



High Notes

Primary High Notes Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents

This week has been full of exciting firsts for our Primary children, showcasing their enthusiasm for learning new skills and embracing new opportunities.

Our youngest pupils in Wrens and Reception experienced the joy of riding as Cycle Derby paid us a visit, bringing along balance and pedal bikes. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they took their first steps—or pedals—towards mastering this important life skill. The delight on their faces was matched only by their determination to keep trying, even when the wobbles set in!

Meanwhile, our Year 5 and 6 pupils stepped onto the courts for their first sports fixture of the year, competing against The Elms. The teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship they displayed was fantastic to see, and they represented our school with pride.

Whether it is learning to ride a bike or playing in a competitive match, these firsts are important milestones that encourage growth, build confidence, and create lasting memories. It is a joy to watch our children embrace them with such positivity.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Cycle Derby

Yesterday the Wrens, Robins and Sparrows took part in a Cycle Derby balance bike workshop. They were supported to ride the balance bikes with confidence, playing games, listening carefully to instructions and having lots of fun! If appropriate, the children were then supported to progress to using a pedal bike. All of the staff were really impressed with the children's 'have a go' attitude and their resilience levels as they tried something new.



Reception's Transport Topic

The children in Reception have enjoyed the start of their new topic, learning about transport in the past and present day.

Here are the Sparrows enjoying exploring their new role-play area, set as a travel agents.

They have been looking at holiday destinations, booking holidays, planning their trips and looking at different flags.



Year 5 and 6 Netball

On Wednesday, The Elms visited Derby High with three Year 5 and 6 netball teams to play in some friendly fixtures. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon (finally!) and wonderful to see so many students taking part and developing their netball skills and knowledge. Each team played against their equivalent ability team in a game of 4 quarters, with each quarter lasting 8 minutes, and throughout the games the students received coaching advice from their staff members to help them to learn and make progress throughout. It was fantastic to see even small improvements in passing, movement off the ball and their understanding of their roles in their individual positions as the games went on; everyone who took part should be proud of their individual and team achievements. The A team finished their game 0-6, but did a fantastic job to ensure that Trent didn't score any goals in their middle two quarters. The B team finished their game with a tight score of 3-5, and certainly showed some progress with their shooting in the final two quarters and, the C team secured a win of 3-1 in their game, with a number of very close further scoring opportunities.

A huge well done to everyone who took part, and for focusing and giving their best throughout the afternoon!



Well Done, Isaac

Congratulations to Isaac in Year 1 who has achieved his blue belt in Martial Arts. Well done!



Congratulations on LAMDA Results

Well done to all our pupils who took their LAMDA examination in December. We are delighted to announce the following pupils all received a distinction or merit in their latest grading;

Paravthi, Year 5

Kaya, Year 5

Lois, Year 5

Alexia, Year 5

Aanya, Year 5

Aashvi, Year 5

Shanaya, Year 5

Santhosh, Year 6

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Primary House Music Competition

The annual house music competition takes place this term and already, preparations are being made.

The competition will be divided into two sections: - Instrumental and House Song. Further information has been sent to parents via HighPost.

Preliminary heats will take place in curriculum music lessons on the following dates:

Year 5, Year 6 & Year 2 - Monday 20th January

Year 4 & Year 1 – Tuesday 21st January

Year 3 – Wednesday 22nd January

We will announce the results during assembly at the end of the week and we will announce the theme of the House Song. As the finals will be held on Friday 7th March - World Book Day, all pupils and staff will be expected to dress up. More details will follow, once we have announced the theme.



Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast Episode 27 – Radicalisation and Prevent

In this week's podcast Mrs. Bellman and Mr. Thornton discuss Year 8s assembly this week on Radicalisation and Prevent.

For more information on Prevent please click the following links: [Parents' Booklet](#)

Educate Against Hate website: [Parents Archives - Educate Against Hate](#)

To listen to the podcast please [click here](#).



Free Webinar for Parents - Supporting Neurodivergent Children in the Online World

Internet Matters are putting on a free webinar (29th January) for parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people who enjoy gaming online. See [HERE](#) for more information.

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 23rd January – Primary Tea Time Concert

Friday 24th January – Herons Class Assembly

Useful Links

School menu week commencing 20th January 2025 - [click here](#).

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