



High Notes

Primary High Notes 15th March 2024

Dear Parents

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of leading our Governors on a tour of the new Refectory. Words can hardly do justice to the amazing transformation taking place in this space. The Refectory is shaping up to be a stunning, light-filled, and airy environment, perfect for dining and fostering a sense of community among our students. This week the tarmac has been laid down in the courtyard. While there are still a few areas that require attention, we are nearing the completion of this project. I anticipate being able to provide you with an update on the opening date before the end of term.

It was wonderful to welcome so many families last night to our Primary Spring Concert. What a joy it was to witness the talent and dedication of so many of our Year 1 to 6 children as they took to the stage and performed with such enthusiasm and confidence.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Primary Spring Concert

Thank you to all our guests who attended our Primary Spring concert last night. The children enjoyed performing and showcasing all their hard work that has gone into their music making over the term. The evening featured a delightful variety of ensembles from across our Primary years, Year 1 to 6. It was a truly memorable evening.

Thank you to Mrs Cooke, and all the staff who worked on making the evening such a special occasion.

A recording of the concert will be sent to parents next week via High Post. For more photographs please visit our website gallery [by clicking here.](#)



Derby High Staff Run for Maggie's Charity

Last Sunday, Mr Quichaud, Dr Ngwerume (from our Senior school) and Miss Wright ran the 10k in Nottingham in support of Maggie's Charity, supporting families who are effected by cancer. Representing Derby High, they battled against the wet weather and all successfully completed the run in under an hour!



Hockey Success!

Today, the Year 5&6 hockey team took part in an Achieve Festival at Woodlands school. Some excellent hockey and teamwork saw Derby high play 7 games unbeaten, conceding only 1 goal. An amazing achievement, well done!



Wrens Visit Middleton Lodge Care Home

The pre-school children visited Middleton Lodge Care Home this week and had a fabulous time. Their visit started with an exciting trip in the school minibuss and when they arrived the children were greeted by lots of friendly faces. The session had a reading theme and each child took their favourite book from the reading corner to share with the residents. It was wonderful to see the children and residents getting to know each other, sharing stories, smiles and laughter. We particularly enjoyed singing some nursery rhymes before we headed back to school. We can't wait to develop these important community links further.



A HUGE THANK YOU from YMCA

Thank you to everyone who donated an Easter egg for our collection for YMCA Derby. Paul from YMCA collected the eggs this morning and was overwhelmed with the amount of donations. Year 5 helped load up the van and the eggs have now gone to be distributed to children who would not normally receive one.



A Taste of España: Year 5 Dives into Spanish with Mrs. Martinez Hernandez

In the Year 5 classrooms, the sound of "¡Hola!" and "¡Buenos días!" is in the air, thanks to Mrs. Martinez Hernandez, who recently graced Year 5 with an exhilarating introduction to the Spanish language.

As part of our curriculum, Year 5 pupils have been engrossed in the fascinating world of Mexico, exploring its vast array of cultural gems—from the ancient pyramids of Teotihuacán to the modern-day fiesta of colour and music. Mrs. Martinez Hernandez's visit offered the perfect complement to their studies by giving a voice to the cultural images they've been immersed in.

During her dynamic session, Mrs. Martinez Hernandez ignited a spark of linguistic fun among the students, introducing them to common Spanish greetings, colours, and the fundamentals of counting. All this rich knowledge was imparted in an astonishing timeframe of less than an hour, a testament to her skill and the pupils' enthusiastic participation.

The classroom buzzed with excitement as the children practiced their new vocabulary, turning the session into an interactive fiesta of learning. Students moved beyond mere words as they gained an introductory glance into a language that is spoken by over 500 million people worldwide.

We would like to extend a grand "¡Gracias!" to Mrs. Martinez Hernandez for her generosity of time and spirit.



