



Primary High Notes Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents

It was wonderful to welcome the children back after the half-term break. We have had a busy week, filled with excitement and activity. Last night, we were delighted to welcome parents to our Primary Tea Time Concert - it was a lovely event showcasing the children's musical talents. Meanwhile, Year 3 and Year 4 are hard at work preparing for their upcoming performance in just a few weeks, and we are all looking forward to seeing the results of their efforts.

In my assembly yesterday, I explored the theme of curiosity with our pupils. We started with a well-loved story that beautifully captures the spirit of discovery: Alice in Wonderland. Just as Alice followed the White Rabbit and found herself in a world full of wonder and surprises, curiosity opens doors to new ideas and experiences for all of us, no matter our age.

Curiosity is a remarkable trait—it invites us to ask questions, explore the unknown, and embrace each day with a sense of adventure. I encouraged the students to think of curiosity as their very own superpower. Like Alice, they can find joy in asking "Why?" and "What if?"—questions that often lead to amazing insights and learning.

I also shared stories of real-life figures who, like Alice, let their curiosity guide them to incredible discoveries. People like Albert Einstein and Jane Goodall began with simple questions that led to breakthroughs in understanding our world. Through these examples, we saw how being curious helps us not only learn about the world but also about ourselves.

To inspire our young learners, I've challenged them to embrace their "inner Alice" this week. By following their questions and exploring new interests, they might find themselves in their own little "Wonderland"—a place of learning and wonder that is unique to each of them.

Thank you for supporting your children's journey of discovery, and encouraging the endless questions that make learning a true adventure. After all, curiosity is a gift, and as we learn together, we continue to grow.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Primary Tea Time Concert

Well done and thank you to all our performers who contributed to last night's wonderful Primary Tea Time Concert. Our series of Primary Tea Time 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.



Year 1 Trip to the Sudbury Museum of Childhood

Our Year 1 students enjoyed a memorable day at the Sudbury Museum of Childhood on Wednesday. We arrived early, giving everyone the chance to admire the grand house, enjoy a quick biscuit, and play with the outdoor toys.

In the morning, the children explored fascinating galleries filled with old and new toys. The highlight was discovering the oldest item we could find—a ceramic ball from ancient Egypt! The bravest among the students tackled the Victorian chimney climb, which was dark and narrow, adding a bit of adventure to their visit. Throughout the galleries, there were plenty of interactive toys to engage and entertain everyone.

After a busy morning, we had a sophisticated lunch in the café, overlooking the beautiful museum grounds.

In the afternoon, the children participated in a workshop with Tom, the "Toy Detective." They worked on identifying clues to figure out which toys were old and which were new. In groups, they created timelines for different types of toys, including dolls, cars, toy robots, jack-in-the-boxes, and toy horses.

This trip was an exciting introduction to our history topic this term. The children were thrilled to have a day out of the classroom, and they returned eager to learn more about the history of toys.



Primary Parent Showcase

We are looking forward to welcome parents to our Primary Showcase next Friday afternoon. The children are excited about showing you the work they have been doing in their classrooms. Please arrive from 3pm.

Please note, if any parents are unable attend, other family members are most welcome to attend to their behalf.

Purplemash Christmas Card Design Competition

Purplemash are running their annual Christmas card design competition.

Children in Primary are welcome to take part in this at home, should they wish. All children have their own personal login details to access this competition.

Please find the details on the link below:

[How to enter the Purple Mash Festive Card Competition 2024 | 2Simple - 2simple.com](https://www.2simple.com/2024/12/20/purple-mash-festive-card-competition-2024/)



Winning Cards from The 2023 Festive Card Competition

Congratulations Raya

Raya, Year 5, was delighted to receive the news that she has signed up for Derby County U10's as goalkeeper. Well done, Raya, we look forward to hearing how your training and matches go.



Gymnastics Success for Josh!

At the start of the half-term holiday, Josh showcased his incredible gymnastics skills at a competition hosted by his gymnastics club. Competing in both floor and vault events, Josh demonstrated hard work and dedication, achieving fantastic results.

On the floor, he secured a strong 2nd place, and on the vault, he shone with an impressive 1st place finish. These achievements earned him 1st place overall, making him the top gymnast in his level. Josh also received the highest score in the Level 9 boys' section—a tremendous accomplishment!

Congratulations to Josh for his outstanding performance! We're so proud of his achievements and look forward to seeing what he accomplishes next.



Safeguarding Corner

In2 Safeguarding Podcast, Episode 21 – Eating

Welcome to our 21st episode! This week Mrs Bellman and Mr Thornton discuss eating.

For further information on this topic please visit the following link: [Eating Disorders and Problems | Parent Guide | YoungMinds](#)

[Click here](#) to listen to this week's podcast or click on the image below.



From Andrew Hall's Safeguarding Briefing:

Being a parent has never been easy. There are no manuals for it, and previous generations may not be able to provide the insight you're looking for. The family unit is more dispersed than ever, with some families existing hundreds of miles from what may be called a 'core unit'. The rapid pace of societal change in the UK rapidly outstrips the knowledge of the immediate past. The result is that many parents may find themselves lost in a maelstrom of contradictory advice. For adults, time has never been more compacted. Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses, to make this challenge a little easier. If interested please follow the link below:

[Free online parenting classes | Family Lives](#)

Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 13th November – Year 5 trip

Friday 15th November - Primary Parent Showcase at 3pm

Useful Links

School menu week commencing 11th November - [click here](#).

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