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A huge thank you to FoND from the prep and senior schools for the Easter Egg tombola and gifts. What a lovely way to end the Spring term!



rest, reflect and recharge and give some time to consider what Easter is really about as we travel through Holy Week towards Easter Sunday.

Rich World Poor World

Part of our school mission is to encourage the girls to grow in awareness of our world and so traditionally each Lent the senior students are given the opportunity through a 'Rich World Poor World Meal' for a practical experience of injustice and global inequality. We live in a divided world where approximately 795 million people are chronically malnourished. 1 in 9 people on our planet go to bed hungry each night and hunger still kills more people each year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. About 21,000 people die every day of hunger or hunger-related causes. This is one person every four seconds and sadly it is children who die most often. (Hunger and World Poverty Sources: United Nations World Food Program (WFP), Oxfam, UNICEF)

Everyone who has a school lunch is entered into a lottery which decides what kind of lunch they will have that day. All students who bring their own lunch are given the option to

participate. Gold tickets holders are selected at random and served a full three course lunch. Everyone else has a choice of two soups, fresh bread, water and a piece of fruit. This represents the imbalance across the world that so many experience on a daily basis. The money raised from

one meal here will feed a child in Africa for a week at one of the Company of Mary Our Lady schools and all the staff who could joined in too.

A huge thank you to Mandy and her team for making this year's event possible.

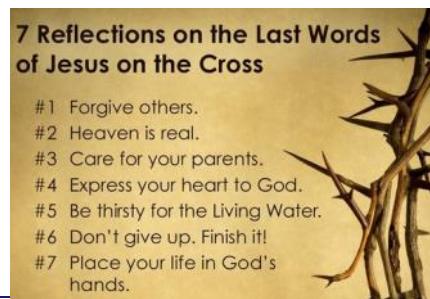
Mrs Harrison, Chaplain

Happy Easter from our Year 6 Bunnies!

**Chaplain's Corner—**

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'Famous last words' is a saying often heard. Some of the most reflected upon last words are those of Jesus that he spoke from the cross as he died. He found the energy, despite his immense suffering, to encourage and forgive, to speak truth and give hope. May we this Easter take time to



- #1 Forgive others.
- #2 Heaven is real.
- #3 Care for your parents.
- #4 Express your heart to God.
- #5 Be thirsty for the Living Water.
- #6 Don't give up. Finish it!
- #7 Place your life in God's hands.





Theology—Follow us on twitter [@NDS_THEOLOGY](#)

CREATION PROJECT SHOWCASE: YEAR 7.

Theology was delighted this week to link together the Big Sister, Little Sister scheme and celebrate the amazing creativity which happens at Notre Dame. During the pastoral lesson on Monday the Year 7 showcased their Creation Projects which they completed earlier this term and discussed them with their Sixth Form Big Sisters. After this they then circulated each classroom and looked at the vast array of other projects. I am always so thrilled each year at the variety and effort that has gone into making them. I would also like to thank the parents who helped with the many trips to hobby craft! Finally, a massive congratulations to the Year 7 and their Big Sisters for such a wonderful afternoon celebrating success. Well done!

Mr Newman and Miss Evans.



Sixth Form—Follow us on twitter [@NotreDame_ND6](#)

Munia Joins Brexit Debate

Munia Z was invited to be part of a group of 11-16 year olds to speak with Nicky Cox from First News about politics and Brexit from a young person's perspective. Click on the picture to see the link

BBC News & Sport More MENU

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Breakfast 28/03/2017

The latest news, sport, business and weather from the BBC's Breakfast team.

Programme website

Young Enterprise Success!

Having traded successfully throughout the year, Notre Dame's Young Enterprise Teams made it through to the North Surrey area finals at P&G, Brooklands last Thursday evening. The teams had to present their company to a range of judges and set up a trade stand. A huge congratulations to both year 12 teams, Detox in a Box and Perfect Pouches! Detox in a Box won £50 for the best trade stand and Perfect Pouches won £50 for the best Business Plan. Well done teams! It was great to see you all work together so superbly at the finals.

