



## **Primary High Notes Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

*Dear Parents*

I began this week away from school attending the Society of Heads conference, where the theme was leading for the Future. In an ever-changing educational landscape, it is more important than ever for school leaders to collaborate, share expertise, and support one another. The challenges we face, whether in policy, wellbeing, or innovation, require forward-thinking leadership and a strong professional network. Being part of such a dynamic group ensures that we are not only responding to change but shaping the future of education for the benefit of our students. It was, therefore, a great honour to be elected to the board of the Society of Heads. This role will allow me to contribute to the wider conversation about independent education while ensuring that Derby High remains at the forefront of best practice, benefiting from and contributing to this exceptional network of schools.

Back at school, today has been filled with music, enthusiasm, and house spirit as we enjoyed a truly wonderful House Music competition. The talent, confidence, and joy on display from our pupils was inspiring, with every performance demonstrating not only musical ability but also the teamwork and camaraderie that make this event so special. It was fantastic to see pupils supporting one another, taking pride not just in their own performances but in their houses and their peers. The energy and enthusiasm in the hall were a true celebration of our school community, and I am so proud of every pupil who took part.

Best wishes,

*Amy Chapman*

*Head*

## **Primary House Music**

Today was a spectacular celebration of music here at Derby High, displaying the immense musical talent within our community. The performances were nothing short of extraordinary, congratulations to all the participants.

More photos will be available on our primary gallery next week and a full report of all the winners will be in next week's High Notes. Thank you to all our parents for supporting their children at home with their music making and fantastic Shrek! Music costumes.



### **World Book Day in Primary**

Arguably one of the very BEST days of the academic year for any book-loving teacher! World Book Day at Derby High has certainly not disappointed.

From the massing Harry Potter fans in the playground this morning, to die-hard Dav Pilkey admirers, every child has brought an infectious enthusiasm to school. In classes, the children have curiously shared a vast array of well-loved books among their peers. Book talk has abounded in all year groups as children have enthusiastically championed their favourite titles. Think a swap shop of beloved stories!

Seeing the children sharing their home-made book marks has been wonderful too. The imaginative creations will shortly be displayed in the Junior and Infant libraries. They are a glorious celebration of the passion which reading can ignite.

There have been many photographs taken throughout the day, but here is a little snapshot from across Primary.

As always, thank you so much to the parents and carers for their support in this initiative



## Year 6 Hockey

It was a fantastic, sunny morning as Derby High's two hockey teams, competed in a 4-a-side Quick Sticks tournament. Both teams played with determination and skill, representing the school brilliantly.

The Derby High A team, made up of Harry, Seth, Jacob, Tabby, Bea, and Freddie, put on a dominant display throughout the tournament. Their teamwork, quick passing, and strong defence led them to an impressive 1st place finish.

The Derby High B team, featuring Racil, Krishan, Santosh, Albert, Adam, and Avneet, also performed exceptionally well. They battled through tough matches and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, finishing 4th out of 10 teams.

Overall, it was a fantastic day of hockey, with both teams doing Derby High proud.



### Year 2 Visit to Dudley Zoo

On Monday 3rd March, Year 2 travelled to Dudley Zoo to 'bring to life' their science learning about habitats and to extend their geographical knowledge of the rainforest and its hidden treasures. The children participated in a rainforest workshop, where they learnt about the different layers of the rainforest and the animals found there. The children were given the opportunity to hold a real snake's skin, examine some giant bugs and they got to meet Charlie the (real) parrot who was able to speak! Mr Hart made a new friend in the Lemur Enclosure (see photo) and the children were able to learn about the habitats of a wide variety of animals, including, giraffes, tigers, flamingos and reptiles! So many children were heard making remarks such as, "This is the best day ever!" so we knew that the children had really enjoyed their zoo experience. After lots of walking, everyone was a little weary on the journey home. It was a fantastic day out for all the children and staff involved.





### **Pancake Day**

Pre-School and our Little Learners Club had so much fun celebrating Pancake Day on Friday morning during their Stay and Play session. We started with a lively, interactive music session led by Mrs. Cooke, where the children got hands-on learning about all the ingredients that go into making the perfect pancake. Then, it was off to The Refectory, where Laurence, our talented Head Chef, wowed us with a live cooking demonstration, showing exactly how to whip up the perfect pancake.

After indulging in the delicious pancakes, the children headed back to the classroom to dive into fun-filled pancake-themed activities. We wrapped up the celebration with a story time, reading Pancake, Pancake by Eric Carle. What a deliciously fun-filled Stay and Play!



### **The Wizard of Oz – Senior School Music Production 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Tickets are now available for The Wizard of Oz on Thursday, March 20th and Friday, March 21st! Our talented students have been working incredibly hard during rehearsals, and they are eager to

showcase their performances in this magical musical. Don't miss out on the chance to support them and enjoy a fantastic show. Get your tickets now from Student Reception and join us for a memorable evening of adventure down the yellow brick road! Donation suggestion for tickets; Adults are £10, 18 years and under, plus concessions are £5. A programme and refreshments will be available for guests on the night.



### **Slipper Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a 'Slipper Day' on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March to support the wonderful charity, Save the Children. Our Charity Representatives have carefully selected this organisation, which works tirelessly to ensure every child has the chance to live a healthy, safe, and fulfilling life, no matter where they are growing up.

On Slipper Day, we invite all pupils to wear their cosiest slippers to school in exchange for a donation of £1.00. Slippers symbolise the comfort and security of home, something many children across the world do not have the privilege of experiencing. Your contributions will help provide children with the essential support they need to thrive. For more information on Slipper Day please read the HighPost sent to parents on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

To ensure that slippers are worn safely indoors, we kindly ask that all pupils bring their slippers in a named bag. This will allow them to wear slippers inside the school buildings, while regular school footwear can be worn for outdoor activities, breaks and lunchtime.



# **Save the Children**

## Easter egg Collection

We are continuing our annual tradition of collecting Easter eggs for YMCA Derby, to support those in need across Derbyshire. If you would like to contribute, please bring an Easter egg to main reception by Monday, 24th March. Last year, YMCA Derby were over the moon with the generosity of our community and our primary school children loved helping to load the mountain of eggs into the YMCA van.

Thank you in advance for your donations.



## Safeguarding Corner

### Episode 33; Safeguarding Podcast In2 – Ramadan

This week Mrs Saunders, Teacher of Religious Studies, brings our safeguarding podcast to us with a discussion about Ramadan, with thanks to our two of our senior students, Zainab and Ibrahim.

To listen to this week's podcast [please click here](#).



Recommended additional content on Ramadan for Primary children, please follow the links below:

[Our School - Series 7: 10. From Ramadan to Eid - BBC iPlayer](#)

[CBeebies Bedtime Stories - K-O: Guz Khan - My Most Exciting Eid - BBC iPlayer](#)

## Watching and Browsing Online - Internet Matters

According to Ofcom, 90% of children are watching online videos and browsing the internet regularly. Children may love to stream videos and look up information, it's a fun way to learn and relax after all but they must be guided. The e-space is filled with inappropriate content and dangerous material. It is important that parents and even teachers, are able to steer their pupils and youngsters, towards the right places when online. Internet Matters has published a guide dedicated to supporting adults in setting digital boundaries for children, so that they can make smart choices and build healthy online habits. In the Internet Matters guide you'll find practical tips on managing content access, the use of safety controls, advice on setting boundaries and ways to educate children on how to stay secure online. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/watching-and-browsing-online-a-parents-guide/>

## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Slipper Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Kedleston Class Assembly

## Useful Links