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Open Morning

It was fantastic to see record numbers attending our open morning this week with over 250 visitors! We clearly are the 'talk of the town' and our 'excellent' inspection report has certainly been noticed! Huge thanks to two Year 7 girls Olivia and Lulu for bravely speaking to a packed theatre about their first two terms in the Senior school and to Head girl Layla for summing up it all up so beautifully—'Notre Dame has helped me to become the young woman I am today'. Mr Gair was very kindly 'volunteered' by Mrs Gair to give a parent's perspective of the school! Thanks also to our fantastic tour guides from year 6, year 8 and year 9 who did a wonderful job! Mandy and her team also provided delicious treats for everyone to enjoy!



Chaplain's Corner—
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In the West, we have become obsessed with age, or more accurately, the aim to **not** age. Read any magazine article about someone in the public eye and it will cite their age and often if it is a woman, comment how good (or not!) she is looking for her age. How often do you hear 'age is just a number' or '30 is the new 50'? But the reality is that the quest to look young and live longer is of great importance to people in our 21st century world. This has given rise to prejudice around age and often a lack of appreciation of how much older people have to teach us. Do we follow what St Paul advises in his letter to Timothy, 'Never speak harshly to an older man, but appeal to him respectfully as you would to your own father. Talk to younger men as you would to your own brothers. Treat older women as you would your mother, and treat younger women with all purity as you would your own sisters. Take care of any widow who

has no one else to care for her.'? And can we encourage our young people to take advice commonly given by people nearing the end of their lives?:- 'Don't envy others, run with a good crowd, don't judge others, don't hold a grudge, look after your body, go after your dream, have confidence in yourself, keep going, tell those you love that you love them'.

Mrs Harrison, Chaplain

Polite reminder to all prep breakfast parents that the school is only open and the children supervised from 8am. There are no staff on duty before this time so children before 8 must be accompanied by a parent and not simply sent into an empty dining room. This is important for the safety of your daughters. Thank you.

Welcome New Staff

Welcome to our two new members of staff: Mrs Claudine Gerbais who is the prep aftercare supervisor and



Mrs Angela Foskett who has joined the front office team.





Computing—follow us on twitter:

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Google Expeditions App—a Great Hit!

This week, girls from Year 3—13 enjoyed a fantastic experience with the new Google Expeditions App. They were plunged into virtual reality to places beyond their wildest imagination! From Rain Forest to the Solar system, the app takes its user into the virtual reality world of the chosen topic and certainly has the 'wow' factor!



This is a future insight into education where practical learning can take place in the classroom. For example, year 8 students experienced what it is like inside the human heart and gained a better understanding of the circulatory system. In geography, year 9 went on a field trip to Borneo and Year 12 went to Paris for the morning without having to leave the classroom.



Mrs Archer and Mrs Plummer

Robotics Camp will be running at Guildford College over Easter (3rd -7th April), suitable for years 4 – 8. Details are available on the following web-site: <http://missiontech.co.uk/product/easterroboticsguildford/>



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National Apprenticeship Show at Sandown



A group of year 12 visited the National Apprenticeship Show after school on Monday evening. There were many stands representing a variety of industries which included companies such as Lloyds Bank, The Civil Service, NHS and Hilton Hotels. It was an ideal opportunity for girls to find out more about apprenticeships and ask questions direct to employers.

Year 9 Enterprise Day



Year 9 joined forces with The Duke of Kent School to take part in an Enterprise Day at Notre Dame. The students, wearing business dress spent the day finding out what it takes to run a successful business. They developed their teamwork, communication and problem solving skills carrying out various task throughout the day. Here they are constricting a working rollercoaster!



Mrs Franco

The Love of Reading

Following Mrs Thompson's request for the teachers to encourage more reading for pleasure, Yellow Set looked at creating something for the Friday Mailing to illuminate people's love of reading. Yellow Set were also looking at being more ambitious with their punctuation, attempting to use semicolons and colons to link sentences/ideas together. The following article is a short piece written by Jessica P after Yellow Set had completed an interview with the very willing Mrs Thompson.

