



### **Primary Notes Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

#### *Dear Parents*

There are moments in school life that quietly capture something important about who we are as a community, and last Friday was one of them.

As part of our non-uniform day, we asked pupils to bring in an Easter egg to donate to the YMCA in Derby, an organisation with which we are proud to have strong and meaningful links. These eggs will be shared with children and young people across our city who may not otherwise receive one this Easter.

What followed was quite remarkable.

Across the whole school, we collected an incredible 752 Easter eggs. It is a fantastic achievement, but more than that, it is a powerful reflection of the kindness, generosity and awareness of others that we seek to nurture in our pupils.

Giving is an interesting thing. It is often thought of in terms of what we offer materially, but its impact runs much deeper than that. In choosing to give, we are recognising others, showing empathy, and understanding that small individual actions can come together to make a very real difference.

For our pupils, this is where values move beyond words. It is in these moments, simple, thoughtful, collective, that they begin to understand their place within a wider community, and the responsibility and opportunity that brings.

Thank you to all our families for supporting this so generously.

Best wishes,

*Amy Chapman*

*Head*

## **Rosliston Forestry Centre**

The children in the Robins and Sparrows had a wonderful time at Rosliston Forestry Centre on Monday. They enjoyed hunting for minibeast in the garden and in the woods, trying to identify creatures using the identification poster and ticking these off on their charts. In the afternoon, they went on a teddy bear trail. They each used a leaf to create a teacup, made arrows with sticks, watched birds in the observing hut and then built shelters for teddies in the woods. They finished the day with half an hour on the park.

The children demonstrated their knowledge of minibeasts during the different activities and were beautifully behaved throughout the day.



## **Dudley Zoo**

On Wednesday 18th March, Year 2 went to Dudley Zoo, as part of their geography learning about rainforests. They participated in a workshop about the rainforest layers and even met a very special resident of Dudley Zoo, Charlie the parrot! The children were amazed at Charlie's ability to 'speak' to them and they were fortunate to handle some really interesting rainforest objects, including a real snake skin and some dead scorpions. The children fed mealworm to capuchin monkeys and toured the lemur enclosure, as well as seeing rainforest animals, such as tapirs, capybaras and even a sloth! An amazing time was had by all.



## Report Celebration

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our parents on Monday as we come together to celebrate the outcomes of our recent ISI inspection report. It will be a wonderful opportunity to share this achievement, reflect on the hard work that led to it, and enjoy the occasion as a community.

*Celebrate With Us*

To **celebrate** our recent **ISI inspection report** we invite parents to join us for **breakfast** or **afternoon tea**.

Please refer to the **Highpost** for more information and to RSVP.

**Inspection Report Celebration**  
**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2026**

**BREAKFAST**  
8:00am to 9:00am

**AFTERNOON TEA**  
2:45pm to 3:45pm

Thank you to our catering for a special Peri Piri lunch time menu for our students and staff on Monday:



### Eid Mubarak

To all members of our school community who are celebrating, we wish you a joyful, peaceful, and blessed Eid. May this special time bring happiness, reflection, and togetherness with family and friends.



### Gymnastics Success

Congratulations to Ellie in Reception, who has achieved her Blue Award from MGC-Mickleover gymnastics club. This is a fantastic achievement, Ellie! Keep up the hard work.



### **Hockey Achievement**

Sofia, Year 5, enjoyed a fantastic day of hockey, helping Ashby reach the Midlands Regional Finals to represent Leicestershire. In a very close competition decided by just one goal difference, the team finished as County runners-up.

Sofia made a great contribution, scoring a goal and providing an assist in a memorable team performance.



### **Gymnastics Triumph**

Congratulations to Julia, Year 5 who competed in Milton Keynes last weekend. It was Julia's first external competition. Julia came first in her floor routine.

Well done, Julia! We can't wait to see what you will achieve next.



### **Littleover Treasure Hunt**

A local Littleover business, Richard Petrie Optometrists, has recently unveiled a bespoke window mural in the village, created by local artist Susannah from Smudge Murals. While the artwork is a vibrant and eye-catching addition to the community, it also features a range of hidden icons celebrating Littleover and the wider Derby area, including references to several local schools.

To engage children and families, the mural has been turned into a fun and informal community treasure hunt, where participants can visit the village and see how many of the hidden symbols they can spot using a provided guide. The activity aims to encourage children to explore their local area, foster a sense of community pride, and celebrate creativity.

The mural also highlights three iconic women with Derbyshire links—Polar Preet, Ellen MacArthur and Lara Croft—in recognition of International Women’s Day.

Families are welcome to take part at any time, making it a wonderful opportunity for community engagement and enjoyment. The treasure hunt is below for all to take part!



### Second Hand Uniform Shop

Second Hand Uniform Shop Appointments can now be made for during the Easter holiday. If you would like an appointment, please email Mrs Holland on, [uniform@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk) or call main reception on 01332 514267. Thank you

## Safeguarding Corner

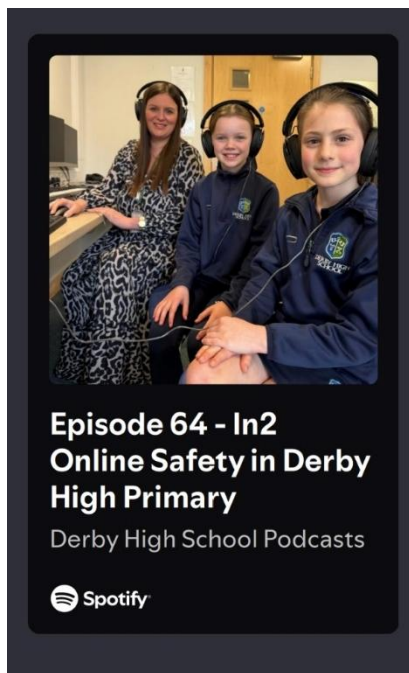
### Episode 64 - In2 Online Safety in Derby High Primary

This week, Mrs McBride (Assistant Head – Primary), is joined by two special guests from Year 4, Evie and Charlotte.

Together, they explore how Derby High Primary supports children in developing the knowledge and skills needed to stay safe online. Evie and Charlotte reflect on what they have learned so far in their ICT and PSHE lessons and share some practical advice and top tips for our listeners.

This episode offers a thoughtful insight into how online safety is taught and understood from a pupil's perspective.

To listen to the podcast please [click here](#).



### Young people and the Manosphere

You will have undoubtedly seen the media hype around the newly released Louis Theroux documentary on Netflix, drawing attention to some of the toxic influencers who are out there targeting young people.

What you might not have seen is more of a focus on the fact that it was clear from this documentary that a lot of it is not something they actually even believe but rather rage bait, designed to get attention and re-posts. It also misses the point of view of the young people, who are on the receiving end of this content: the young people, both girls and boys, who are being bombarded with this nonsense while the influencers earn money from their engagement in the posts.

There is a great safeguarding expert on Instagram who we recommend to parents to follow called [The Enlightened Parent](#) called Susie. Susie has posted about this very subject which can be read on Instagram by [clicking here](#).

## Dates For Your Diary

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – ISI Report Celebration Breakfast and Afternoon Tea for parents, celebration lunch for staff and pupils

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – ABRSM Exams

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Primary Learning Review meeting (Online)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – ABRSM Exams

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Primary Spring Concert 4.15pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Residential trip (departs)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Residential trip (returns)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Lion Learners animal experience

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term at 3.30pm, no PET

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Staff training day, no pupils in school

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Start of term for all pupils

*Useful Links*