Mrs Franco



Fundraisers

Lenten Challenge

Congratulations to 7EF and their chaplaincy rep, Lulu W, who raised the most money in the Lenten Challenge. Thank you to all those and in particular the chaplaincy reps who raised money with various initiatives during Lent. All the monies will go to this year's senior charities.

Fundraising Sabbagh Girls

Dina S from 6S and Samar S from year 11 have had a very busy weekend taking part in fundraising for a charity 'bullies out' at stagecoach Chertsey. The girls have performed and worked hard on various types of materials including dance, singing and acting. They have enjoyed sharing their experiences with the parents as well. Way to go ND girls! *Mrs Sabbagh*



"Hoppy Easter, love from Year 1"





Computing—follow us on twitter: [@NDS COMPUTING](#)

iDEA @ Notre Dame

This summer term, students will have the opportunity to join a new senior school activities club. Students will be able to enrol and participate in the Duke of York Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as [iDEA](#).



Inspired by The Duke of Edinburgh Award, which has helped eight million people since its launch in 1956, iDEA allows young people over the age 11 to earn badges and nationally-recognised awards for completing fun and easily online projects.

How iDEA works

Learners take part in a series of challenges in order to win awards. For every new skill and learning experience mastered, iDEA learners are awarded a digital badge. Each badge carries a number of points. When participants earn enough points, they are awarded the Bronze, Silver or Gold Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award.

There are badges which can help you to be safe online, and pick up tips and techniques on topics such as web design, cyber security, cloud computing, coding and digital creations.

Anyone can take part in the programme. All participants need is to be online at [idea.org.uk](#). Ultimately, iDEA is a nationally recognised Award that will help people stand out from the crowd and become economically active.

Mrs Archer



Science—Follow us on twitter: [@NDS SCIENCE](#)

Infant Science Week Poster Competition

Congratulations to the following winner:

Year 2: Winner Arabella M

Runner up Phoebe J

Year 1: Winner Hella C

Runner up Isla F

Reception: Winner Daisy A

Runner up Charlotte S



The winners were each given 2 house points!

Prep Debating Finals

This year, Years 4 and 5 have been taking part in an extended version of the after-school Speak Up programme, aimed at stretching the girls by testing their ability to think quickly and logically under pressure. This culminated in last week's debating finals (with Year 6 joining in following a debating unit in their English lessons). The heats were a very interesting fare with many different styles emerging. For instance, there were some girls who adopted a proactive, attacking style, whereas others went for a calm, defensive approach, waiting for their moment to strike. Congratulations to all of the girls who took part in the heats – it was extremely

difficult to pick two people from each group – for having the guts to stand up in front of an audience and debate. The finals were fiercely contested and, again, were somewhat difficult to call. Well done to all our finalists and budding debaters (though I'm sure, to some parents, an innate ability to debate will come as no great surprise).



Mr Power

Year 6 WW2 Day

We had an amazing day filled with WW2 sirens, Morse code, code breaking, a 1940s PE lesson and of course rationing! We even met an ex-RAF pilot who showed us official RAF hats, uniforms, medals and a flight suit with flight mask! We loved putting on the RAF uniforms and looked very smart indeed. We have learnt so much about WW2 and The Battle of Britain. Everyone enjoyed dressing up for the day in 1940s clothing, we had a range of characters from soldiers and evacuees to pilots and even our Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an appearance. My favourite outfit was the mock turkey worn by Daisy Poole, it made us feel very hungry! Everyone put so much effort into their costumes and we definitely looked the part. I am sure that all of the year 6s will agree, that it was a very fun day!



By Sophia M 6S.

(click on the collage to see the full gallery)



MUSIC BOARD

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Prep News

Spring Concert

Congratulations to our talented Prep musicians on an excellent Spring concert last night! What a fantastic way to end the term!



Mrs Shaw

Senior News

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

The 'Notre Dame Singers' choir performed for the Friends of Notre Dame mothers' day event, held in the sports hall last Friday. They sang a variety of repertoire from choral classics to classic rock. The public were also treated to three solo performers. Special thanks go to each member of choir and to the three soloists: Roisin M, Izzy K and Maisie T. Well done girls and thank you for taking part!



