| 8.00 – 8.20 am | Y7 Vocal Ensemble CH | Y8 Vocal Ensemble | Y8 Vocal Ensemble | Y5 Vocal Ensemble | Y6 Vocal Ensemble |
| 8.20 – 8.55am | Cello Ensemble Dance studio Woodwind Ensemble Sports Hall | | Wind Band UMR/CH/Dance Studio | String Orchestra CH New Kids on the Glock Dance Studio | Music Technology UMR Guitar Ensemble CH Grade 5 Theory |
| 12.35 – 1.05pm | Y5-8 Boys Choir 1pm – 1.30pm | Brass Ensemble CH Saxophone Ensemble UMR | | Gifted and Talented String Players Dance Studio | Music/Drama Scholars – Performance Masterclass CH Chimes Ensemble UMR |
| 4.05– 5.15pm | Rock Band UMR | Y3-4 Recorders UMR | | Horn Ensemble CH | |

Summer Term 2021

Forest Fun Club

Forest Fun Club have been dodging the showers but continuing to smile during our Friday Forest School Club. Venturing to Uppers, we have been looking for slow worms, building bug hotels and building shelters but this week we appreciated the beauty in our natural environment as we used water colours to paint some of the spring flowers.

Mrs Hill



School Uniform Shop

During Term Time:

Monday 8am – 2pm

Tuesday 10am – 2pm

Wednesday 10am – 2pm

Thursday 10am – 2pm

Friday 10am – 2pm

1st Saturday of the month 8.30am – 12.30pm

We are also very happy to take orders and payment over the telephone and deliver to a student's area of the school, if parents find visiting during these hours difficult.

Nancy O'Carroll, School Shop Manager

Nancy.OCarroll@tauntonschool.co.uk - 01823 703165

HAVE A STORY?



Let the Courier teams know!

Email the Senior Courier:

senior.courier@tauntonschool.co.uk

Email the Pre-Prep and Prep Courier:

tpscourier@tauntonschool.co.uk

Taunton Deane Swimming Club

Are you interested in Swimming, & enjoyed your lessons? Do you want to keep fit? get fit? develop your skills?

Come and join us for a trial.
Monday 10th May '21 or Monday 17th May '21

Trials will be held at the KEELING pool, Taunton School, at 6.45pm; details are available on registration.

Please contact Jennifer on jenniferrichardson@tdswim.club to book your place.

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| SUN 16 MAY | ★ | SUN 12 SEP |
| SUN 13 JUN | ★ | SUN 10 OCT |
| SUN 11 JUL | ★ | SUN 14 NOV |
| SUN 8 AUG | ★ | SUN 5 DEC |

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Summer Term

Performing Arts Cafes

Tuesday 27th April
 Tuesday 4th May
 Tuesday 11th May
 Monday 17th May
Pre-Prep Cafe
 Tuesday 18th May
Music Ensembles
 Tuesday 8th June

The poster features a central scroll with the dates, surrounded by photos of students playing violin, trumpet, and cello, and a cup of coffee.

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Music from

Around the World

Tuesday 18th May

The poster features a central globe surrounded by various world landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, Big Ben, and the Statue of Liberty, with an airplane flying over it.

Year 8 Present TAUNTON SCHOOL

Sherlock and Cinderella

14th – 17th June

The poster features a cartoon illustration of a girl in a blue dress and a boy in a grey coat with a magnifying glass, surrounded by yellow stars.

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Street Talk

19th June
 Saturday Enrichment Performance

The poster features a cartoon illustration of a person in a yellow and blue outfit painting a wall with red graffiti that says 'Street Talk'.

Weekly Awards

3rd May Awards

Learners of the Week

Grace Brake – for an outstanding French prep researching French sports stars – well done!

Elsbeth Craik – for showing determination, curiosity and independence in the classroom.

Harrison Webb – for a positive, confident and ambitious approach towards English this week (describing a setting).

Quinn Stott – for maintaining very high standards of work in Math; always being ambitious and positive about his learning.

Santolo Notaro-Livingstone - for effort and achievement in the classroom in particular showing determination.

