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Successful Malta Tour



Click on the image to see the full gallery

Congratulations to our U16 netball squad on a very successful tour of Malta. (see page 2 for the full report)

Queries over Hockey equipment

We have had a number of queries over the purchase of necessary hockey equipment. Now that we have access to the new facilities and have been able to assess the surface of the astroturf pitch, we will allow pupils to wear their normal trainers as long as they have a good grip on them and are not muddy. If you have already purchased specialised hockey astro trainers, these are preferable as they give a better grip, but if your daughter is unlikely to do extra-curricular hockey she may stick to her normal trainers.

Shinpads and mouthguards are mandatory requirements from the point of view of safety. A reminder that we have an OPRO dentist visiting the school on Monday 7th

November to fit customised mouthguards for those that would like one (order in advance: www.opro.com), but otherwise one purchased from a sports shop that is self-moulded is sufficient.

PE Department



Chaplain's Corner—
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This week sees the launch of the first of our Christmas appeals.



Every year, the worldwide organisation, Samaritan's Purse, run their Operation Christmas Child Appeal and once again we have the opportunity to be part of it. Parents of every student from nursery to sixth form has received a letter outlining the details and all information can be found online at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, which is the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered to children in need in over 150 countries more than 135 million gift-filled shoeboxes. They are a tangible expression of God's unconditional love carrying the message of joy of Jesus' birth and

are distributed at Christmas to children in need regardless of their background or religious beliefs. Our deadline is Monday 28th November. Thank you for being part of what will mean so much to a child or young person who will otherwise get nothing this Christmas.

Mrs Harrison, Chaplain

AWP Completed

This week, the PE department has taken custody of the much anticipated AWP and new courts. It has been so wonderful to see the girls across the school using this fantastic #worldclass facility.

Drone shots taken by Halliday Lighting



N.B. To ensure we keep our new facilities in tip top condition, please ensure you read the 'do's and 'don't's' on the gate signs before entering!



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Netball Tour to Malta

Following seven successful netball tours to Grenada or Tobago in the Caribbean, this year we changed our destination to Malta. During the October half-term Mrs Marsh and Miss Dudgeon took twenty netballers from Years 10 and 11 to the island of Malta. We stayed in a hotel in Paradise Bay and travelled from there for our three matches.

The first match against a Catholic school Immaculate Conception in Tarxien was an exciting venture, leaving the hotel at 7.45am (this was 6.45am English time). The school was in the centre of a town but we were welcomed by the girls and the Headmistress Sister Teresa. The matches were inside and although their players were of mixed ability, the matches were fast paced. ND U16A squad won 39-7 and MVP's were Sophie W and Noa O. The U16B squad won 26-5 with MVP's Bella H and Jamie-Lee D.

The second match was the following day and we were expecting to play two club teams at the same time but were disappointed to find some of their players were unavailable and both of our squads played their one squad. Despite shortening the matches, our U16A team won 71-0 and our B squad won 31-0. The ND girls were gracious winners and felt compassion for the opposition players who had been mismatched by the tour organisers. The MVPs were: Rosie M, Alia AT, Fenna A, Lavinia G, Emma A-B and Imogen L.



The trip to the island of Gozo was a highlight and this involved some educational Geographical observations.



The training before the final match was effective and challenged the players in their skills and strategy when creating space. The final matches were against two U21 club teams and were challenging matches. The U16A squad played NRG and pulled away gradually from 7-3 after ten minutes to win 28-12. The ND U16B team played Gladiators and had a very close game coming back to win 15-13. MVPs were Sophie W, Rosie M, Aoife M and Ellie H.

The girls had a wonderful week building relationships and enjoying their netball skills. Each evening the teams had a de-brief and talked through what they had learnt in the matches. The GCSE PE girls will analyse the videos of the matches as part of their coursework. The videos and photographs can be found on the school network. The singing abilities of the girls were appreciated on all the bus journeys and at the karaoke on the last evening.

Mrs Heather Marsh

Year 8 Visit Hare Krishna Temple

This week, Year 8 headed out to the Hertfordshire Countryside to the Hare Krishna Temple established in part by Beetle George Harrison. After a smooth journey, we arrived for a tour of the farm, taking a few moments to

feed the cattle and have their religious significance explained; in Hinduism the cow is held as sacred for its ability to provide milk. After



this we then had a cart ride back to the temple for a brief overview of Hinduism and looked at artefacts that might be used in a worship ceremony. Following this we joined the many visitors in the main temple room where the beautiful murtis (idols) were still decorated from the recent Diwali festival. A much anticipated lunch followed and was enjoyed by all, especially the teachers! After some dressing up and face painting it was time to return to school. The girls were an asset to Notre Dame and a pleasure to be with.