House Music Competition

The girls did themselves proud with a fabulous House Music Competition this year. The 4 houses: Eyquem, Lestonnac, Montaigne and Montferrant, each put forward a solo singer, solo instrumentalist and prepared a group medley with singing, dance moves and cheerleading! It was a great atmosphere showcasing many very talented students and the final judgement was closely fought. The best singer award went to Aoife Madden, the best instrumentalist went to Anna Burrell and the overall house winners were Montferrant. Congratulations to everyone, you were Brilliant!



Whole School News

Music Theory Examinations

Examination Success! We are proud to announce that all the girls passed their theory of music examination with flying colours!

Candidate	Subject	Grade	Mark	Cat
ISABELLA A	MUSIC THEORY	01	098	Distinction
CONSTANZA D	MUSIC THEORY	02	097	Distinction
CAITLIN M	MUSIC THEORY	01	096	Distinction
EMANUELA N	MUSIC THEORY	05	088	Merit
HANNAH S	MUSIC THEORY	02	088	Merit

Maximum mark is 100.

There will be more examination news in the next bulletin.

David Black



DRAMA

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Prep

Year 2 and 6 have scripts to learn over the holidays!

We are looking forward to "There's a Sunflower in My Supper" & "Alice" next term.

Year 6 enjoying some WW2 dance and drama improvisation!



Miss Fletcher

Senior

Notre Dame Drama Students visit Shakespeare's Globe



On Friday 24th March, GCSE and 'A' Level Drama Students saw a matinee performance of Shakespeare's **The Taming of the Shrew** at Shakespeare's Globe on Bankside. The production, part of Deutsche Bank's Playing Shakespeare season, was a vibrant, energetic and lively interpretation of Shakespeare's early comedy. The plot was quite familiar to our 'A' level



students, who performed in the musical 'Kiss Me, Kate' four years ago, but the issues, including sibling rivalry, perceptions and expectations of women and the power of fathers and husbands, contains themes which are still relevant and challenging today. The production, which included

contemporary music, audience interaction, highly physical action and fight sequences and saw the stage area dressed up as a huge wedding cake, contained many bold, comic and poignant performances and answered the question of whether Katherina was really 'tamed' by the clever use of puppetry in the final sequence. An enjoyable and interesting afternoon, experiencing open-air theatre in Elizabethan style was enjoyed by all and will give the drama students much to think and write about.

Miss Graham

DANCE



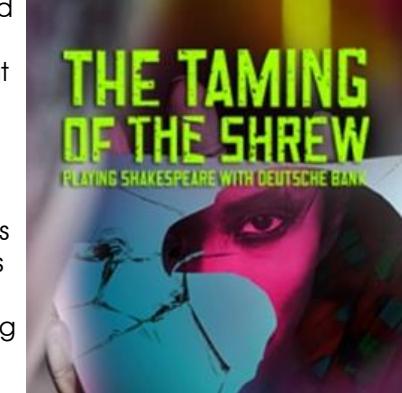
Pictured below are the Nursery boys taking a bow at the end of a very energetic dance class, good work boys!



Year 6 showing beautiful arabesques. Ballerina's of the week are Evie D and Madeleine S Yr 6. Happy Easter to you all.



Mrs Thomas





READING MATTERS @NDS LIBRARY

Prep Library News

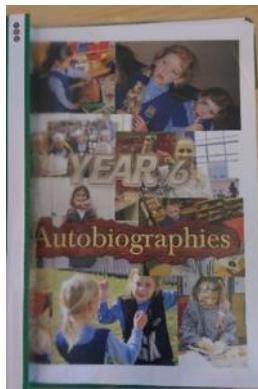
Chatterbooks Club

Our last meeting of the term took place in spring sunshine in and around the treehouse and had a Shakespearian theme. Last week was Shakespeare Week and the girls will be visiting the Orange Tree Theatre next term so we took the opportunity to brush up our Shakespeare. There were word searches, discussions about the meaning of well-known phrases still in use and the opportunity to practise Shakespearian insults. Luckily no-one took offence at being called a scurvy, clay-brained barnacle! Chatterbooks will return on Monday 24th April



Inspirational Biographies

Earlier this term Year 6 studied biographies and inspirational people in their English lessons and this prompted them to create biographies of their own. We now have a selection of fact-files on famous female authors and autobiographies of some of the girls available in the Prep Library. Do come and have a browse!