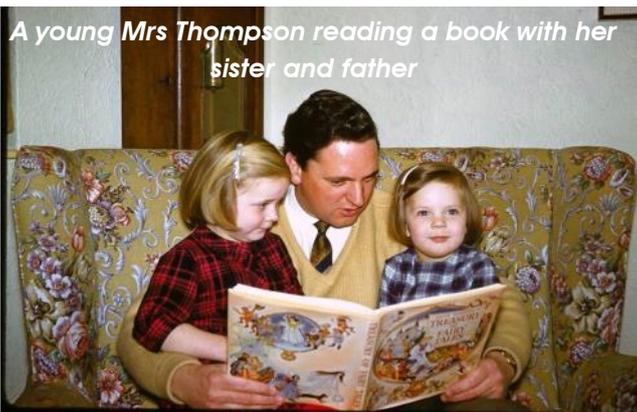
Yellow Set have decided to go out and speak to the teachers themselves about what makes them read. We thought the best person to interview first was our Prep School librarian, Mrs Thompson

It is clear that Mrs Thompson is very passionate about reading as she says reading is the "key to everything." I think what she means is that you use reading everywhere, such as when you want to go on the internet to get facts, you would have to know how to read; she is saying that reading comes up everywhere!

We also asked Mrs Thompson where her favourite place to curl up with a book is and she said, "On her sofa or on holiday in the sun." My favourite place to curl up with a book is in my bed: it is nice and warm. Mrs Thompson says that it is "impossible" to choose her favourite book but, if she really had to, she would choose The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis.

If you wanted to make Mrs Thompson happy, you could either give her a historical book or a book that drags you in and makes you feel like you're a character from the book. One thing she really wouldn't want in her stocking at Christmas would be a book with a really slow start!

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope you enjoyed our interview with Mrs Thompson.



A young Mrs Thompson reading a book with her sister and father

Jessica P

Easter Chicks Are Coming!

Prep girls are very excited about the forthcoming arrival of an incubator for eggs which we are hoping will hatch into little chicks! The whole experience will be captured on our live webcam.



Staff to Run Surrey Half Marathon

This coming Sunday is the Surrey Half Marathon and I must say that I feel very fortunate to have parents, students, donors and staff supporting me to raise money in the fight to



understand Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's Research UK is funding the best research and I just hope that one day treatment can be readily given to people suffering this disease. You can make a difference by cheering us on this Sunday to make our goal possible or donating via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alberto-Fernandez895>

Good luck Mr Fernandez, Mrs Ingram and Miss Evans!

Miss Hendicott's Exhibition Launch

Miss Hendicott had a successful launch of her first exhibition at the Bargehouse South Bank, OXO tower this week. Part of an eclectic mix of modern art she created



a piece of work based on 'light' with moving images creating a stunning visual display which forms part of her MA studies in Fine Art.

Gold for Verity

Congratulations to Verity in Year 8, who last Sunday won her Thames Turbo Winter Series for her age group (T3). It is a series of 3 time trials for run, swim and bike over the winter period (November to March) of which your best two count. These are followed up with a Duathlon Final event for double points (which Verity completed last Sunday). She won the series overall by some margin and in the Duathlon final beat the T3 girls and boys!





MUSIC BOARD

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■ Prep News

■ Faith and Music Assemblies

- 5C Monday 17th March

Musicians should come to the Chapel at 8:30am with their instruments, music and piano accompaniments. Congratulations to all the girls in 5M who played so beautifully in their Faith and Music assembly and to those who read so nicely. The assembly was on the theme of 'Collaborate' and we talked about working together and being part of a team.

■ ABRSM exams:

Well done to all those girls who took their Theory exam last week. Practical exams will be held on **Monday 27 March** and the rehearsal day for instrumentalists (other than piano) will be Friday 17 March. Mr Black has posted letters to everyone taking an exam – please return your permission slips as soon as possible.

■ Spring Concert:

A full list of ensembles involved in the Spring Concert has been sent out by In Touch. Please complete the permission form in order to register your daughter and book your place in the theatre. The concert will take place in the Montaigne Theatre at 7pm on **Wednesday 29 March** and girls will also need to remember their instruments for the rehearsal day on Tuesday 28 March.

Mrs Shaw

■ Infants Summer Concert

Our Infant summer concert 'There's a Sunflower in my Supper' will take place next term in early May, not to be confused with the Prep Spring Concert which is coming up at the end of March! The infants are having great fun singing about grumpy Mr Bull who is set in his ways and Daisy the cow who dreams of growing a glorious garden 'full of flowers and plants and trees and fruit and vegetables and everything.....'

