



High Notes

Primary High Notes Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to our Primary Showcase this afternoon! It **is** always a highlight of the term, offering a special opportunity for you to see what your child has been exploring and creating in their learning. The enthusiasm and pride our pupils feel in sharing their work with you is truly inspiring, and we **are** grateful for your support.

Meanwhile, Year 3 and 4 have been working hard in rehearsals for their upcoming production, putting in hours of practice to make sure it is a memorable performance. We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents to this event next Thursday.

We also love hearing about your child's achievements outside of school - whether it is completing a challenge, receiving an award or achieving highly in a competition. Please do let us know about these moments, as it is a joy to celebrate them within our school community.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Remembrance Day

On Monday morning our whole school came together to pay respect to those who lost their lives in conflict. Thank you to our Charity Prefects for their readings and to Denny (Year 10) for leading us into our two minute silence.





October Half Term Poppy Challenge

The poppies the children worked to create looked stunning on our Remembrance Day memorial.

We would like to extend our thanks to parents and pupils for their participation in this initiative. It was a great privilege for Mrs Wright to be able to assemble all the beautiful creations together to create such a special piece of art which was viewed by the entire school.

The diversity in the poppies is striking and it has been heartening seeing children identifying where their flowers are while admiring and discussing others' creations. Thank you.



Odd Socks Day

Earlier this week, Primary pupils and staff participated in Odd Socks Day to support Anti-Bullying Week, a national campaign aimed at raising awareness about bullying and promoting kindness and inclusion. Pupils and staff were invited to wear mismatched socks as a fun and symbolic way to celebrate individuality and send a message of acceptance. Pupils have been learning all about respect and kindness and the day provided more opportunities for everyone to reflect on the importance of embracing differences and diversity.



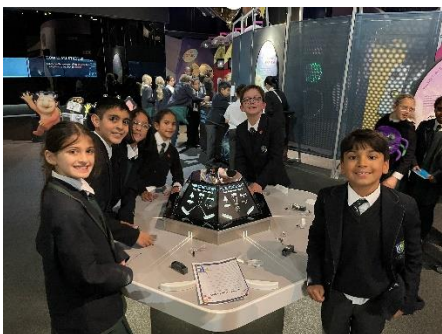
Year 5 Visit the National Space Centre

Our Year 5 trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester was an unforgettable experience, filled with learning, adventure and lots of fun! From the moment we arrived, the children were buzzing with excitement, ready to dive into the fascinating world of space exploration. The Space Centre's engaging exhibits and interactive displays provided the perfect environment for the children to learn about our solar system, planets and the marvels of space travel.

A standout moment of the trip was the rocket workshop led by an inspiring scientist. The children were captivated as they watched demonstrations of various rocket fuels and learned how each type affects the speed and direction of a rocket. The scientist explained the reactions behind the fuel choices, sparking the children's curiosity and giving them a glimpse into the science and technology that powers real-life space missions. This hands-on session helped make complex scientific ideas approachable and exciting, leaving many of the children thinking about building rockets of their own one day!

The visit to the planetarium was another highlight, offering a fully immersive journey through space. As they settled into the darkened room, the children felt as if they were floating among the stars, gliding past planets and distant galaxies. This thrilling experience gave them a chance to feel what it might be like to travel through space and it was clear from their faces that they were completely captivated by this virtual journey.

Finally, a huge thank you goes to Dr. Ngwerume, who went above and beyond to organise this incredible trip.



Positive Noticing Day

On Wednesday we were delighted participate in Positive Noticing Day. All of the classes in Primary spent some time during the day thinking about the power of positive noticing and completed a positive noticing tag for another person in their class/year group, even the staff took part. These tags have been proudly displayed in the Infant and Junior buildings.

