



### **Primary High Notes Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

#### *Dear Parents*

Yesterday the school was filled with a wonderful array of odd socks as we marked both World Kindness Day and Anti-Bullying Week. It was a joyful sea of colour and a simple reminder that being different is something to celebrate, not to hide.

In my assembly yesterday, we explored what it really means to be kind. Using the lyrics of Bruno Mars' "Count on Me", we thought about kindness as something steady and dependable, not just the one-off moments, but the small, consistent acts that build trust and friendship. We talked about what it means to be someone others can count on, someone who notices, includes, listens, and stands up for what's right.

I shared with the children an important quote:

"Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees the others."

*Aristotle, Greek Philosopher*

We reflected together on how true kindness often takes courage, the courage to speak up, to stand beside someone who needs support, or simply to be ourselves when it feels easier to blend in.

Odd socks may only last for a day, but the reminder they carry, to celebrate difference and choose kindness, is one we will keep with us all year.

Best wishes,

*Amy Chapman*

*Head*

### **Year 6 World War Two Evacuee Experience Day**

On Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils took part in a highly engaging and memorable World War Two Evacuee Experience Day designed to bring their history learning vividly to life. The day began with a

creative art session led by Mrs Harper, during which pupils produced striking charcoal and poppy-themed artwork inspired by wartime imagery and remembrance. Following this, everyone enjoyed a specially prepared ration-style picnic. Our sincere thanks go to the catering team for providing an authentic menu featuring corned beef, carrot and cheese sandwiches, traditional rock cakes and of course a comforting cup of tea.

After break, the children participated in an imaginative drama workshop exploring the sounds of war and the emotions captured in historical photographs. This thoughtful activity encouraged pupils to consider the experiences of evacuees and those who lived through the Blitz. The afternoon continued with the creation of replica wartime ID tags, helping pupils to understand their importance during the evacuation period. To conclude the day, Year 6 had the opportunity to learn the lively Jitterbug dance — a highlight that brought smiles and laughter — before an unexpected 'air raid' added a realistic and exciting twist to the experience.

We would like to extend our thanks and congratulations to all of Year 6 for their enthusiasm, excellent behaviour and wonderful effort in dressing the part. Their impressive evacuee outfits and willingness to immerse themselves in every aspect of the day contributed to a truly successful and enjoyable learning experience.



## Remembrance Day

On Tuesday, our Infants and Juniors gathered to observe a two-minute silence, joining together to honour those who gave their lives in times of conflict. The children also learned about D-Day and explored the significance of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. Their maturity, focus, and respectful attention throughout the silence were truly commendable. We are very proud of them all.



## Year 4 Hockey vs Nottingham High – Match Report

Our Year 4 pupils travelled to Nottingham High for an exciting afternoon of hockey, fielding four Derby High teams to play a series of 7-a-side matches. The atmosphere was full of energy and enthusiasm as every player showed fantastic teamwork, effort, and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon.

All four Derby High teams played brilliantly, demonstrating great passing, strong defending, and some excellent attacking play. The pupils' confidence on the ball and awareness of space really stood out, leading to lots of goals being scored across the matches.

Derby High finished the day with an impressive clean sweep, winning all four games! It was wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying their hockey, supporting one another, and putting their skills into action. A big well done to everyone who took part – a brilliant team effort and a great display of progress this term!



## Year 2 Topic

As part of our history enquiry, we have been learning about hospitals, both past and present, and how they have changed over time. We invited a gastroenterologist and a General Practitioner, who are both our Year 2 parents, to speak to us about their profession. This was an insightful and amazing experience, as we were able to ask questions to our experts, explore modern equipment and watch a video of a robot performing surgery! Mr Aslam even taught us how to 'read' x-rays and diagnose illnesses of the lungs. Miss Wells and Mrs Ford were so impressed and said that we could be medical professionals of the future!



## Anti - Bullying Week

This week, pupils across our Primary School proudly wore *odd socks* to mark Anti-Bullying Week, celebrating uniqueness, celebrating each other, and standing together against bullying in all its forms.

In exchange for their wonderfully colourful sock choices, pupils were invited to bring in a gift for Derby City Mission's Christmas Connection project, which supports local parents who cannot afford to buy Christmas presents for their children.

Your generosity helps relieve an enormous weight from families in need. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference and we cannot thank our parents and families enough for the kindness you continue to show.

This week we have also been celebrating World Kindness Day, which ties beautifully into our *positive noticing* and relational practice ethos at Derby High. We have been encouraging pupils to carry out simple but meaningful acts of kindness: holding the door for someone, offering help, using beautiful manners, and taking a moment to notice the good in others.

To learn more about how you can use positive noticing at home, please take a moment to listen to this week's podcast.

Thank you again for your generosity, compassion, and continued support.



## Swimming Success

Congratulations to Tanishka, Year 1, who has recently achieved her 25 Metre swimming certificate and badge. Keep up the hard work. We are very proud of you!



## Go Karting Achievement

Isaac, Year 2, has recently started Go Karting in his free time at home. Over the weekend Isaac competed his third session and he came 1<sup>st</sup> in his race. You should be very proud of yourself Isaac, we certainly are.



## Safeguarding Corner

### Safeguarding Podcast, Episode 50, Relational Practice

This week Mrs McBride and Dr Evans-Bolger talk about relational practice and how we apply this to our school setting. They discuss how positive noticing is simple, practical and highly effective.

Catching children doing the right thing and marking it with positive acknowledgement is not just kindness, it teaches behaviour. To listen to this podcase please [click here](#).



For more information on Positive Noticing – please click the following link - [SCHOOL ADULTS | Positive Noticing](#)

### The Enlightened Parent

Follow @the\_enlightened\_parent on Instagram for useful parenting information around safeguarding topics. This week we are sharing a video posted on Anti - Bullying week. Click here to watch. [Instagram](#)

## Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – ABRSM Exams

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 Trip

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 and 4 Production

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Year 4 Greek Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Primary Showcase