



High Notes

Primary High Notes 26th April 2024

Dear Parents

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back this week, and particularly exciting to open the doors of our new refectory. On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of joining our primary children for lunch, and witnessing their animated faces and sheer enjoyment as they reunited with their friends was truly heart-warming. For the first time at Derby High, all primary and senior pupils are able to share meals in the same space. It is truly incredible how this new building has not only expanded our physical space but also gifted us with precious moments to connect and grow as a community.



I have today sent you all the summary document of the main findings from the online parent survey undertaken last month. Please know that your feedback is being carefully reviewed and will be used to inform our planning and decision-making processes moving forward. Together, we can work towards making our school an even better place for our children to learn, grow and thrive. We are truly grateful for your continued support and engagement in our school community. Your participation in the survey demonstrates your commitment to partnering with us in ensuring the success and well-being of our pupils.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 1 Battles, Balls and Banquets

The Year 1 children have had the most amazing day celebrating the Battles, Banquet and Balls day. The day started with the children chopping vegetables to make delicious vegetable soup. They then made beautiful sparkly crowns to wear. After this, Year 1 learnt two new dances, one about Sleeping Beauty and then a traditional medieval dance. The day was concluded with the children enjoying the delicious soup that they had made! A fabulous day was had by all.



Derby County Community Trust Gymnastics

On Wednesday, 10 children from Years 1 and 2 took part in the DCCT Gymnastics event, which was hosted here 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.



Congratulations Lyla

Well done to Lyla, Year 4, for her successful audition to participate in the English Youth Ballet's production of "Giselle" this July at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham. Lyla auditioned with over 60 other junior candidates and was selected as one of the top seven in the session!



Blue Peter Badge for Polly!

Well done to Polly, Year 6, for receiving a Blue Peter badge. Polly was delighted to receive her badge in the post yesterday. Polly was awarded her badge after being inspired to create a Well-Being Box, which she shared with the Blue Peter team.



Safeguarding Corner

In2 Podcast – Please send us your feedback

Last term we launched our new series of Safeguarding Corner podcasts. We are keen to hear parent views on the podcast and if there are any topics you would specifically like the safeguarding team to discuss.

Please complete this very short survey to send us your feedback.

In2 Podcast Parent Survey – [CLICK HERE.](#)

To listen to our past episodes please click the links below:

[Episode 1 – Anxiety](#)

[Episode 2 – Vaping](#)

[Episode 3 – Mental Health](#)

[Episode 4 – Positive Parenting](#)

[Episode 5 - How Children Learn](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 29th April – Year 6 depart on their residential trip

Wednesday 1st May – Individual Portrait Photos, Pre-School, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday 2nd May – Year 2 trip

Friday 3rd May – Year 6 residential returns. Year 4 Kedleston class assembly.

Monday 6th May – Early May Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 7th May - Individual Portrait Photos, Year 5 and Year 6 (to be taken before swimming)

Wednesday 8th May – Year 5 depart on their residential trip, Year 1 trip

Friday 10th May – Year 5 residential returns. Year 4 Haddon class assembly.