Abi Elphinstone Visit

Thank you to everyone who has notified the school office that they wish to purchase copies of Abi's books for signing on Tuesday 25th April. The order has now been placed with the bookshop, however we hope that there will be a small supply of books available on the day.

Mrs Thompson



Senior Library News

After the Easter Holidays, Years 7 – 9 will be starting some exciting Library projects. Students will be encouraged to develop their research skills and explore different genres which will complement reading of specific English texts. They will also be expected to write a poem/gothic story/Victorian critique (as below). We really look forward to seeing their creations and prizes will be given for the best projects in each group.



Year 7 will be looking at different types of poetry, poetic terms, creating an anthology and writing their own poems.

YEAR 8 WILL BE RESEARCHING ALL MATTERS GOTHIC – WORDS, IMAGERY, ART, LITERATURE, GRAVEYARD POETRY, ANALYSING GOTHIC TEXT AND WRITING THEIR OWN GOTHIC



Year 9 will be looking at Victorian context to include: the place of women and the family; social class; politics and The Empire; industry; culture; health. They will be researching Victorian writers, analysing texts and preparing their own Victorian glossaries.

Mrs Finch

SPORTS BOARD



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Inter House Netball

On Friday 24th March the Prep Schools Inter House netball competition took place, with all girls from Years 3-6 representing their houses. It was a wonderful demonstration of all that the girls have learnt in the past 2 terms and great to see them embrace the house spirit.

Well done to Richard who won the over-all event with Michel finished 2nd, Jeanne 3rd and Gaston 4th. All the house points will be added to the final Spring term total.



Summer Term After School Clubs

All sports clubs in the summer term will start on Monday 24th April, the full list of the clubs will be published in the first few days back at school.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Please keep collecting the active kids vouchers over the holidays!



Fixtures after Easter Holidays

- Tuesday 25th April- U11 Versatility Tournament
- Wednesday 3rd May – Athletics @ GHS U10 and U11
- Friday 5th May- U8A and B Rounders v Bishopsgate @ ND 3pm
- Monday 8th May- U9, U10 and U11 Surrey Tennis League Matches @ Rowan 4:15pm

ND Girls in Winning League Team

Five ND girls: Alice, Mia S, Thea, Ashleigh and Olivia play for the Fetcham Hawks Netball Team. They are delighted to be crowned Winners of the Mid Surrey League U 11 B Netball team!



Gold for Daisy!

Daisy took part in the NDP London Final trampoline competition on Saturday and got a gold medal in her category. She has now qualified to take part in the Regional Team Final in Birmingham in June.



[Prep Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Purgavie



Fantastic IAPS Swimming Results

IAPS Swimming results have been released

Year 6 Team results:

Medley Relay – Daisy P, Darcey A, Emily S, Victoria F – 42nd out of 124

Freestyle Relay – Victoria F, Jeebin P, Emily S, Madeleine S – 37th out of 135

Individual Backstroke – Emily S – 31st from 136

Individual Breaststroke – Darcey A – 66th from 138

Individual Front Crawl – Madeleine S – 108th from 158

Year 5 Team results:

Medley Relay – Sophie L, Esme S, Sophie K, Sienna W – 11th from 114 – They have qualified for the Finals

Freestyle Relay – Sophie K, Sophie L, Sienna W, Esme S – 6th from 136 – They have qualified for the finals

Individual Backstroke – Sophie K – 5th from 155 – Qualified for the Finals

Individual Front Crawl – Sophie L – 9th from 170 – Qualified for the Finals

Individual Breaststroke – Esme S – 26th from 152

Individual Butterfly – Darcey D – 77th from 107

This is a massive national event and these are fantastic results. I am really proud of all the girls. The Finals are on Saturday 6th May 2017 at the K2 Leisure Centre Crawley.

