High Notes

Primary High Notes 23rd May 2024

Dear Parents

This half term has simply flown by in a flurry of activity, both within our classrooms and beyond. As we approach the well deserved break, I cannot help but reflect on the countless enriching experiences our pupils have been participating in.

A real highlight has undoubtedly been the residential trips our Year 4, 5, and 6 pupils have embarked upon. These amazing opportunities provide our pupils with a chance to step out of their comfort zones, develop their independence, and forge lasting memories with their peers. From exploring new environments to tackling exciting challenges, these residentials are invaluable in shaping well rounded individuals. I wish to extend my gratitude to our amazing staff, their willingness to give up their personal time and take on additional responsibilities is truly commendable, and it is their commitment that allows our pupils to experience these invaluable adventures.

As we approach the half term break, it is an important opportunity for our pupils to rest, recharge, and prepare for the final half term of the academic year. This period is truly a wonderful time, filled with exciting events. We look forward welcoming everyone back on Monday 3rd June.

Best Wishes

Amy Chapman

Head

Step Into The NHS Competition

We're thrilled to share some exciting news regarding our Key Stage 2 pupils! Many of them enthusiastically participated in the Step into the NHS Competition, where they were tasked with showcasing the diverse roles within the NHS through artwork or creative writing.

We're proud to announce that Sai (Year 3), Dhian (Year 3), Jack (Year 5), and Layth (Year 6) have all been awarded Highly Commended for their outstanding entries.

We are thrilled however, as a school, to highlight Georgia's (Year 5) remarkable achievement as a 'Regional Winner' in the competition. Georgia has been invited by the NHS to the Winners Day on June

13th, where she'll present her entry to the panel of judges. This is a fantastic opportunity for her, and we wish her the best of luck!

We commend all of our pupils who took part in the competition for their creativity and effort. Their participation reflects their engagement and enthusiasm for learning about the vital roles within the NHS.

Primary House Spelling Bee

This week the children from Year 1 - Year 6 have enjoyed taking part in our first Primary House Spelling Bee. The first round was held on Spelling Shed; the children completed a spelling quiz to find out who would progress to the semi-final and compete for their house. The semi-final and final took place in school and all children competed brilliantly. St Patrick and St David went head to head in a challenging final yesterday afternoon. Well done to all and congratulations to the winners, St Patrick.

Year 5 French Café – Calke

This Tuesday we welcomed parents again to our Year 5 French cafe "Le Grand Croissant." Parents joined the pupils from Calke class in The 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 petitdéjeuner of croissants, pain au chocolat, coffee and chocolat chaud as well as lots of wonderful French conversation of course. Well done Calke, everyone was very impressed with your fabulous language skills!

Primary Teatime Concert

Well done and thank you to all our performers who contributed to last night's wonderful Primary Tea Time Concert. Our series of Primary Tea Time Concerts provide an opportunity for our Primary pupils to showcase all the hard work they are doing in lessons and at home. It was fantastic to see so many pupils perform for the first time and see how our older pupils are flourishing with their chosen instrument. To view more photographs on the School's Primary Gallery please click here.

Derby High Alumni Summer Get-Together

We are delighted to welcome our alumni to Derby High on Saturday 22nd June from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

If any parents are alumni and have friends and family who were at our school, please do spread the word, everyone is invited.

We will be hosting an informal afternoon tea in our newly opened refectory and offering guided tours by our sixth formers.

To receive an invitation please complete the following online form: Alumni Form - Derby High School or email, DHSalumni@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk.

Congratulations Connie

Last weekend Connie (Year 6) competed in the Eckington Swimming Club Open Meet at Eckington swimming pool. Connie raced in two events, the 200m breaststroke and 400m individual medley and was absolutely delighted to achieve Gold in both races! Well done, Connie.

Parent Notice: No Swimming Week Commencing Monday 3rd June

Please be aware that there will be no swimming week commencing Monday 3rd June for Year 1 to Year 6. Unfortunately the pool at Moorways is unavailable due to staff training.

Safeguarding Corner

In2 Podcast, Episode 9, Emotion Regulation

Welcome to our ninth episode of our two-minute podcast. This week's discussion is led by Charlotte McBride, Assistant Head-Pastoral, and Keely Shore, Primary Lead-Pastoral and Early Years Lead, and explores the concept of Emotion Regulation.

To listen to the podcast please click here.

For more information, please see the links below:

NL-Emotion-regulation-e-leaflet-02.21.pdf (rdash.nhs.uk)

Zones-for-parents.pdf (glowscotland.org.uk)

Dates For Your Diary

Please note: parents will be sent Highposts with further information regarding the events below.

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

Monday 3rd June – return from half term

Tuesday 4th June - Swimming Gala Y4 Inspire & Y5 & Y6 Achieve

Friday 7th June – Little Learners Teddy Bear Picnic

Friday 7th June – Year 3 Tissington Class Assembly

Wednesday 12th June – EYFS Trip to Rosliston Forestry Centre

Thursday 13th June – Primary Class Photos

Friday 14th June – Primary Sports Day

- Pre-School/Reception/Year 1 and Year 2 8:45am to 10:45am
- Year 3 to Year 6, 1pm to 3:30pm

Tuesday 18th June – Senior School Experience Day for Year 5

Thursday 20th June – Reception, Robin and Sparrows, class assembly

Thursday 20th June – Year 3 Accelerando Concert

Friday 21st June – Dance Show

Saturday 22nd June – Derby High Alumni Summer Get-Together

Monday 24th June – Primary Transition Day

Tuesday 25th June – Year 6 Dinner and Dance

Tuesday 2nd July – Primary Summer Showcase and Year 5 and 6 Performance

Thursday 4th July – Primary Summer Concert

Friday 4th July – end of term 3:30pm (no PET or after school clubs)