Mrs Bryant

■ Senior News

House Music Competition

With less than three weeks to go I would like to encourage everyone to get involved in this year's house music competition. Each house is performing a medley of four songs including:

'We're all in this together' from High School Musical,
'Beat It' by Michael Jackson,
'Don't Stop Me Now' by Queen and
'We are the Champions'.

Each house captain has a copy of the backing track to this medley and a copy of the song words. Please encourage your daughter to learn the words to these songs and practice

singing them. Each house will choreograph their own dance moves and add harmonies or solo lines as they wish. The best overall performance will be judged on March 29th so get practising and Best of Luck!



Soloists

Nine soloists have so far signed up and each will earn an extra point for their house. The closing date for these entries is one week from today so please encourage your daughter to add her name to the list.

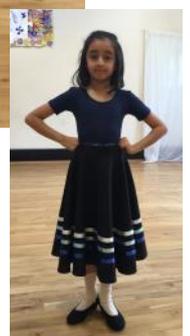
The sign up sheet can be found on the Music Notice Board located in the Maths corridor.

Any style of song or instrumental piece is allowed so please encourage your daughter not to be shy.

The heats for the solo event will take place during the week beginning March 20th and the best from each house will go through to the final held on March 29th.
Mr Black

■ DANCE

Year 3 ballet girls have been working very hard on their Character Dance this week, performing it with great style.



Ballerina of the week is Anaiya 3P.



DRAMA

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Senior

Bravo to the cast and crew of the Year 10 GCSE and Year 13 A level examination Performances this week!

Year 10 Acting Showcase:



Year 13 Devised Comedy



Click on the collages to see the full photo galleries on Flickr.

We look forward to watching Y11 GCSE performances on March 22nd!

Miss Graham



READING MATTERS

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Prep Library News

Winter Magic Story Writing Competition

Earlier this term the girls in Years 3 – 6 took part in a creative writing workshop led by Mrs Barber and their teachers inspired by the theme of 'Winter'. It was a lovely and very productive day with many wonderful stories written by the girls.

Sixteen finalists were chosen and their stories were sent to Abi Elphinstone, our Patron of Reading, for her to judge the entries and select the final six winners. Abi was very favourably impressed with the standard of the stories and said: 'I thought every single one was gorgeous! Such imaginative tales, such beautiful illustrations - they really did the wintry theme justice.'

Abi chose the stories written by the following girls as the winners: Sophie L. Emily S. Victoria F. (Year 6) Olivia B. Mia D. (Year 5) Alexia W. and Grace G. (Year 4)

The girls each received a copy of Winter Magic, a book of short stories curated by Abi, signed by several of the contributing authors at our special World Book Day assembly. Congratulations girls!



Shelfie Competition

Our World Book Day match the book shelfie to the teacher competition was a big challenge but some girls in Year 6 managed to work out all the correct answers and have won a bookmark each. Well done to Darcey A, Izzy W., Daisy Pa. and Emily S.

School Library Association Competition Winner

We are delighted to have won a photographic competition run by the School Library Association celebrating the joy of reading with our photo of some of our Nursery children sharing books together. The prize was a free subscription to the Reading Cloud from Microlibrarian, which will enhance our library management system for both the Prep and Senior Schools and, we hope, help to inspire our pupils with a life-long love of reading.



Mrs Thompson

Senior Library News

LONDON BOOK & SCREEN WEEK.

London Book and Screen Week (13th to 19th March) is the capital's biggest ever celebration of books, films and TV programmes and seeks to 'bring storytelling and the written word to life' through a number of different events across London. There are theatre shows celebrating the work of Jane Austin;

story sessions based on retelling mythical tales; a double dose of crime – a session on crime writing from Poland and an evening of 'cosiness and Scandi crime'. All events are advertised at londonbookandscreenweek.co.uk

The London Book Fair



One of the highlights of the week is the London Book Fair which attracts publishers, booksellers, literary agents, librarians and media trend-spotters. It is estimated that this year the Fair will attract approximately 25,000 attendees from over 120 countries. It is a fascinating place to watch deals being done and the Children's Hub showcases and celebrates the best of children's and YA fiction/non-fiction. Some of the new titles are listed at thelondonbookfair.co.uk (under 2017 Exhibitors/New Titles).