Daisy Challacombe – for an outstanding final design of a Pop Art Clock. A high standard of presentation with excellent content and descriptions.

Emily Dempsey – for improved effort and focus in lessons.

William South - for a very creative piece of descriptive writing using simile, alliteration and metaphor.

Tomisin Awofisayo – for work in Art creating a collograph print plate.

Lewis Walters – for super descriptive writing in English, showing both independence and ambition.

Citizens of the Week

Tegan Lake – for always showing great kindness to others and for a positive attitude and helpful nature.

Alexander Coombes – for being helpful in the playground.

Musicians of the Week

Benjamin Hatcher – for improving in confidence, ability and performing very well in the Performing Arts Café.

Katie Sercombe – for being dedicated and showing pride, kindly helping to set up and tidy away music stands after our orchestra rehearsal.

Dancers of the Week

Harper Oliver Whittaker – for showing increased confidence and pride in her dance activities.

Actor/Actress of the Week

Carlton Chu – for strong facial expressions in Drama lessons.

Eva Di Capua – for working hard on characterisation in Drama lessons.

Catherine Kemmish – for working hard on characterisation in Drama lessons.

Sportsman/Sportswoman of the Week

Molly Johnson – for showing determination and resilience in the school biathlon.

Samuel Martin – for showing independence and pride at the recent school cricket match.

Alexander Pretswell-Pike – for showing independence and pride at the recent school cricket match.

Edward Wreford – for showing pride and independence in the school cricket match.

Well Done!



Weekly Awards

10th May Awards

Learners of the Week

- Riya Narang – for writing an outstanding traditional tale taking great pride and aiming high.
- Harriet Lawrence - for writing an outstanding traditional tale showing tremendous effort and aiming high.
- Emily Dempsey – for writing an outstanding traditional tale, aiming high with her vocabulary choices.
- Charlie Bull – for excellent independence and effort in English.
- Jack Bruford – for writing an outstanding traditional tale showing tremendous effort and aiming high.
- Kaliyah Charles – for improved effort and application in lessons.
- Jaedyn Zuofa – for improved focus, application and confidence in lessons.
- Denzel Zuofa – for excellent contributions in Geography, proving great curiosity in his learning of Climate and Weather.
- Olivia Higdon – for writing a fabulous monologue through the eyes of the Queen creating emotion superbly.
- Joseph Lucas - for a positive and determined attitude when tackling the writing of his Macbeth essay.
- Sam Burns – for showing great independence and resilience in his recent English lessons.
- Sophie Evans – for asking questions to promote her curiosity and for working with determination.
- Lucas Baker - for asking questions to promote her curiosity and for working with determination.
- Archie Linnell – for working really hard and showing great determination and ambitious in his classwork. Well done Archie.

Citizens of the Week

- Daisy Greenhalgh – for being supportive and caring to the younger children in Creative Writing Club.
- Siddu Chaganti – for being extremely helpful in DT.
- Santolo Notaro-Livingstone – for being kind and caring towards a friend who had hurt himself.
- Olive Tarr – for looking after a friend when she was upset.

Actors of the Week

- Alexander Leach – for showing great pride and commitment in Drama lessons.
- Finley Pyke – for showing great pride and commitment in Drama lessons

Dancers of the Week

- Myla Tarr – for showing excellent independence and leadership in Dance.
- Emma Mason - for showing excellent independence and leadership in Dance.
- Isabella Vile - for showing excellent independence and leadership in Dance.

Musicians of the Week

- Daniella Hudson – for achieving an excellent result in her piano exam, showing determination and pride in music activities.
- Jacob Linden - for achieving an excellent result in Grade 1 Trumpet, showing determination and pride in music activities.

Sportswoman/Sportsman of the Week

- Christan Onwubiko – for showing great progress in the cricket match.
- Sophie Day – for showing excellent teamwork and positivity whilst learning to become a wicket keeper in cricket.
- Zoe Trembath – for showing excellent teamwork and positivity whilst learning to become a wicket keeper in cricket.
- Harvey Coleman – for outstanding resilience and ambition in a County Cup cricket match.
- Gregory Klimczak-Gange – for consistent effort and improvement in his cricket.

Well Done!