



Primary High Notes Friday 30th January

Dear Parents

Have you ever felt a pull to explore, to see what lies beyond the familiar, even when it is a little bit scary? That is exactly what we explored in my assembly this week through Moana's song "How Far I'll Go".

In my assembly yesterday, I talked about Moana and the little voice inside her that asks, "I wonder...?", the same voice that encouraged her to sail beyond the reef, discover new things, and learn about the world around her. We reflected on how curiosity is important to us all in school: asking questions in lessons, trying new activities, and being brave enough to learn from mistakes.

I challenged the pupils to follow their own "Moana voice": to ask one good question, try something new, and not worry if they do not know the answer yet. Curiosity, I explained, is how we grow, and sometimes, just like Moana, it takes a little courage to follow where it leads.

It was wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic and reflective, ready to explore their own oceans of curiosity. As Moana reminds us, sometimes the hardest part is taking the first step, but that is also when the adventure really begins!

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Primary House Music Competition

We have enjoyed a super week of music making in our Primary school. Instrumentalists in Years 1-6 participated in the preliminary competition in music lessons this week. It has been a delight to listen to 99 performances! Thank you to all of their instrumental teachers for preparing them so well and to you, as parents, for your support and encouragement with practice. Those pupils who have won a place in the finals were awarded their gold, silver or bronze house music badge in assembly this afternoon: -

Year 1 & 2

ST ANDREW

1st Daniel - Piano

2nd Sergei - Piano

Highly commended Sophia – Violin

ST DAVID

1st Nuria - Piano

2nd Isabella - Piano

ST GEORGE

1st Iris - Piano

2nd Ryan - Piano

Highly commended Tanishka - Piano & Flo - Piano

ST PATRICK

1st Anaisha- Voice

2nd Mackey - Piano

Highly commended Evelyn Rose – Piano



Year 3 & 4

ST ANDREW

1st Evie - Violin

2nd Jess - Violin

Highly Commended: Clara - Piano

ST DAVID

1st Berenice - Voice

2nd Aurelie - Violin

Highly Commended: Nourah - Piano & Liyana - Piano

ST GEORGE

1st Nikhil – Piano

2nd Grace - Cello

ST PATRICK

1st Annabelle - Drums

2nd Eve - Piano

Highly Commended: Maya – Clarinet, Advika – Piano, Aila – Violin



Year 5 & 6

ST ANDREW

1st Lyla– Clarinet

2nd Rhia - Flute

Highly Commended: Shanaya P - Piano

ST DAVID

1st Lily B - Cello

2nd Annabelle - Piano

Highly Commended: Sidhant – Drums, Hannah - Piano

ST GEORGE

1st Chloe – Piano

2nd Naomi – Piano

Highly Commended: Olivia - Violin

ST PATRICK

1st Aashwini - Violin

2nd Gurmeet - Piano

Highly Commended: Kulvir – Piano



In an exciting climax, the theme of the competition was revealed for the House Songs. As the finals will be held on Thursday 5th March – celebrating World Book Day, the theme for this year’s House song is Trolls! The children are learning four songs from the musical in their music lessons – Trolls Just Want to Have Fun, Fame, Sweet dreams and September. We will spend the next two weeks learning the songs in music lessons and then will hold a draw in assembly to see which House will sing which song in the Finals. All pupils will have access to the House song backing tracks through Microsoft teams. Pupils will need to enter their school email address and password to access this.

Costumes

We will be recording the event so that families can watch this event together at home.

Hawkeye Falconry Visit

His highly anticipated visit certainly did not disappoint. Every pupil in the year group had the rare opportunity to get up close to these stunning birds, to hold them and even watch them fly. Experiencing the birds first-hand helped to bring their learning to life, deepening the children's understanding of adaptation, habitats, and conservation.

Thank you to all the parents for supporting this memorable and enriching experience.



Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics

On Friday, 10 children from Year 3 and Year 4 took part in the DCCT Gymnastics event, which was hosted here at Derby High School. The children had to display their gymnastic abilities in 3 different areas - Core Skills, Ribbon and Vault. All the children performed brilliantly and should be very proud of their performances.



Derby High Charity Fundraising

We are delighted to have donated £866.17 to the Little Princess Trust, thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community. These funds were raised through donations at our Carol Service in December. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.



Second Hand Uniform Shop

Second Hand Uniform Shop Appointments can now be made for during the February Half Term please note that the uniform shop will only be open on Monday and Tuesday of the Half Term. If you would like to book an appointment, please email Mrs Holland on, uniform@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk or call main reception on 01332 514267. Thank you

Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast; Episode 57. Financial Exploitation

This week Mrs. Bellman and Miss. Jordan discuss the topic of financially motivated sexual extortion and protecting children from child criminal exploitation.

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



For more information on this topic please click on the following links.

[Protecting children from child criminal exploitation | NSPCC Learning](#)
[nca financially motivated sexual extortion alert education eng.pdf](#)
[CFE-workbook-DIGITAL-compressed.pdf](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 3rd February – Year 7 Scholarship Auditions for shortlisted candidates

Friday 6th February – Melbourne Class assembly

Friday 6th February - Number Day 2026

Tuesday 10th February – Year 7 Scholarship award letters sent out

Tuesday 10th February – Safer internet day

Thursday 12th February – Year 5 Mexico Day

Friday 13th February – Non school uniform to mark Childrens mental Health week

Friday 13th February – Last day of half term

Useful Links