Of increasing interest is the Tech Area – which displays apps, games, mobile development and enhanced eBooks. As many authors and publishers are looking for new ways to provide readers with greater interaction with the fantasy and gain new knowledge during the games – we can't wait to see what comes out of the London Book Fair this year and bring some of it to the Senior Library...

Mrs Finch

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U8 Hockey v CLFS

Well done to the U8 girls who thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon at CLFS playing a hockey tournament. The ND girls and CLFS girls played in mixed teams as countries and then played a mini-tournament in their teams. The girls played wonderful hockey, dribbling the ball and moving forward to tackle with great confidence.

GHS Cross Country Race

A huge well done to the U10 and U11 teams who ran superb races on Monday at the GHS invitational XC Meet. The U10 girls came 2nd as a team with Sophie Long finished 2nd in the U10 race and the U11's came 3rd as a team and Daisy Parry finished 2nd in the U11 race. The girls who contributed to the team success were; Isabella, Katie,

Darcey, Sophie K, Emily S, Juliette, Darcey, Constanza and Maddy.



Claremont Cross Country



Well done to U11 team who finished 3rd out of 14 schools with Daisy P winning individual bronze medal!

This Weekend

Good luck to the girls taking part in the U10A Hockey tournament on Saturday and to those girls competition in the IAPS cross country on Sunday at Malvern College

Clubs next week

There will be no Year 6 hockey club on Tuesday 14th due to parents evening and a cross country event.

Fixtures Next Week

- Monday 13th- U9/U11 Invitational Gala @ GHS
- Tuesday 14th- St Catherine's XC- U10 and U11
- Thursday 16th – Gala v St Teresa's
- Saturday 18th- ERPSSA District XC @ ND
- Monday 20th- U10A-D netball v St Catherine's @ ND 3pm
- Tuesday 21st – U9 Netball Tournament @ CLFS

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Please keep collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers for both the prep and senior schools. The box is in the corridor outside the Heads' offices.



Last Week of Term

Please be aware that Mrs Purgavie and Mr Parsons won't be running any clubs during activities break of after school in the last week of term Monday 27th – Thursday 30th March.

Football and Tennis will still take place during this week.

[Prep Fixtures Calendar](#) Mrs Purgavie

Swimming

Please note there will be no Year 3 & 4 swimming squad on Tuesday 14th March due to Parents' Evening.



We have a home gala against St-Teresa's on Thursday 16th March.

Swimming Video Appointments

- Tuesday 14th March – Appointments for the Swimming Video Reviews will be in the **Dining Room** from 4pm
- Wednesday 15th March – Appointments will take place in the **Prep Music Room** – Please wait in the conservatory outside the Prep Music Room.
- Monday 20th March – Appointments will take place in the **Prep Music Room**
- Tuesday 21st March – Appointments will take place in the **Prep Music Room**.

For appointments on the 15th, 20th and 21st March please park in **Car Park 1** and walk through the blue gates, following the signs to the Music room. If possible please bring your daughter with you to the appointment.

Swimmer of the Week

1W Dolphins – Isobel H; Starfish – Isabelle VS

2S Dolphins – Poppy S; Starfish – Ella GB

Mrs Jones

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Hockey

Last Thursday the U12s had a hockey match against Manor House School. The ND team played well from the start, passing well and creating good opportunities. By half time ND were ahead 3-0 through goals from Willa W and Josie S (2). A further goal from Josie in the second half resulted in a 4-0 win to ND. Congratulations to the whole squad for a good solid performance.



Squad: Oriane V (GK), Ella S (GK), Chloe B, Amelia A, Amber S, Eva M, Bella C, Olivia C, Josie S, Willa W, Freya J, Poppy P, Katie C, Lulu W, Saskia W, Roisin M

Senior Team v SWP

On Tuesday a senior team made up of Year 10, 11 + sixth form students had a hockey match against Sir William Perkin's School. It proved to be a good competitive game with end to end hockey being played. The final result was a 5-2 win for ND with the goals coming from Tarryn K (3) and Sophie W (2). MVP was awarded to Talia A for her strong defending and her

excellent distribution of the ball. Well played to all concerned.

