



Primary High Notes Friday 12th June

Dear Parents

There was certainly a sense of excitement in our house last night as the World Cup got underway. I know that many of our pupils, families and staff will have been feeling exactly the same, eagerly anticipating the weeks of competition ahead. I also recognise that football will not be everyone's passion, and that is absolutely the point I found myself reflecting on. Whilst much of the conversation in England will naturally centre around how our own team performs, one of the things I love most about a World Cup is the stories behind the shirts. It is about athletes having the opportunity to represent their country on the biggest stage in their sport. For players from countries such as Uzbekistan and Jordan, who are appearing at a World Cup for the very first time, simply being there is an extraordinary achievement. For others, such as Canada, it marks a long-awaited return after decades away. Behind every moment we see on the television is a story of years of training, early mornings, disappointments, perseverance and an unwavering commitment to something they love.

It made me think about the role of sport within our own Derby High community. Of course, we celebrate victories, records broken and the success of our teams, but the real value of sport is so much greater than the result at the final whistle. It is about the confidence gained by trying something new, the resilience built when things do not go your way, the friendships formed within a team and the discipline of showing up, even on the days when you do not feel like it. The reality is that very few of us will ever represent our country at a World Cup, but all of us can discover something that sparks our interest, challenges us and brings us joy. Whether that is on the sports field, in the theatre, in the music room, the science laboratory or the classroom, the passions we develop as young people often shape who we become.

As we move towards the final few weeks of the academic year, with Sports Day, fixtures, performances and celebrations still ahead of us, I encourage every pupil to throw themselves into the opportunities around them. You never know where a passion might lead you, but even more importantly, you never know what it might teach you along the way.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Early Years trip to Manor Farm

The Early Years children had a wonderful day on their trip to Manor Farm. They enjoyed meeting a variety of animals including ponies, tortoises and snakes. The children had the exciting opportunity to groom a pony. In the reptile workshop, they learned lots of interesting facts about reptiles. They were very brave, and some children enjoyed touching both a tortoise and a snake.

The children learned about some interesting birds, including a vulture, owl and a red-legged seriema. One of the highlights of the day was watching the seriema fly right over their heads!

After meeting the animals, the children had lots of fun playing in the soft play area. They behaved well throughout the trip, and the staff were very proud of them!



DCCT Dynamo Cricket

The Year 5 and 6 girls represented the school brilliantly at the DCCT Dynamo Cricket competition. Upon arrival, they quickly organised an effective warm-up, ensuring that everyone had the opportunity to take part and prepare for the matches ahead. They also demonstrated excellent knowledge of the game by carefully checking the competition rules before play began.

The team played two matches and produced outstanding performances in both. They won their first game against Zaytouna, scoring 69 runs to their opponents' 48. In their second match against Roe Farm, the girls were even more impressive, scoring 118 runs and restricting Roe Farm to 83.

As a result of winning both matches, the team finished as overall winners and have qualified for the finals – a fantastic achievement.

Throughout the morning, the girls showed excellent teamwork, encouragement and sportsmanship. They supported one another throughout, played with great enthusiasm and represented the school exceptionally well. We had a wonderful morning and are incredibly proud of all of them.



Annual Parent Survey Reminder

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed our annual parent survey.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete this, please do so by Friday 19th June. The survey should take no more than five minutes.

[Please click here.](#)

We ask for one response per child. If you have more than one child at the school, we would be grateful if you could complete a separate survey for each child.

Thank you for your support. The feedback it provides is invaluable in helping us understand what we are doing well, where we can improve, and how we can continue to develop the very best experience for our pupils and families.

Class Photos Monday 15th July - Reminder

A reminder that Primary Class Photographs will take place on Monday 15th June and will be taken by Alethea Simpson. Please refer to the HighPost parents received on 2nd June. All children must wear their summer uniform for the class photograph.

Primary Sports Day Friday 19th June - Reminder

We are very much looking forward to our Primary Sports Day next Friday. For full details please refer to the HighPost sent on Monday 8th June.

If the weather is fine, please do ensure your child(ren) bring sunscreen to school and/or hats to protect them. Children should be in school PE kit with House t-shirts. If the weather is poor and Sports Day is cancelled, we will notify parents by 8am.

Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast - Episode 71 - Online Safety Tips From Alan Mackenzie

This week Mrs Bellman (Deputy Head Pastoral and DSL) is joined by a guest Alan Mackenzie. Alan works with hundreds of schools nationally and internationally, speaking with children, young people, their parents, and their children. Today he offers his top three tips to parents to help and support their child to remain safe online. To listen please [Click Here](#)



For more information and support on this topic please see the links below:

[Popular Apps and Games - A Handy Guide for Parents](#)

[The 4 Cs of online safety | NSPCC Learning](#)

[Parental controls and privacy settings guides | Internet Matters](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 15th June – Primary Class photos

Tuesday 16th June – Senior School Experience day for Year 5

Tuesday 16th June – Year 1, 2 and 3 House Swimming Gala

Thursday 18th June – Accelerando concert

Friday 19th June – Primary Sports Day

Monday 22nd June – ABRSM Exams

Tuesday 23rd June – ABRSM Exams

Tuesday 23rd June – Year 4 – 6 House Swimming Gala

Wednesday 24th June – LAMDA Exams

Wednesday 24th June – Senior Summer Concert

Thursday 25th June – Reception, Robins and Sparrows class assembly

Thursday 25th June – Dance Show

Useful Links