



Primary High Notes Friday 28th February

Dear Parents

This week has been a wonderful celebration of our Derby High community, filled with music, enthusiasm, and a real sense of togetherness.

Last night's Teatime Concert was a fantastic opportunity for our young musicians to take to the stage, with some performing in front of an audience for the very first time. These opportunities are about more than just the music, they are about confidence, courage, and the joy of sharing something with others.

That same spirit of teamwork and shared experience has been shining through in House Choir rehearsals this week. Our houses play such an important role in school life, creating a strong sense of belonging and encouraging pupils to support one another. It has been brilliant to see the enthusiasm and excitement building as we look forward to House Music next Friday, a highlight of the year, where our pupils come together in a wonderful celebration of creativity, performance and school spirit.

Today, we were also delighted to welcome so many parents into school for our Primary Showcase. Seeing the children's pride as they shared their learning with you was a joy. Thank you for taking the time to join us, it is these shared experiences that make our school community so special.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 5 Successful Economics Lesson with Mr King

On Thursday, our Year 5 children had a fantastic opportunity to delve into the world of economics with a special lesson led by Mr King, a senior Economics teacher, alongside three of his enthusiastic Year 12 students. Through engaging and interactive activities, the children explored the concept of an economy, discovering how different economies function and how they rely on one another for growth and development.

One of the key comparisons made during the lesson was between the UK and Mexico, allowing our children to understand the differences between economies and the role of global trade in fostering economic connections. The hands-on approach taken by Mr King and his students made complex ideas accessible, sparking curiosity and excitement among our young learners. The lesson not only broadened their understanding of global economies but also encouraged them to think about the bigger picture of how countries work together in trade and development.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr King and his dedicated Year 12 students for delivering such an enriching and inspiring session. Their passion and expertise brought economics to life, leaving our Year 5's with a newfound appreciation for the subject. We look forward to more exciting learning experiences like this in the future!



Primary Teatime Concert

Well done and thank you to all our performers who contributed to last night's wonderful Primary Teatime Concert. Our series of Primary Teatime Concerts provide an opportunity for our Primary pupils to showcase all the hard work they are doing in lessons and at home. It was fantastic to see so many pupils perform for the first time and see how our older pupils are flourishing with their chosen instrument. More photographs are available on the School's Primary Gallery by [clicking here](#).



U11 Tag Rugby Festival Match Report

Derby High School proudly took part in the U11 Tag Rugby Festival at Willows Sports Centre, competing against nine other teams in an action-packed day of rugby. The tournament was divided into two groups, with each team battling for a spot in the playoffs.

Our team started strong, winning the first two games with impressive scores of 6-3 and 4-1. Try scorers for these matches included Rayyan, Noah, Asmi, and Jack — a fantastic team effort! In our third game, we faced a tough opponent and drew 6-6. A standout performance from Sam, who scored a hat-trick, helped secure the draw, along with Santhosh and Daniel scoring their first tries of the tournament — a brilliant achievement for both players. Determined to keep our momentum going, we won our fourth game 3-2.

Heading into our final group game, we needed a win to qualify for the 1st/2nd place playoff. Despite a hard-fought battle, the match ended in a draw, placing us in the 3rd/4th place playoff. With grit and determination, the team rose to the challenge and won the playoff match, securing a 3rd place finish out of 10 teams — a fantastic result! A huge well done to all our players: Clair, Rayyan, Asmi, Santhosh, Rianne, Rhia, Jack, Sam, Noah, and Daniel and a special mention goes to Rayyan for being awarded Player of the Team and receiving a well-deserved medal for his outstanding contribution throughout the tournament.

Congratulations to the whole team for their hard work, teamwork, and sportsmanship. It was a performance to be proud of!



U9 Tag Rugby Festival

Derby High School's U9 team had a fantastic day at the Tag Rugby Festival held at Willows Sports Centre. It was a great experience for the team, who showed plenty of enthusiasm, teamwork, and a willingness to learn.

The players gave it their all, improving their skills and growing in confidence with each match. There were some standout performances, with special mentions to Amarpreet, Dhian, Jeevan, Kulvir, and Sidnant for their impressive efforts, each scoring tries and showcasing their speed and agility on the field.

Overall, it was a brilliant day filled with fun, sportsmanship, and plenty of memorable moments. The team left with big smiles and even bigger ambitions for the next festival. Well done, Derby High!



Primary House Music

This week all pupils in Years 1-6 have been meeting after lunch to work on the choreography and singing of their House Song. There is a huge amount of excitement in the air as house teams work with house staff in preparation for the House finals, which take place on Friday 7th March.

All pupils and staff in primary, will be coming to school on Friday 7th March, dressed as a character from Shrek! We will be recording the event, so that you will be able to view all of the House Songs at your perusal.



Litter Picking over Half Term

Over the half term Scarlett, Isabelle and Mia started their own Environment Club and completed a litter pick in Littleover. All three of the girls worked hard to collect lots of rubbish to improve the environment and help to keep animals safe. Well done and thank you to all three of the girls for doing their part to help look after our planet.



Gymnastic Celebration

On Sunday 23rd February, Josh (Year 4) competed in his first external gymnastics competition in Leicester. The competition was the Beth Tweddle invitational.

Josh competed on the Floor, Vault, Parallel Bars and High Bars. Josh came away with a Bronze on Parallel Bars, Silver on the High Bars and Gold on the Vault. Josh finished with a Bronze overall. What a fantastic achievement. Well done, Josh!



Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast; In2 - Death and Bereavement

This week's podcast is brought to us by Mrs McBride, Assistant Head (Primary) – Pastoral, DSL and Dr Evans-Bolger PSHEE Lead, Year 6 Teacher. Mrs McBride and Dr E B discuss how to talk to young people about death and bereavement. A difficult topic to sometimes navigate with children.

To list to the podcast, please [click here](#):



For further information and advice on explaining death and dying to children please visit Child Bereavement UK by clicking the following link: [Explaining death and dying to children | Child Bereavement UK](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 3rd March – Year 2 trip

Friday 7th March – Primary House Music Finals

Friday 14th March – Kedleston Class assembly