Positive Noticing is simple, practical, and highly effective. Being positively noticed by others builds self-esteem, supports behaviour and promotes good mental health. Positive Noticing can happen every day and we encourage families to join in at home too. We know that children who are positively noticed by their parents/carers are happier, healthier and more resilient and secure. You may wish to use Positive Noticing Day as an opportunity to start daily positive noticing in your home. You can create and share positive labels as a family and save them - stick them on the fridge, the back of the door or put them in an old picture frame.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- 'I noticed that you put your plate by the sink, that's really helped me this morning, you are very thoughtful, thank you'
- 'Doing your homework without me asking shows real independence. I love the determination you are showing'
- 'You are so good at sharing with your sister/brother. You are such a kind person.'
- 'I noticed that you were really kind to X at school today. That made me really proud of you'
- 'Thank you for putting your clothes in the washing basket. I notice that you are following the routine and remembering it perfectly. You are really trying and I appreciate it.'

We all really enjoyed the day, and we want to say that 'we notice you' and the effort you make to support your children, engage them in learning and enrich our school community! Thank you.

You can find out more about positive noticing and Positive Noticing Day at

<https://www.positivenoticingday.com/homeadults>



Year 5 and 6 Cyclo Cross

On Thursday, several year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a Cycle Derby's Cyclo Cross event. This involved learning how to ride a cyclo cross course. The children also had a girls' race, a boys' race, a mixed relay and a mixed scratch race. The children had a great morning and learned lots about cyclo cross.



Tag Rugby

In an exciting Tag Rugby fixture, Derby High faced off against Firfield Primary, showcasing a remarkable performance filled with skill, discipline, and exceptional sportsmanship. The Derby High team played with determination and focus, demonstrating impressive teamwork and agility on the field. Each player contributed to an outstanding team effort, making Derby High proud. Well done boys and girls.



Years 5 and 6 Hockey vs. Nottingham High School

On a crisp winter afternoon at Beeston Hockey Club, Derby High School's Year 5 & 6 hockey squads faced off against Nottingham High School. It was an action-packed afternoon with five Derby teams each playing three matches, showcasing teamwork, skill, and determination. Alongside the games, players honed their skills in a dedicated skills area, refining their technique and building confidence.

Team A started strong, dominating their first two matches with impressive coordination and passing skills. A narrow loss in the third game gave them valuable lessons on resilience. With a balanced approach, Team B managed one hard-fought victory, though they faced tough opposition in their other two games.

The players displayed excellent sportsmanship and showed real improvement throughout. Undefeated for 2 out of 3 matches, Team C was a powerhouse, leveraging solid defence and fast counter-attacks. Their consistency and teamwork were key factors in their success. Team D played with great energy, achieving one convincing win. Their loss came in a close game where they played well but faced strong opposition. Although Team E struggled in some moments, they celebrated a well-earned win in their final match. Their perseverance and improvement were evident as they adjusted their strategies through the games.

Between matches, all teams took part in a dedicated skills session led by coaches. This session focused on dribbling, passing accuracy, and defensive positioning, providing an excellent opportunity for all players to develop their fundamental skills and improve team cohesion.

Overall, Derby High School's teams performed admirably under the winter sun, with players showing determination and enthusiasm. The day was filled with learning opportunities, team bonding, and a shared love for hockey. Congratulations to all the players for their effort!



Safeguarding Corner

Episode 22 – Anti Bullying Week

This week we hear from Mrs McBride (Assistant Head - Pastoral, Primary) and Dr Evans-Bolger (PSHEE Lead, Primary). Today's topic is Anti-Bullying Week and what we have been focusing on in school this week. To listen to the pod cast [click here](#).

For further information on Anti Bullying Week, please visit the following links:

<https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/contact.html>

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/odd-socks-day/andy-and-odd-socks>



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 18th November – Year 4 Residential Information Evening

Thursday 21st November – Year 3 and 4 Production, Senior Hall, 6:30pm, refreshments in the Refectory from 6pm

Useful Links

School menu week commencing 18th November - [click here](#).

Calendar (via the Parent Portal) - <https://derbyhigh.parents.isams.cloud/>