



Primary High Notes 24th January 2025

Dear Parents

I am eagerly looking forward to watching the final of Traitors tonight – a show that I am sure many of you may also be following. It is one of those programmes that grips you with its mix of strategy, suspicion, and surprises. Watching the contestants navigate the challenges of trust and betrayal has really got me thinking about the importance of trust in our everyday lives.

In school, trust is the foundation of everything we do. It allows children to feel safe, form strong friendships, and work well together in teams. Trust is built through small but significant actions: being kind, keeping promises, and always being honest. It is also about forgiveness – understanding that we all make mistakes and giving others the chance to put things right.

Trust might seem like a simple concept, but it is a vital skill that strengthens friendships, families, and communities alike.

As we reflect on trust, this week has been a wonderful example of how it underpins everything we do as a school community. A highlight was our Primary Teatime Concert, where parents joined us to celebrate our young performers. For the children, stepping onto the stage required courage and trust – trust in themselves, trust in their teachers' guidance, and trust in the supportive audience around them. Events like this showcase the strength of our community and the importance of providing opportunities where children can grow in confidence and feel valued.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Primary Teatime Concert

Well done and thank you to all our performers who contributed to last night's wonderful Primary Teatime Concert. Our series of Primary Teatime 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. More photographs will be available on the School's Primary Gallery on Monday.



Primary House Music Competition 2025

We have enjoyed a super week of music making in our Primary school. 111 Instrumentalists in Years 1-6 participated in the preliminary competition in music lessons this week. It has been a delight to listen to performers. Thank you to all of their instrumental teachers for preparing them so well and to you, as parents, for your support and encouragement with practice. Those pupils who have won a place in the finals were awarded their gold or silver house music badge in assembly yesterday afternoon:-

Year 1 and Year 2

ST ANDREW

- 1st Kharim- Piano
- 2nd Clara - Piano
- Highly commended Isaac - Piano

ST DAVID

- 1st Nourah - Piano
- 2nd Liyana - Piano
- Highly commended Evelyn - Piano

ST GEORGE

- 1st Grace - Piano

- 2nd Effie - Piano

ST PATRICK

- 1st Annabelle - Piano
- 2nd Eve - Piano

Year 3 and Year 4

ST ANDREW

- 1st Aaliyah - Harp
- 2nd Shanaya - Violin
- Highly Commended: Aleya – Flute, Karim - Violin

ST DAVID

- 1st Aurelie - Piano
- 2nd Lily - Cello
- Highly Commended: Sidhant – Trombone, Sofia – Cello

ST GEORGE

- 1st Naomi - Piano
- 2nd Olivia - Piano
- Highly Commended: Freddie – Cello, Nikhil – Piano, Aadam – Violin, Rosie - Piano

ST PATRICK

- 1st Aashwini - Violin
- 2nd Ishana - Piano
- Highly Commended: Julia – Piano, Harry – Trombone

Year 5 and Year 6

ST ANDREW

- 1st Lyla – Clarinet
- 2nd Madeleine – Clarinet
- Highly Commended: Jacob - E Guitar, Rhia - Flute, Adam – French Horn

ST DAVID

- 1st Lara – Violin
- 2nd Sofia - Piano
- Highly Commended: Anabelle - Piano, Alexia – E Guitar

ST GEORGE

- 1st Aisha - Violin
- 2nd Paru – Violin
- Highly Commended: Chloe – Piano, Zibby - Violin, Aashvi - Piano

ST PATRICK

- 1st Connor – Cello

- 2nd Asmi – Keyboard
- Highly Commended: Claire - Violin, Isabella - Voice, Saoirse – Violin

This Year's House Music Theme

In an exciting climax, the theme of the competition was revealed for the House Songs. As the finals will be held on Friday 7th March – celebrating World Book Day, the theme for this year's House song is Shrek!