Mr Newman



Languages—Follow us on twitter:
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French Exchange Trip



Two weeks ago, some Notre Dame and Halliford students went on the French Exchange. Destination: Bayonne, located in the South of France. Miss Claveau had organised many excursions for us - for example, we visited Basque towns/villages, a chocolate factory, a chilli farm, and a posh hotel called "l'hotel du palais". When not out on excursions, we would attend classes in the school, which was quite entertaining too! Every day we spent in France was full of exciting activities which broadened our knowledge of France. Meanwhile, we were living with our French exchanges' family who were very welcoming and kind. It was very useful to be living with a French family to get a proper feel of the French culture and their traditions. Not only was this amazing trip beneficial for our knowledge of the French language and of the country but we also gained some important social skills which will be of great use in later life. I thoroughly enjoyed this trip and I can't wait for them to come over to England! Thank you Miss Claveau for organising this trip so well, and making it extremely enjoyable for us!

Clara L

Prep Spanish

Congratulations to our Prep Language nut users:

Notre Dame students have:

- Practiced 2149 words in the last 30 days
- Worked with Spanish the most
- Won 92 gold medals
- Won 36 silver medals
- Won 15 bronze medals

Just login to Firefly and follow the links to join in the fun!



Year 7 Latin

I am really proud of my year 7 Latin classes. They have worked really hard on this project: recreating a Roman house in a shoe box.

Here are the photos as a whole class and the "winners" from each class as voted by the girls. There is also a single house that I think is spectacular!



Mr Fernandez



Year 2 Great Fire of London

Year 2 created some fabulous pictures from their TASK lesson on 'The Great Fire of London' display. The girls worked so hard on this project!



Mrs Stolcere



MUSIC BOARD

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School News

ABRSM Exams

We have confirmation from the ABRSM exam board that practical music examinations will be on **Tuesday 6 December**. There will be a rehearsal day in the week preceding the exams. Letters will come out shortly detailing exam times and exam fees which will be added to your school bill, and any additional accompanist's fees. If you need to discuss your examination date or time please contact Mr Black or Mrs Shaw.

Mrs Shaw

Senior News

Hello musicians! I hope you had a very enjoyable half-term break and welcome back!

November is one of the busiest months of the year for us with music preparations well underway for many forthcoming events.

The whole school is preparing for this year's Feast Day Mass to be held on November 21st where the students will sing parts of the St Bernadette Mass and many congregational Hymns.



The Notre Dame Singers and Chamber Choir are each preparing new material for the Carol Service this December.

The NDS choir have also been invited to sing in a special service in Esher, entitled "Light Up A Life", held at the Princess Alice Hospice on Sunday afternoon, December 4th. The service is for families and friends to share memories and make dedications to their lost loved ones. This year, there is an online 'Wall of Remembrance' where you can make a dedication, share messages and add images. The choir will perform on stage to add solemnity and music to help commemorate this event.

Oliver!

Only 3 weeks to go to this year's production and the girls are working extra hard each day, including weekends! Please encourage your daughter to



learn her lines and practice singing her songs whilst dancing or acting! Mrs Graham, Mr Rowland-Roberts and Mr Black are generously supporting everyone in their efforts. Don't forget to buy your tickets!

Musician Of The Week



Isabella G is a talented performer on the Piano and Alto saxophone. She began playing the piano aged 7 and the saxophone when aged 9. This term she is working towards her Grade 7 piano examination with the Associated Board of The Royal Schools Of Music. She is preparing solo pieces by Glinka, Liszt and Debussy and working hard at the many scales required at this level. We wish her well in her preparations! She is also a keen member of the Senior School's Orchestra on Alto Saxophone and in her spare time likes to play on the drum-kit and ukulele but not at the same time!

Mr Black

DANCE



Year 6 Dance to Art

During the last few weeks, Year 6 have been creating dance pieces based on art work. They have produced some wonderful shapes, patterns and movements.

6MP pictured below:



Ballerina of the week is Ava S Yr2



Mrs Thomas



DRAMA

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Prep

Reception, Year 2 & Year 4 have all been given scripts for their upcoming productions.

Please ensure the girls are bringing their copies into school on Thursdays for their Drama lessons. I don't have a supply of spare scripts at school.

Miss Fletcher

Senior

Rehearsals are well underway for our forthcoming production of Oliver!

We look forward to seeing the fruits of their hard work in the performances on the following dates:

Friday 25th November at 7:30pm

Saturday 26th November at 2.30pm for the matinee and 7:30pm for the evening performance.

Please do encourage your friends and family to come along to support our very talented cast—it promises to be a fantastic show and will have you 'begging for more!'

Miss Graham



READING MATTERS @NDS LIBRARY

Prep Library News

Visit by Matt Haig – 9th November

The countdown to this exciting event continues! We are all very much looking forward to meeting Matt Haig this coming Wednesday and to welcoming friends from other local schools to the event too. This visit is part of a nationwide tour to launch a book that promises to be a Christmas classic in the future.