U10 Netball

On Friday afternoon, an U10 girls' netball team travelled over to Denstone to play in a participation netball tournament. With the tournament being of a round-robin format, it meant the team were able to play against all of the schools taking part from around Derbyshire and Staffordshire; a total of six games of 10 minutes each. The team worked so hard throughout their matches, and made huge progress over the course of the afternoon with their passing power and accuracy, as well as their understanding about marking and moving into helpful spaces. Despite a number of goals being scored by the opposition teams, the team from Derby High never faltered with their enthusiasm, effort and determination. It was an absolute pleasure to spend the afternoon with them, and they should all be proud of their efforts. Well done to all!



U11 Cross Country

On a cold, wet day at Twycross House School, the U11 cross country team showcased resilience and determination. Despite the challenging weather conditions, they displayed exceptional teamwork, pushing through the mud with unwavering determination. Each runner gave their all, representing their school with pride. A special mention to Zinovey who finished 4th in the boy's race. Well done to everyone involved.



World Book Day

Last Friday saw the entire school community sharing a love of books as part of our celebration of World Book day 2024. Pupils brought in their favourite book and created wonderful book marks with their favourite book characters on.

Children of all ages made the most of the opportunity to share books and their passion for their 'favourite' tale during Book Buddies.

Teachers wore necklaces showcasing the name of their favourite literary characters, ranging from Uncle Pumblechook (Great Expectations) to Mr. Hazell (Danny the Champion of the World).

Book talk abounded and echoed throughout the school. Wonderful!



Royal Society Young People's Book Prize

The Royal Society, established in 1660, is an organisation which promotes scientific development benefiting all humanity. Today, the society is one of the pioneering organisations working to tackle climate change. For Derby High to be accepted as a school judging panel was a real privilege. From within years 3, 4, 5 and 6, ten of our pupils formed our judging panel.

These children received their Royal Society Young People's Book Prize certificate during our celebration assembly this week. A big thank you to those pupils involved, who responded to their role wonderfully.

Should you be interested, the winner of the Young People's Book Prize 2023 will be announced on **Tuesday 19th March 2024**. The society will be livestreaming the event from their website (www.royalsociety.org).

Action Academy

A letter with information about Action Academy with Jeevan has been sent home with your child this week. If you would like your child to join, please fill in and return the form with your child's name on.

Safeguarding Corner

In2 Podcast – Episode 3

Welcome to our third episode of our two-minute podcast, this week we focus on mental health. Our discussion is led by our Senior designated safeguarding lead, Claire Bellman and our Primary designated safeguarding lead, Charlotte McBride.

To listen please [click here](#).



If you would like to find out more information on mental health, please head to;

[5 simple ways you can support your child's mental health - Family Action \(family-action.org.uk\)](https://family-action.org.uk)

Prevent and Misogyny

The staff were treated to a training session on Tuesday this week from Sally Siner, our Prevent Officer in Derby. I want to share a quick advert from Vodafone that she shared with us as it was such a powerful message about the things our children (and in particular, our boys) are being influenced by online. As ever, the advice is to have open conversations about what they are seeing and how they feel about it, on a regular basis, and to report anything they see that is harmful.

[The rise of the aggro-rhythm | Vodafone UK \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Holiday Camps

The following camp is provided by an external provider, not ran by Derby High School.

SUPER STAR SPORT

EASTER SPORTS CAMP 2024

How many eggs can you find?

FOOTBALL & TENNIS **CRICKET & HOCKEY** **DODGEBALL & ARTS & CRAFTS** **SPORTS FUN & GAMES**

Portway Infant School
Woodland Road, Allestree, Derby, DE22 2HE

2nd April - 5th April

9AM-3PM
4 year olds can only attend for 4 hours maximum

8:15AM Early Drop Off - £3
3:30PM Late Pick Up - £3

£18 PER DAY

£65 FOR FULL WEEK

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Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 20th March – Reception trip to Sea Life Centre

Thursday 21st March – Primary Learning Review Meeting

Friday 22nd March – Year 1 Swallows Class Assembly

Saturday 23rd March – Primary Open Morning (9.30-11.30am)