Mrs Jones

SENIOR

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British Schools Biathlon Championships at Crystal Palace

Three girls from Notre Dame competed in the British Schools Biathlon Championship event last weekend. They all ran and swam really well in the sunny but windy weather. Bella C came 140th in the U12 category, she swam a new Personal Best time in her 50m swim of 41.97. Katie C came 19th in the U13 category, she swam a new Personal Best time in her 100m swim of 1.08.80. Katie also ran a new Personal Best



time for 1600m in 6.12.69. Verity came 34th in the U14 category, she swam a new Personal Best time of 1.12.78 for 100m. Verity also ran a new Personal Best time for 1600m in 6.07.08.

Well done girls!

Miss Mulcahy



Lulu Inter Country Cross Country Runner

Lulu W had been selected to represent Surrey in the South-East Inter County Cross-Country Championships in Reigate last weekend. She ran really well and came 9th out of 78 Year 7 girls!! She came 15th in the Surrey Championships back in January and as a result joined a Cross Country Club in Wimbledon. The club training together with all the cross country meets that she has represented Notre Dame in has been great experience and practise for her and has also contributed to her great result!



Y13 v Staff Netball



Staff v Year 13 netball match ended in 7-7 draw! Well done staff- a great comeback!

[Senior Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Marsh



FoND

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Mother's Afternoon Tea



Thank you to everyone who supported the Mothers' Afternoon Tea event on Friday 24th March. It was a huge success with beautiful food, poems, music and art on display.



■ EARLY YEARS (NDEY)

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This week Squirrels and Hedgehogs have been planting bulbs and seeds in our new flowerbeds. We learnt about the different sizes of plants and demonstrated where in the flower bed each should go according to their height. The children loved digging and putting in the seeds and bulbs!



■ Spring Movie Night



Please continue to purchase on-line via Easyfundraising.

Current amount of supporters: **67**

Donations to date: **£677.38**

■ ND Bake-Off

What a fabulous Bake Off last Friday with excellent entries from both Mrs Coppola (Sabrina's Mummy from Year 3) and Mrs Shaw.

An enormous thank you to both for taking the time and effort to produce two really super treats for us all.

Mrs Coppola pipped the post with her deliciously chocolaty Easter brownie cake, however Mrs Shaw's Easter tree was incredible and totally original.

Prep Bake off will now be taking time off for Easter.

See you back in the new Summer Term!!



■ DATES FOR THE DIARY

31 Mar—6 April Year 5—8 Easter Ski Trip to Alpendorf

2—5 Apr Berlin History Trip

18 Apr Staff Inset day

19 Apr TERM STARTS **School**

20 Apr 7 Billion Ideas Day for Year 1—6 **Prep**

27 Apr FoND meeting in Lytton Parlour 9—10am **School**

20 May FoND Spring Movie Night (Year 1-6) **Prep**

17 June Summer Fete **School**

7 July Daddy/Daughter Campout **Prep**

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS!](#)

■ Easter Netball Camps:

See Firefly Netball page for both Prep and Senior courses with Surrey Storm!



the camps
storm junior netball camps

The Storm is coming. Surrey Storm is putting on camps throughout Easter across the region, giving children across the South East a chance to get access to our elite coaches and Easter camps.

Burgess Hill Girls School
Wednesday 5 April
Thursday 6 April
Friday 7 April

The Royal School, Haslemere
Friday 7 April

Reigate Grammar School
Wednesday 12 April
Thursday 13 April

Surrey Sports Park
Monday 3 April
Tuesday 4 April
Wednesday 5 April
Thursday 6 April
Tuesday 11 April
Wednesday 12 April
Thursday 13 April



For more information and to book visit surreystormnetball.co.uk or call 01483 689111