



High Notes

Primary High Notes 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents

Did you know that a single cloud can weigh around a million tonnes? Or that giraffes are 30 times more likely to be struck by lightning than humans? Or that the fear of long words is called "hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia"? These quirky facts remind us that the world is full of wonders waiting to be uncovered through the pursuit of knowledge. In my Primary assembly on Thursday, I spoke about the incredible ability of knowledge to shape our lives. As I shared then, knowledge isn't just a collection of facts, but a force that empowers us, fosters understanding between people, and drives human progress. So seize the opportunity once again to expand your understanding and harness the transformative power that comes from an embrace of lifelong learning.

I have really enjoyed the updates from Mr Gould and our Year 6 pupils in France. The pupils have really impressed staff with their enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding behaviour throughout the week, taking all the activities in their stride. Next week our Year 5 head off on their residential.

I wish you a restful, Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 6 Residential

The journey began early on Monday with a 6am departure to Folkestone to board the Eurotunnel. The children were filled with excitement as they arrived in France and couldn't wait for the week ahead. Upon reaching the Château de Warsy, they were impressed by the fantastic facilities and got a preview of the fun to come.

Tuesday's highlight was a visit to Montdidier for a town trail. The children explored the local churches, monuments, primary school, and town hall. Later, they visited the local supermarché, where they had a blast finding French items, choosing what to buy, and paying with Euros. It was a great way to practice their language skills.

Wednesday was packed with activities. The group travelled to Amiens and started the day at a French market. The children enjoyed exploring the stalls with fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and a wide variety of French cheese. They then visited the stunning Amiens Cathedral, where they marvelled at the intricate stained glass windows and the awe-inspiring architecture. The morning ended with a sweet treat as the children used their French to order ice cream, a moment they will surely remember.

Thursday was a day steeped in history as the students learned about World War I. They visited the Musée Somme 1916, the Lochnagar Crater, and the Thiepval Memorial, gaining insights into the impact of the war and honouring those who served.

Unfortunately on Friday, it was time to return home. The children boarded the coach back to school, reflecting on an incredible and memorable week. Throughout the trip, they were a credit to the school, receiving praise for their excellent behaviour and manners from the chateau staff and members of the public.

Overall, it was a fantastic experience that the Year 6 children will cherish for a long time. The week in France was not just a school trip; it was a journey of discovery, learning, and fun!



Year 2 Visit Cromford

Year 2 had a wonderful day exploring Cromford and learning all about Sir Richard Arkwright and his famous invention "The water powered cotton spinning frame". The children stepped back in time over 200 years and were suddenly dressed as children from the time of Arkwright's Mill. They became masters of carding the cotton and producing the roving, impressing the adults with their skill. The children liked

the idea of earning their own money at the age of seven but were less impressed with the pay and conditions!

They explored Arkwright's village of Cromford and learnt how he designed the village to accommodate all his new employees moving to the area for this new industrial way of life. They visited the mill workers' cottages and even got to go in the village lock up where the thieves and trouble makers, such as John Thompson, were detained until their trial in Derby. The children and the staff all had a wonderful day exploring Cromford and the mills in the sunshine!



NHS Competition

We are delighted to inform you about the fantastic participation of our Key Stage 2 children in the Step into the NHS competition. This initiative, aimed at primary schools, serves to enlighten pupils about the myriad of career opportunities within the NHS while challenging gender stereotypes.

Pupils from Years 3 to 6 were tasked with expressing their newfound understanding creatively. Whether through artwork or written expression, they were encouraged to showcase the multifaceted nature of NHS roles. We are immensely proud to announce that all entries have been submitted, reflecting the ingenuity and talent of our pupils.

As we eagerly anticipate the results, scheduled to be announced in mid-June, we would like to showcase just some of the wonderful creations! Regardless of the outcome, each child's contribution serves as a testament to their dedication and creativity.



A Busy Week Reception

The children in Reception have loved exploring their new role play garden centre this week. This is part of our new topic 'Food Glorious Food', looking at growing fruits and vegetables. The children have also been practising their counting on skills, as another strategy for adding.



Reception had a lovely afternoon designing and making their own fruit skewers! They drew their designs then used this to create their own skewer based on their own design. They thoroughly enjoyed eating them!



Parents' Breakfast in The Refectory, Friday 17th May 8am – 9am

We are delighted to invite Primary parents to join us for breakfast in The Refectory on Friday 17th May. If you are able to attend, please respond to yesterday's Highpost. Thank you.

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We are delighted to invite parents to join us for breakfast in our new dining facility.









FRI 10TH MAY 2024
Senior Parents - 8am to 9am

FRI 17TH MAY 2024
Primary Parents - 8am to 9am

Please reply to the **Highpost** to let us know if you are able to join us. If you have a child in **Primary** and **Senior**, please select one date. We look forward to welcoming you!





Safeguarding Corner

In2 Podcast, Episode 6, Online Digital Footprint

Welcome to our sixth episode of our two-minute podcast, this week we focus on what is online digital footprint and why does it matter. To listen to the podcast please [click here](#).



For more information on what a digital footprint is, please follow the link below;

[What is a digital footprint? \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)

In2 Podcast – Please send us your feedback

Last week we asked for feedback on 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. Unfortunately there was an error with the link, therefore please see the new link below for any feedback you may wish to send.

Thank you for completing this very short survey, we really appreciate your feedback.

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

Dates For Your Diary

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.