Team: Anna B (GK), Nikita K, Talia A, Emma A-B, Francesca B, Caitlin L, Sophie W, Ella M, Tabatha D, Emanuela N, Emma G, Tarryn K, Lia F

Swimming Gala against Sutton High

On Monday night, Notre Dame's U12 A&B, U13 A&B, U14 A&B and U16 A&B swimming teams swam against Sutton High in the last gala for this academic year. It was another very exciting gala with many races being really close. Well done to all the girls who swam especially those who swam additional races for the older age groups (some even swam up two age groups)! Both schools won two out of the four age group categories, Sutton High won U12 & U13 and Notre Dame won U14 & U16. The overall result was Notre Dame scoring 119 and Sutton High scoring 117.

Swimmers of the night:

U12: Anya M & Lotty G & Sophia K

U13: Tessa P & Verity P & Natasha B

U14: Victoria G & Bella T & Alex A

U15: Rosie S & Amelia D & Georgia M

Netball

U16 & U18 netball versatility tournament hosted by ND was great fun! Well played everyone!



U12 Netball Surrey Finals

Summary: two wins, one draw, two losses meant we finished 3rd in our section but only lost to the two schools that contested the final! A great day that reflected the hard work, teamwork and skill development this season. Full report next week—well played ladies!



[Senior Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Marsh



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FoND Summary

FoND are the parent-led committee dedicated to fundraising for Notre Dame and providing fun events for both the children and parents to enjoy, including:

The Masquerade Ball	Summer Fete
The Christmas Gift Fair	Daddy/Daughter Campout
Fireworks Night	Afternoon Tea
Movie Night	Bikeability
Quiz Night	Hot Chocolate Sales
Discos	Ice Cream Sales
Easter Gifts	

All of these events have played an important role in contributing to the sense of community at Notre Dame as well as raising funds to enhance the already wonderful facilities available and raise money for charities, including:

- Fitting out the Theatre
- Canopies for the Nursery and Senior School
- Sports equipment - for the gym and hockey goal keeping kit
- Educational equipment for maths, science and Latin
- Raising money for Auditory Verbal UK and Cancer Research

By supporting our events you are making an important contribution to the Notre Dame community as well as fundraising.

FoND



Easyfundraising - please continue to purchase on-line via Easyfundraising

Current amount of supporters: **66**

Donations to date: **£605.41**



'Please register your interest by
Friday 17 March'

THANKYOU!

Mrs Perkin has very kindly donated games and toys for Prep aftercare!

ND Bake-Off

Savoury Biscuit Theme Week!
 Congratulations to Mr Power who won last week's 'bake-off' with his delicious cheese biscuits!



EARLY YEARS (NDEY)



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Reception have been thinking about sharing and being kind in their Personal, Social and Educational lessons. They were so enthusiastic that they decided to create a sharing book that the other children can read too. The girls were involved in the whole process and found binding their book very exciting!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 13 Mar** Y12 Higher Education Fair at Surrey University **ND6**
- 14 Mar** Rec - Year 6 Parents' Evening 4.30—8pm **Prep**
- 15 Mar** Year 2 End of Infants Assembly & talk with Miss D'Aprano 9—10.30am **Prep**
Prep LAMDA exams **Prep**
- 17-20 Mar** A Level Geography Fieldtrip **ND6**
- 17 Mar** Faith and Music Assembly—5C **Prep**
- 18 Mar** ERPSSA Cross Country Event at ND 9—12 **Prep**
- 22 Mar** Rec Class assembly followed by Mothers' Day Tea **EY**
Y11 Drama Performance 6.30—9.30pm **Snr**
French Exchange Students Arrive at ND until 29th **Snr**
- 24 Mar** Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea 1.30—4pm **School**
GCSE & A level Drama trip to The Globe **Snr**
- 27 Mar** FoND meeting in Lytton Parlour 9—10am **School**
ABRSM Examinations **School**
- 29 Mar** Easter Gifts **Prep**
Senior Inter-House music competition **Snr**
Prep Spring Concert—evening **Prep**
- 30 Mar** End of Term
- 31 Mar—6 April** Year 5—8 Easter Ski Trip to Alpendorf
- 2—5 Apr** Berlin History Trip

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