



High Notes

Primary High Notes 17th May 2024

Dear Parents

This week saw the last of our residential trips of the year with Year 4 going to the Mount Cook Adventure Centre. These experiences are invaluable, not only in fostering a sense of independence and resilience in our pupils but also in creating unforgettable memories with their friends.

We were delighted to welcome so many parents today for our first Primary Parent Breakfast event. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our new refectory and give you a taste of the exceptional dining experience your children have each day. This is just the first in a series of parental events that we are planning now that we have more space.



I encourage you to take some time to listen to our Safeguarding Corner podcasts. These offer valuable insights into key issues affecting young people today. Should you have any questions or need further support, please do not hesitate to contact our pastoral team

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 4 Residential to Mount Cook

On Monday 13th May, Year 4 set off in high spirits for their three day residential trip to the Mount Cook Adventure Centre, near Matlock in Derbyshire. The children visited Carsington Water en route to Mount Cook and participated in a number of activities linked to their science curriculum, including pond dipping and mini-beast classification work. The children really got 'stuck in' and were happy to search in the soil and underneath rocks and moss for creepy crawlies. During the pond dipping activity, they searched for signs of pond life using large nets and even discovered a newt or two! There were lots of awe and wonder moments when the children discovered a whole host of little creatures!

At Mount Cook, the children participated in a range of activities, including orienteering, climbing, rocket building and hiking. The adults even had a go on the zip wire, much to the amusement of the children! Although the adults had a little less sleep than they normally would do, and the children were certainly sleepier by the end, the children were an absolute credit to the school from start to finish. They demonstrated excellent behaviour, were great communicators and we witnessed a great deal of resilience and persistence as they learnt new skills and engaged in new experiences. It was a fantastic trip, enjoyed by both staff and pupils alike. The children are already looking forward to their residential trip next year!



Year 3 Mini Olympics

On Wednesday, Year 3 took part in a mini-Olympics day hosted by DCCT at Moorways. The day started with the National anthems for each country (Derby High represented Italy) and a speech about the Olympic values, which was fantastically spoken by Shanaya and Kulvir in front of almost 200 people!

The children then took part in a carousel of activities including foam javelin, volleyball, hockey, golf, relay and tennis. After a long anticipated packed lunch and an escape from the rain showers, the students then moved onto the races! Derby High competed against 5 other schools in the 75m, 150m, 300m and the relay.

A special mention to Joshua who came second in his heat in the 75m, Mia who came 2nd in her heat in the 300m and Aashwini who did a fantastic and speedy leg in the 4x100m relay. Yusuf, Advith, Beatrice and Kendra also all came 3rd in their heat out of 6 schools.

The day was a great opportunity to get active and try new activities as well as improve on activities they had already done before. The children spoke about the Olympic values - especially about trying their best. Overall, it was a great day enjoyed by all! A huge well done to all who took part!



Year 5 French Café

This Tuesday saw the return of the Year 5 French cafe "Le Grand Croissant." Parents joined the pupils from Hardwick class in the brand-new refectory once it had been transformed into a room fitting of a Parisienne Cafe!

With French music playing in the background, everyone enjoyed the traditional French *petit-déjeuner* of croissants, pain au chocolat, coffee and chocolat chaud as well as lots of wonderful French conversation of course. Well done Hardwick, everyone was very impressed with your fabulous language skills!

We are now looking forward to hosting Calke's cafe next week.



Year 5 Cricket and Rounders

All of Year 5 took part in a rounders and cricket fixture at Twycross House School on Monday. Lots of good fielding and excellent batting meant the rounders teams scored plenty of rounders.

In the cricket, Derby High team 1 showed excellent bowling and superb batting to beat Twycross comprehensively. Derby High team 2 also played really well and only lost by one run. Well done!



Safeguarding Corner

In2 Podcast, Episode 8, The Impact of Pornography on Young People

This week's Safeguarding Corner podcast discusses the impact of pornography on young people. The conversation is led by Claire Bellman, Deputy Head Pastoral and Jonathan Thornton, Assistant Head Pastoral.



Please note this week's podcast is delivered in two parts.

To listen to part one, [please click here.](#)

To listen to part two, [please click here.](#)



Please visit the following links for further information:

[Online porn | NSPCC](#)

[Growing up with pornography: advice for parents and schools | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](#)

Additional information and news related articles:

[One in 10 children 'have watched pornography by time they are nine' | Children | The Guardian \(ampproject.org\)](#)

[How to talk to your children about porn and other online harms | Child protection | The Guardian](#)

For information on setting parental controls on devices please see the following link:

[Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 20th May – Year 1 visit St Peter's Church

Tuesday 21st May – Year 5 Calke, French Café

Thursday 23rd May – Primary Tea Time Concert

Friday 24th May – Year 2 Kingfishers Class Assembly

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May – half term

Monday 3rd June – return from half term