If your daughter would like to buy a book to be signed by Matt and you missed the pre-order deadline of 2nd November there will be a small supply for sale on the day on a first come first served basis. Your daughter should either bring cash in on the day in a named envelope or a cheque made payable to 'Regency Bookshop' please. The paperback copy of A Boy Called Christmas retails at £5.50 and the hardback of The Girl Who Saved Christmas at £9.50.

For more information about Matt Haig and his books please visit either his own [website](http://www.matthaig.com) or the special website for the two [Christmas books](#)



Chatterbooks

Netball and Halloween meant that a small select group of Chatterbookers met this week to talk about our favourite funny books and why books with humour are so appealing. We will continue with this theme at next week's meeting on **7th November** so have a think about who is favourite funny book character and which author makes you laugh the most too. Which funny book would you recommend to a friend?

Nursery love the library!



The youngest members of the Notre Dame community visit our library every week and are very enthusiastic about choosing their books to take home and enjoy listening to stories too. They need no prompting at all to curl up in the corner with a good book...

Mrs Thompson

Senior Library News

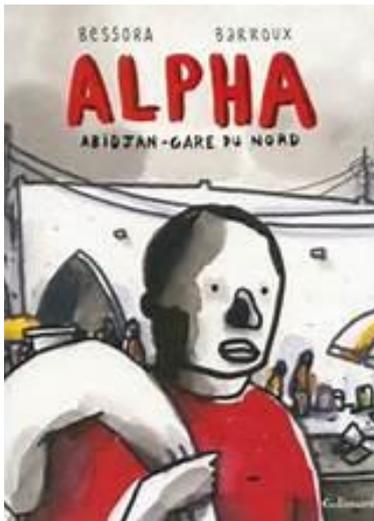
Carnegie Medal Nominations

The **Carnegie Medal** is a British literary award that annually recognizes one outstanding new book for children or young adults. It has been described as 'the UK's oldest and most prestigious book award for children's writing and the writers call it 'the one they want to win'.

114 books have been nominated this year, written by new and established authors. Malorie Blackman receives a nomination for her sci-fi retelling of Shakespeare's *Othello*, *Chasing the Stars*. Tanya Landman, winner in 2015 is back with a historical adventure, *Hell and High Water*. *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* author John Boyne makes the list with *The Boy at the Top of the Mountain*, a Second World War thriller.

Beautiful Broken Things – a debut novel by Sara Barnard which explores teenage friendships has already made many book clubs as has *Unbecoming* by Jenny Downham, described as a 'celebration of life and learning to honour your own story'.

Alpha is a graphic novel by Barroux and Bessora and follows the journey of a refugee attempting to reach his family in Europe. The artwork was created in cheap felt-tip pen and wash, materials the boy himself might be able to access.



To see the full list visit <http://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk>. The short list will be announced on 16th March 2017.

In the meantime, we have ordered a number of the nominated books, including those listed above. They will be displayed in the Senior Library on the Carnegie stand and the details can also be found on Eclipse (Front page/New Arrivals).

Mrs Finch



Celebrating the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Winners

SPORTS BOARD



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U10 and U11 Hockey v MHS

Well done to the U10 and U11 girls who played hockey on Tuesday against Manor House. Despite this being the girls' first hockey game they played brilliantly and showed great potential for the future! The U10 team drew 2-2 with Sophie L voted as player of the match. The U11 team lost 0-2 but played well, Maddy S was voted their player of the match.

I can't wait to see what we can do now we have our AWP!



U10A-C Netball v Feltonfleet

Well done to the ND girls who won all 3 matches against Feltonfleet on Wednesday! Thank-you to the ND year 4 girls for stepping into play. All the girls showed wonderful movement, passing the ball quickly down the court. Players of the match went to Sophie K, Mia from the A team, Olivia in the B team and Alexia in the C Team.

A Team won 3-2

B Team won 8-3

C Team won 11-0



Hockey Kit Reminder- OPRO

A reminder that OPRO are returning to school on Monday 7th November at 12:00pm. Please book online at www.OPRO.com or follow this link to the booking page <http://mouthguards.opro.com/custom/order>

Thursday Morning Shooting Club

This will now take place on the new courts unless it is raining. Breakfast club girls will be escorted down to the courts. Parents arriving after 8.15 am need to bring your children to the club. All girls need to have trainers in order to take part as well as being appropriately dressed.

Fixtures coming up

- Monday 7th November – U9A and B Netball @ ND 4:30pm
- Tuesday 10th November- Gala v Rowan @ ND
- Friday 11th November- Year 3 Netball @ Bishopsgate School AWAY 3: 10pm
- Wednesday 16th November– U11A Netball v St Hilary's AWAY 4:30pm
- Thursday 17th November- Gala v ST Hilary's @ ND
- Friday 18th November- Year 3 Hockey v Downsends AWAY 3:15pm

[Prep Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Purgavie

Swimming

Important message about swim squad training next week.