The children are learning four songs from the musical in their music lessons – I'm a Believer, Allstar, Livin' La Vida Loca and Holding Out for a Hero. We will spend the next two weeks learning the songs in music lessons and then will hold a draw in assembly to see which House will sing which song in the Finals. All pupils will have access to the House song backing tracks through Microsoft teams. They need to enter their school email address and password to access this.

House Music Costumes

As the theme for our House song is Shrek!, we would like all Primary pupils (including Pre-school and Reception pupils) to come to school dressed as a character from the film on Friday March 7th. We will be recording the event so that families can watch this event together at home.

Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics

On Thursday, 10 children from Year 3 and 4 took part in the DCCT Gymnastics event, which was hosted at Derby High. 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. Advika, Harry and Jess achieved a bronze certificate, Sapphire, Anayah and Mia achieved a Silver certificate and Josh, Aashwini, Julia and Kendra achieved a gold certificate.

Well done gymnasts, you were fantastic!



Match Report: Year 5 & 6 Derby High School vs Twycross School

It was a fantastic afternoon of sport as Derby High welcomed Twycross School for a series of football and netball fixtures. What made the event truly special was the involvement of all Year 5 and 6 pupils, showcasing their enthusiasm and teamwork.

While the games were competitive and spirited, the primary focus was on skill development and game-play opportunities. Every player demonstrated great determination and sportsmanship, making the afternoon an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Thank you to all the players, staff, and supporters for creating such a positive atmosphere. Events like these are a wonderful way to foster collaboration and provide valuable learning experiences. Well done to all the teams!





Year 5 and Year 6 Thoughtful Talk Drop-in Sessions

Year 5 and Year 6 have had the chance to attend our 'Thoughtful Talk' sessions on Wednesday lunchtimes. It has been wonderful to see the children taking such a proactive and mature approach to discuss issues that are important to them. This week, the group have been discussing Friendships and Belonging. The following links may be of use to parents wishing to discuss this with their children:

[Friendships - Kent family](#)

[Top tips for making friends | Childline](#)

[Friendships | Tips and Advice | Mental health | YoungMinds](#)

Encourage your class to join the Fruities and Veggies™ competition!

We're thrilled to announce the Design a House for The Fruities and Veggies™ competition, in partnership with One Stop, is now open for entries! Our Primary children can use their Purple Mash log in to take part at home.

This fun, creative challenge invites our pupils to design a house for one of The Fruities and Veggies™ characters. There's lots of fantastic prizes up for grabs! Good luck everyone!

Competition Details

- Open from: 20th January - 7th March
- Three age categories, each featuring a different character
- Prizes: Winners will get their design featured in the Fruities and Veggies™ book, plushies, signed books, and more!

How to Enter:

- Pupils use the 2Paint a Picture template on Purple Mash.
- Submit designs between January 20th and March 7th 2025.
- Only one design per pupil.

For further information [please click here](#).



Safeguarding Corner

When The Adults Change – Sessions for Parents and Carers

A poster for a Behaviour Book Club session. At the top left is a book cover for 'WHEN THE PARENTS CHANGE EVERYTHING CHANGES' by PAUL DIX. The main title 'BEHAVIOUR BOOK CLUB' is in a dark blue box, with the subtitle 'Live, online sessions open to all parents and carers.' below it. The text describes the club's focus on supporting behavior at home. It mentions a second session on 'Supporting Behaviour at Home: Practical Strategies' and provides a QR code to register. On the right, it says 'What to learn more?' and 'Purchase the When the Parents Change book by clicking here or scanning the QR code.' with another QR code. In the center, a cartoon girl is holding the book. The bottom section has an orange background with the text 'Join the next session THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 8:00PM' and 'Register by clicking here or scanning the QR code.' with a QR code.

[Register here for Thursday 30th January session.](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 31st January – Kingfishers Class Assembly

Friday 7th February – Non-Uniform Day for Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February – 3:30pm half term break begins (PET available)

Useful Links

School menu week commencing 27th January 2025 - [click here](#).

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