



This newsletter shows all the things on offer in Primary that go to enhance the excellent academic education we offer. From LAMDA to raising money for good causes, all our pupils have amazing enrichment opportunities that add up to an all-round education. Thanks to parents for your amazing support in so many areas.

Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs Devine-White who gave birth to a little girl this week. Mother and baby are doing well.

Good luck to Mrs Tomlinson who leaves us today to start her maternity leave.

Enrichment In Y4 and 5

As part of the Primary School's enrichment programme, all of the students in Y4 and 5 will be enjoying a special "Music Wider Opportunities" weekly activity from our partners at Hot House Music. A year long programme with a pedagogy designed to engage and develop each of the students musical processing abilities. This term will see them working on Gross and Fine Motor Skills, Retention and Memory development games along with a good amount of "blowing their own trumpets". We hope that they might be able to give us a mini performance at the end of this term. Watch our socials for videos of their progress.

Macmillan Cake Sale - pupils

Get Your Bake On!

Please help me, Nancy (your new Charities Prefect) to make the Macmillan Cake Sale the best one yet.

Please send your cake donations into school for Friday 29th September, please also bring some change into school to buy some delicious cakes and raise money for a great cause.

Thank you, Nancy

(Please make sure ingredients are listed as some children have food allergies).





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Macmillan Coffee Morning - parents

DGS would like to invite all parents to our coffee morning taking place in the school hall on Friday 29th September, between 8:30 am and 9:30 am. Please do feel free to bring along a friend – the more the merrier!

All cake donations (bought or homemade) are welcomed to support this event. Please bring them along on the morning of Friday 29th September. Please note, we are a nut free school, so any cakes containing nuts, unfortunately, will not be able to be served.

We shall be asking for cash donations to the amazing Macmillan Cancer support charity so we do hope you will be able to show your support.

All parents and guests should arrive into the school office from 8:30 am onwards on Friday 29th September. We look forward to seeing you there!

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 26th September to Tuesday 3rd October. It will be open at lunchtimes and on Open Day. Please see the attached flyer for details. It is possible to order and pay online.

Open Day Flyer

Don't forget our Open Day competition! Please send a photo of your child with their Open Day flyer in the local community. All entries will be rewarded!

Activities Week

This week you will have received a letter about Activities Week. We have sent it out early so we can secure the exciting trip to Harry Potter World. Please return your consent form by Friday 29th September.

Parents' Evening

You will also have received a letter about Parents' Evening. Please return these forms as soon as possible so class teachers can arrange appointments. Please ensure you provide a first and second choice of timings.

Weather

Please ensure that your child wears a coat to school. Coats should be the primary school coat from the uniform list.

Your child should also make sure that they have a school tracksuit for colder weather.

LAMDA Exam Results

Back in June, five students from Primary School took LAMDA exams in a variety of subjects. Every single student scored Distinction, which is the highest grade boundary. The well deserved certificates have come home in Speech and Drama folders so please make sure your children take them out and show them off to you! Huge congratulations to: Harry E, Zayn A, Morgan D, Alexander B-S and Hugo G!



Spotlight on LAMDA

What is LAMDA?

LAMDA stands for the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, and is an examining body for Speech and Drama exams. Exams can be taken in a variety of communication and performance syllabi and are extremely useful in order to develop strong communication skills, the ability to articulate ideas and self expression - essential skills for modern life.

Mrs Simpson has been working as a peripatetic Speech and Drama teacher at Derby Grammar School for nearly 11 years and is passionate about the importance of strengthening these skills from an early age. She has entered over a thousand pupils into LAMDA exams during her time at the school.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in for your son or daughter and you would like to know more about Speech and Drama lessons, please email hsimpson.speechanddrama@gmail.com for more information.



Repton Festival

Derby Grammar School pupils have been invited to attend the Repton Festival on Repton Festival on the 14th and 15th October this year for an immersive journey into the captivating world of the Vikings. Here, you can relive the vibrant heritage of the Vikings who once ruled in Mercia.

Repton, steeped in history, welcomes you as we transport you, back in time, to the 9th century, an era when Vikings roamed these lands. This unique experience supports the KS2 History curriculum and local history study and allows our guests to explore the daily lives of Viking-Age families and skilled craftsmen.

For more information, please see the attached flyer.

Dates for your diary

26th - 3rd Oct Scholastic Book Fair

29th Sept - MacMillan Cake sale - parent and pupil events

30th Sept - Open Day

5th Oct - Harvest Assembly

12th Oct - 4-6.30pm - Parents' evening
Option 1

19th Oct - 5-7pm - Parents' evening Option 2