



Primary High Notes 8th December 2023

Dear Parents

What an absolutely wonderful week it has been here at school. A true highlight was our Primary Christmas Concert on Thursday evening, which was a magnificent showcase of our pupils' musical talents. The pieces performed were a feast for the ears. We are so proud of our young musicians who practised tirelessly to put on such an impressive show.

The progress on construction of our new building and sports facilities continues at pace. The sports pitches are on track to be surfaced next week, allowing them to be ready for games and practices from the start of next term. The new dining hall, kitchen, and changing rooms are really starting to take shape. It's incredibly exciting to watch this facility come together before our eyes.

As we head into the final week of the term, there is much festive fun to look forward to, with Christmas Jumper Day and the whole school Christmas lunch on Thursday a particular highlight. I look forward to welcoming many families to our Carol Service at Derby Cathedral on Tuesday 12th December.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Primary Christmas Concert

Well done to all the children who performed in last night's Primary Christmas Concert. The programme featured a range of ensembles across our Primary years from Year 1 to Year 6. It was an amazing concert full of festive music and beautiful singing.

For more photos, please visit our website gallery by **clicking here**.



Christingle Assembly

On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome the Reverend Alicia Dring and the Reverend Emma Mallord from St Peter's Church. The Reverend Alicia led our assembly and explained to the children the meaning of the Christingle. We lit the Christingles and put out the lights which created a lovely atmosphere. With beautiful singing from our Primary pupils we all enjoyed spending time together, learning and reflecting on the meaning of the Christingle and Christmas time. Thank you to the Reverends Alicia and Emma for joining us and to all the children who sang with so much confidence and joy.



Houston, We Have A Problem!

Led by the very able Professor Coward, the Year 5 space cadets were allocated the mission of sending a rescue mission to the International Space Centre, as they were sadly running out of food!

They were informed that this mission had to succeed! There was no money left to spend and all of the trained astronauts were all off with the flu! Professor Coward was joined by her second in command Dr McBride, Director of Communications Dr Khalid and Dr N. – Chief Scientific Officer.

Cadets were allocated into teams, comprised of the marketing and fundraising teams, the design and launch teams, fundraising and press and publicity. Obviously, the designated astronauts had to complete their training, using the space simulator!

Working collaboratively, in each department, the space cadets were given no instructions, encountering several challenges along the way!

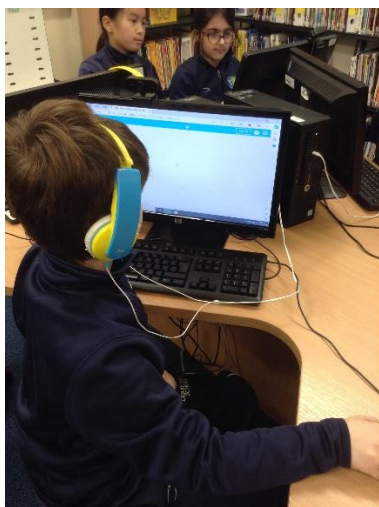
As time was running out, each department had to present their proposals for the rescue mission and determine whether NASA could save the astronauts!



The Hour of Code

This week the children in Years 1 to Year 5 have taken part in The Hour of Code which is an introduction to computer science through fun activities and videos for learners of all skill levels. This year's celebration of both coding and AI is supported by over 400 partners, 20,000 educators, and 58,000 volunteers.

Here are a few photos of the Year 4 children enjoying a dance activity. Using AI the children first designed their backgrounds, they then selected music, before coding the characters to do different dance moves.



Year 6 also did the same task, but with added features, able to change characters and create group dance routines.



EYFS Prepare for their Nativity

There's a buzz of excitement in our early years this week as they prepare for next week's Nativity.



The 3 Billy Goats Gruff

On Tuesday all of our EYFS children visited Derby Theatre to watch The 3 Billy Goats Gruff. This performance was especially devised for children aged 3-7 and included captivating acting, songs and puppetry. The ukelele playing and the troll under the bridge were particular highlights; and the children even got to meet the troll's Mum. All of the children were engaged throughout the show and their behaviour was a credit to Derby High School and their families. Well done Early Years!



U11 Football

On Monday our U11 football team played in the local EFL cup competition. On an extremely wet and cold evening the boys were resilient in defence and created numerous goal scoring opportunities. Well done Freddie for scoring our only goal and Oliver for his strong defence and leadership as Captain.



Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 14th December

As part of our Christmas Celebrations, we will be having our annual Christmas jumper day on the same day as our Christmas dinner.

We are asking for donations of £1 and will be raising money for Save the Children. By pulling on our Christmassy knits and donating, we will be supporting children in the UK and around the world to keep safe, healthy, and learning. We will be helping them fight for the future they deserve.

If you would prefer to donate online, you can do so via the following link. [Derby High School - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

The charity will also receive 25% extra funds through GiftAid.

Pupils should wear their usual school uniform with their Christmas jumper. Christmas hats are optional extras. Please re-use any jumper you have from a previous year rather than buying new..



Derby City Mission

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our collection for Derby City Mission. The team were overwhelmed when they came to collect all the donated gifts this week.



January Flash Sale

Schoolblazer will be running a January Flash Sale from Thursday 4th – Friday 5th January 2024.

There will be up to 1/3rd off selected in-stock items at schoolblazer.com during the sale period, while stocks last.

Schoolblazer will email subscribed parents separately closer to the date as a reminder.

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Safeguarding Corner

Keeping children safe online this Christmas

With the Christmas festivities just around the corner, children are looking forward to receiving gifts. For many, this may be devices that allow you to go online. Even with the best intentions, many

parents have a false sense of how to keep their child secure, or think their child is more secure than they actually are.

Safety Net have a great range of Parent Guides on their website available for anyone to access. These include a parent's guide to gaming, live streaming and privacy settings. [Click here](#) to view the guides.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 11th December - Learning Review Meetings EYFS to Year 6

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Carol Service – Derby Cathedral

Wednesday 13th December – EYFS Parents' Breakfast and Nativity

Thursday 14th December – Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December – Term ends at 3.30pm, no PET or clubs.