



High Notes

Primary High Notes 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents

In my assembly yesterday, I was pleased to be able to share up to date photos of the new building, which is now very nearly finished. I am absolutely delighted to confirm that the eagerly awaited Refectory will be ready for use from the start of the Summer Term.



This represents a real step forward for Derby High, enhancing the facilities for all our pupils and staff. Our catering and cleaning teams will be working hard over the Easter break to ensure the facilities are ready to be used. We will be planning an opening celebration later in the term along with opportunities for parents to see the new facilities.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Reception visit Sea Life Birmingham

Reception had a lovely trip to Sea Life, Birmingham on Wednesday. The children enjoyed seeing all of the different creatures including jellyfish, sharks, turtles and penguins! They loved the 360 tunnel and there

were lots of excited squeals from the children as the sharks swam over their heads! The children were all very well behaved and made all of the teachers extremely proud.



Frog Spawn in Reception

The children in Reception have been learning about the astonishing life cycle of frogs, learning about their tails and then how they lose them! We have been fortunate to have some frog spawn in our Reception classroom and the children have been closely observing the changes over the week.



DCCT Gymnastics

On Thursday, 10 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the DCCT Gymnastics event, which was hosted at Derby High School. The children had to display their gymnastic abilities in 3 different areas - Core Skills, Ribbon and Vault. All the children performed brilliantly and were awarded with either a bronze, silver or gold certificate.



U11 Netball

On Tuesday afternoon, two teams of Year 5 and Year 6 netballers played matches against Abbotsholme School.

Year 6 played first, showing great skill and teamwork. It was an exciting game concluding with a 10-4 win to Derby High. Congratulations to Lara for being picked as player of the match.

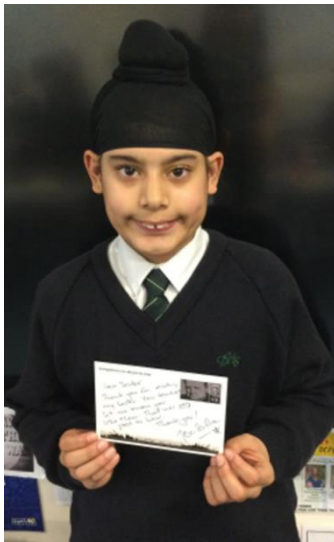
Year 5 played their game second and showed the same level of determination and skill. Derby High controlled the game to finish with a 11-3 win. Well done to Harry for being selected as player of the match.



Jasdev's Surprise

Jasdev, in Chatsworth, received a wonderful surprise in the post this week. His favourite author, Tom Palmer, sent Jasdev a card thanking him for reading his books and spurring him on to continue with his reading. How wonderful!

Many authors are very happy to respond to their fans and love to hear of budding, young readers enjoying their work. We would encourage parents to be inspired by this and e-mail their child's favourite author on their behalf - maybe you will get a reply you could share too?



End of Term Information

Please note that our Spring Term ends on Thursday 28th March at 3:30pm. There will be no after school clubs or Primary Extra Time next Thursday.

Summer Uniform Notice

On the return from the Easter break, pupils may wear their summer uniform.

To read the full uniform list, please visit page 5 and 6 in the Primary Parent Handbook on our website by clicking here: [PrimaryParentsHandbook2023-2024.pdf \(derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk\)](https://derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk/PrimaryParentsHandbook2023-2024.pdf)

Safeguarding Corner

In2 Podcast – Episode 4

Welcome to our fourth episode of our two-minute podcast, this week we focus on positive parenting. Our discussion is led by our Whole School Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Bellman and our Primary Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs McBride.

To listen please [click here](#).



If you would like to find out more information on positive parenting, please head to;

[9 Steps to More Effective Parenting \(for Parents\) | Nemours KidsHealth](#)

[Positive parenting tips \(parentingscience.com\)](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 23rd March – Primary Open Morning

Monday 25th March – Learning Review Meetings (online)

Tuesday 26th March – Year 3 Residential trip departs

Wednesday 27th March – Year 3 Residential trip returns

Thursday 28th March – Term ends at 3.30pm, no afterschool clubs or PET

Tuesday 23rd April – return to school, start of Summer term.