Due to Parents' Evening the **Infant Swim** (Year 1 & 2) squad will be cancelled on Tuesday 8th Nov.

However the Year 3 & 4 swim squad will be on. It is important that the girls attend if possible as we have a swimming Gala on Thursday 10th and need to practise our relays.

Swimmer of the Week

- 1W – Dolphins – Rachael B
Starfish – Matilda R
- 2S – Dolphins – Jewel R
Starfish – Emma L

Mrs Jones



SENIOR

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Qualifiers British Schools

Modern Biathlon Championships

Congratulations to Katie C in Year 7 who has qualified for the British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships.

Well done!

Miss Mulcahy



Netball

U12 v GHS



On Wednesday it was exciting to play our first netball matches on the new floodlit netball courts. The U12 A, B, C & D teams played host to Guildford High School (C, D, E & F teams) and some good matches followed. The A team had a convincing 18-4 win, the B team lost 13-8, the C team held on for an 11-8 victory and the D team played with spirit and determination but it was Guildford who won by 8 goals to 2. Congratulations to everyone who played and it was great to see some girls representing the school for the first time in matches.



U13 v Manor House

Also on Wednesday the U13 A & B teams travelled to Manor House School for matches. Both teams played well; the A team were narrowly ahead at half time but an injury to one of our defenders saw Manor House capitalise and go on to win by 21 goals to 13, but the B team recorded a very good 19 goals to 8 win with some good all-round play. Well done to both teams.

[Senior Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Marsh



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welcomes you to

The Christmas Gift Fair 2016

Friday 11 November
11.30am-5.30pm

Only Six Days to Go!

For a complete Christmas shopping experience, join us at the Notre Dame Christmas Fair where you will find a fabulous array of stylish and original gifts for all the family. It will take place in the school hall so that you will be comfortable, whatever the weather outside. There'll be catering too, so why not make a day of it?

Exhibitors will come from far and wide, bringing unique quality gifts. You'll be spoiled for choice with exquisite jewellery, elegant fashion and accessories, bespoke advent calendars and Christmas stockings. There'll be beautiful items for the home and garden, fragrant candles and tasty foods and drinks to enhance your Christmas table.

Hope to see you there!

Thank you to all those who entered the **Christmas Brochure Cover Competition**. The winner was Lila R (4GW). Congratulations - we look forward to seeing your drawing on the Friends of Notre Dame Christmas Brochure next week!



Winter is coming and that means it's time for.....



Every Friday, from 3.15pm
Prep School Playground

Firework Night

See you at the Fireworks party tomorrow night!

6pm—Bar and Gates open

6.30—Bonfire lit

7.30—Display starts!

COBHAM AVORIANS CC
Firework Night

Saturday 5th November

6pm: Bar and gates open
6.30pm: Bonfire lit
7.30pm: Display starts

BBQ Stalls Mulled Wine

In Advance: Adults £6 u18 £4 u5 free
(At the Gate: Adults £7 u18 £5 u5 free)

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EARLY YEARS (NDEY)



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

5 Nov Fireworks at Avorians with FoND **School**

7 Nov Safe Drive Course **ND6**

8 Nov Whole School Open Morning 9—11am **School**
Rec—Year 6 Parents' Evening 4.pm—8pm **Prep**

10 Nov A Level Biology lectures **ND6**

11 Nov FoND Christmas Gift Fair 11.30—5.30pm
in Sports Hall **School**

14 Nov Alternative date for Rec-Y6 Parents' Evening
4-5.30pm **Prep**

16 Nov Year 8 Latin Trip to Butser Farm **Snr**
Year 12 Visit STEM Careers Exhibition **ND6**

18 Nov FoND Year 7 & 8 Disco **Snr**

21 Nov Feast Day Mass 10.30am—all parents welcome
Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.30—6.30pm **Snr**

25 Nov First Performance of Oliver! 7.30pm **Snr**
Year 12 Snr Maths Challenge at Surrey University **ND6**

26 Nov Performance of Oliver!
Matinee 2.30pm and Evening 7.30pm **Snr**

30 Nov—9 Dec Y11 Mock GCSE Examinations **Snr**

2 Dec Infant Nativity—Refreshments from 8.45am **Prep**

3 Dec FoND Movie Afternoon **Prep**

6 Dec Year 12/13 Parents' Evening 4.30—6.30pm **ND6**

8 Dec Early Years Christmas Celebration from 10am **NDEY**

9 Dec Year 8 Parents for Coffee & Mince Pies 8.45am **Snr**

12 Dec Prep & Senior Carol Service—7pm **School**

13 Dec End of Term at 12Noon **School**

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