High Notes

Primary High Notes 6th October 2023

Dear Parents

At the beginning of the week I had the privilege of attending the HMC Conference in Stratford upon Avon, which brought together Heads of leading independent schools from the UK and around the world. It was a fantastic opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions about current, key education topics, exchange ideas, and learn from each other's experiences. These connections and insights will undoubtedly benefit our school and our commitment to providing the best possible education for our students.

At school it has been another wonderfully busy week. One of the highlights was the re-enactment of a Mead Hall as part of the introduction to the Anglo Saxon topic for Year 5. The catering team's attention to historical accuracy by serving non-orange carrots and excluding potatoes, which indeed did not arrive from Ireland until the 1500s, added an authentic touch to the experience. Using elderflower water as a substitute for mead added an interesting touch to the experience, allowing pupils to immerse themselves in the past. Such educational and interactive activities can truly make history come alive.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Topic

Yesterday, Year 5 were taken back to the Anglo-Saxon period, where they have learnt all about the daily lives of the Saxons! From learning how to weave, to creating their own clay brooches, the children have been hooked by the new skills that they have learnt! For lunch, we were treated by our wonderful catering team to a fully immersive feast! The stew was served straight from the cooking pot, whilst the children helped themselves to an array of hearty treats. Salt beef and hand-picked greenery were on the menu, accompanied by freshly baked barley loaf. For an extra tasty treat, King Alfred's firestone cherry and apple oatcakes were topped off with plentiful amounts of elderflower mead (non-alcoholic, of course!) A brilliant day was had by all!

Derby County Community Trust Football Tournament

Derby High U11 team entered the Derby County Community Trust Football Tournament held on our pitches. The tournament was organised into two groups with the winners of each group contesting the final. Derby High started against St Peter's who had more possession initially but strong defending by Noah and Harry alongside the safe hands of Ollie in goal, kept a clean sheet. Zinoviy linked the play nicely in midfield with Freddie and Seth working tirelessly to create space and tackle back. Derby High could not force the break-through and the first game ended 0-0.

The second game against Roe Farm was a classic game or two halves. Roe Farm went all out on the attack and scored early with a header from a corner. Derby High kept battling and good tackles by Alexander and careful passing by Vedant brought us into the game. An unfortunate deflection brought about Roe Farm's second goal half-way through before Muhammad decided to take control. Setting off in his own half he evaded tackles and kept close control to break through and fire a well-placed shot past the keeper to make it 2-1. The Derby High players were on top for the rest of the game and created further chances but could not score the equaliser before the final whistle went.

The final game was against eventual winners Cavendish Close. A change of positions brought Ollie out of goal with Seth replacing him. Ollie worked incredibly hard with the mission to man-mark their top goal scorer of the day (number 7). Seth was busy in goal keeping out shots and successfully remaining 'big' to prevent chances. Zinoviy was the standout player shielding the ball when under pressure and defending resolutely. Midway through the game a very well created chance was calmly finished and Cavendish led 1-0. Derby High had to press for goals and worked very hard to test Cavendish more than the other sides. Sadly, it was not to be and Cavendish scored a breakaway goal to finish top of the group.

Well done to all the players: Ollie, Noah, Harry, Freddie, Seth, Zinoviy, Alexander, Vedant and Muhammad.

U9 Hockey

On Tuesday 4th October, two U9 teams took part in the Old Vicarage Hockey Festival. Derby High A team played with determination and won all their group games. Derby High B team played well and displayed some wonderful team work, however with such challenging opponents they missed out on a win. Derby High A progressed to the final, narrowly losing to the Old Vicarage City team.

Congratulations to all the players and to Aiden and Paru who were named as “players of the day” for their teams.

Safeguarding Corner

Keeping Your Child Safe in Sport

The NSPCC is currently running a 'Keeping your Child Safe in Sport' campaign. Find out more information about being a positive parent, supporting your child in their sport and keeping them safe here: Info for sports parents to help keep children safe | CPSU (thecpsu.org.uk)

Among Us – What Parents and Carers Need to Know

National Online Safety have created a guide for parents on Among Us. A multiplayer 'social education' game set in outer space. Their updated #WakeUpWednesday guide tells parents and carers of young Among Us fans which risks they need to be watchful for. To view the guide please click here.

Samsung Kids Parental Controls

Samsung Kids is a parental feature which you can set up on your child's device which can be used to apply restrictions such as app access, downloading, screen time, privacy and more. It's really easy to set up and use and will help you to manage your child's online activity.

To learn more, including a setup guide, please click the following link: Samsung Kids parental controls step-by-step guide | Internet Matters.

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 10th October – Hello Yellow Day

Tuesday 10th October – Senior School Discovery Day for Year 6

Friday 13th October – Year 7 Scholarship Information sent to Year 6 parents

Friday 13th October – Year 1 Autumn Day

Friday 13th October – Year 5 Hardwick Class Assembly