High Notes

Primary High Notes 13th October 2023

Dear Parents

On 6th October, our school embarked on an inspiring initiative by sowing wildflower seeds in our Conservation Area. We are privileged to have this natural haven within our school grounds and it is crucial to protect it. Despite the modest 8m by 8m size, this project carries the profound potential to help combat the decline of our native wildflower species and support a diverse range of wildlife, including bees, butterflies, pollinators, wild birds, and even small mammals. From our youngest Wrens to our Sixth Form students, pupils from every year group came together to sow their wildflower seeds, each group tending to their designated 2m x 2m square, demarcated by a stake, which will remain in place until the blossoms emerge.

Please do not walk on this area and help our wildflowers bloom. This project will keep giving our school community beautiful wildflowers and a home for lots of wildlife for many years to come.

It was a truly fantastic visit to the Modulek factory on Wednesday, where we had the opportunity to witness the construction of our new building up close. Our A-level students from Business, Economics, and Product Design were given a first-hand look at the process of creating modular buildings. We got to explore some of the rooms in various stages of construction and it was incredible to see the precision and care that goes into each module. Knowing that these modules will soon journey from Hull and be expertly positioned on our school grounds during the upcoming half-term break has us all eagerly anticipating the transformation that awaits us upon our return.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Rewards and Consequences – PSHE Role Play

Haddon, Year 4, were role play superstars in PSHE this week. Each group were given a scenario and the children had to freeze frame and then show two different possible outcomes; one positive and one negative. We then had a super discussion about rewards and consequences. Great work, Haddon!

Year 6 – RE

Eyam, Year 6, thoroughly impressed Dr E-B in their Jigsaw RE lesson this week. They have been learning that some Sikhs choose to go through the Amrit Ceremony and found out what they do during this service to join the Khalsa. Eyam worked in groups to respectively role play the ceremony learning about the special artefacts and steps that the participants go through.

KS1 Fundamentals Festival

On Thursday morning, Year 2 embarked on an exciting adventure to the Derbyshire Tennis Centre for the KS1 Fundamentals Festival. The festival was a playground of athleticism, aiming to introduce youngsters to a variety of sports in a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere. The children eagerly explored different stations, honing their fundamental movement skills encompassing locomotion, throwing, and catching. Laughter and cheers filled the air as they rotated through the activities, embracing the joy of movement and fostering a positive relationship with sport. Back at school, their smiles and tales of newfound skills reflected an unforgettable experience that left them buzzing with enthusiasm.

World Mental Health Day

On October 10th, we took part in ‘Hello Yellow’ Day, to raise awareness and acknowledge 'World Mental Health Day' organised by 'Young Minds', a charity that supports and raises awareness of the importance of young people's mental health.

Pupils and staff all across the primary school carried out tasks and activities linked to the theme of ‘kindness’.

In our assembly, we learnt that EVERYONE has mental health and mental health is all about our emotions, feelings and moods. We learn how to look after our physical health but it is just as important to look after our mental health too.

Book Buddies

We are excited to share the wonderful experiences our pupils have had in the "Book Buddies" programme. Since its launch last year, our pupils have been having an absolute blast as they delve into the world of books, bonding, and enjoying the magic of reading together. It has been a great opportunity for our younger pupils to ‘buddy’ up with an older Primary pupil, to interact and share a story together.

Harvest Festival Collection

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness shown towards the Padley Centre. We are delighted to report that main reception is now brimming with harvest donations. These will be collected by the Padley Centre on 19th October so there is still time if you have not had chance to make a donation yet. Thank you.

Safeguarding Corner

Tips for Better Sleep

Dr Pooky Knightsmith explains the importance of sleep for wellbeing, and gives us some tips on how to get to sleep and to stay asleep in this handy 60 second video! Take a look!

6 tips for better sleep in 60 seconds: 6 Tips for Better Sleep - YouTube

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 16th October – Sibling photos with Alethea Simpson

Tuesday 17th October – EYFS has Talent Day

Thursday 19th October – Year 3 trip

Friday 20th October – 3.30pm, start of half term break (PET available)