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The Week @NotreDameCobham

Circus Summer Fete



What a fantastic hot sunny day we had! Many thanks to our wonderful FoND team lead by Mrs Perkin and Mrs Woodger. The dancing, dog show, cakes and numerous stalls were fantastic!

Click on the collage to see the full gallery.

Senior Staff Retirees

We say farewell to Mrs Slade and Mrs Turner at the end of this term. Mrs Turner started at ND in 1982 and Mrs Slade in 2001. Both have been wonderful teachers and also an important part of our pastoral team and will be much



missed by girls, staff and parents. We thank them both for their many years of service and dedication to our school community.



Chaplain's Corner—
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In these past weeks, alongside the stories of tragedy and loss, have been tales of heroism and people bravely reaching out of their comfort zones to help others. Bravery can take many forms and fly in the face of our risk adverse culture, but it is true that if we are to become all that we are made to be, there are times when we will have to be courageous. Embracing life to the full will always involve risk, whether that be of being misunderstood, making a mistake or failing but it is better to have tried that not tried at all. We can help our young people by encouraging them to be brave enough not to let what others think dictate what they do and to be willing to try new things. Fear of commitment is a big thing for this generation but looking at those who have succeeded, maybe at great cost along the way, can be inspirational. The disciples are one such example. They left everything to follow Jesus, not knowing they would be the founders of the world's biggest organisation now responsible for

delivering spiritual, educational and health provision to millions of people. Bravery can start in the small everyday things and must do if we are going to dare to do great things. As the popular saying goes 'Get Your Brave On!'
Mrs Harrison, Chaplain

Congratulations on your Confirmation To Emma, Isabella & Emanuela



Water Fun! #Heatwave2017

There was only one way to cool the Prep down during this week's heatwave and that was with a water-fun session!
Click on the image to see the full gallery!



Senior Girls Mufti Day for Grenfell Tower

As a school we always try to stretch out a helping hand to those in need, and so we are organising an additional charity event for senior girls this term in support of those affected by the tragedy at Grenfell Tower. This will be a non-uniform day on 4th July with the theme 'wear green for Grenfell'. Students wishing to participate should bring at least £1 which will be collected by their form tutors at morning registration.



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Germany Trip

Last week, 17 pupils from years 7, 9 and 10, accompanied by Mrs McGreevy and Miss Bedia, flew to Munich and spent 4 days exploring this beautiful area. Munich is the capital of the state of Bavaria (Bayern) and is situated near the foot of the German Alps.



On Tuesday, once we had checked in to our hotel (H2 in Messestadt) we took the underground into the city centre and enjoyed a guided walking tour through the heart of Munich's beautiful old town (Altstadt). Our German guide, Christiane, was helpful and informative and we learned a great deal about the history of Munich. We were blessed with beautiful warm and sunny weather. We visited Marienplatz, the main square, dominated by the New Town Hall, a magnificent neo-gothic building and Munich's most recognisable landmark. Other highlights included the Catholic churches Frauenkirche, with its famous towers and Gothic spires, the Asamkirche, a beautiful 18th Century Baroque and Rococo church built by two brothers, the church of St Peter (Alter Peter) and the Theatinerkirche. Dinner was at Hofbrauhaus, a unique Bavarian experience. We enjoyed listening to the band, who were dressed in traditional Bavarian costumes.

Wednesday started with a visit to the Viktualienmarkt, Munich's most popular open air food market, where the girls used their German language skills to purchase food and souvenirs. At 11.00 a.m we enjoyed the display of figurines twirling on the New Town Hall. Next was a guided tour of the vast Olympic park. The views from the 291m Olympic tower were really stunning. The girls then enjoyed climbing into cars at BMW world. Dinner was at Osterwaldgarten, a beautiful garden restaurant on the edge of the English Gardens. The day finished

with an evening stroll through the English Gardens to watch daring river surfers surfing on the Isar river rapids.

Neuschwanstein castle was our destination for Thursday. This was the home of Ludwig II (the fairytale King) and is one of the most visited castles in Europe. It is built on a rugged hill overlooking the village of Hohenschwangau. After a 30 minute hike uphill, we were rewarded with beautiful views of the surrounding area. We had time to relax at beautiful lake Alpsee with its crystal clear waters, before returning to Munich in the evening.

On Friday, we just had time for a spot of local shopping before heading back to the airport. We all felt sad to leave this beautiful part of the world.

Mrs McGreevy



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Geography Fieldtrip

As part of our A level independent investigation we spent last Friday studying regeneration of the London Docklands and Monday at Seaford Head in Sussex for coastal studies. In London we visited the museum which consolidated what we have learnt about the decline of this area and the resulting regeneration programme. We carried out environmental index surveys and interviewed commuters about their perception of the changes to Canary Wharf. In the afternoon we travelled to Stratford to bring to life one of our regeneration case studies. On one of the hottest days of the year we escaped the classrooms for some outside learning at Seaford Head. First of all we had an informative introductory talk at the museum situated on the seafront Martello Tower then armed with ranging poles, clinometers and callipers we measured variables along a transect. After all this hard work, we did manage to find time for an ice cream on the seafront!



Dover Castle Standing Strong Since 1181

On Wednesday Year 7 visited Dover Castle described as the 'key to England' because of its defensive significance throughout history. The girls had the opportunity to visit the Keep, which was built by Henry II. They were able to see the Great Hall, the King's Chamber and the chapel dedicated to Thomas Becket. They then went onto the roof to see the spectacular views of the surrounding area. They were able to imagine what it would have been like to spot the French troops crossing the channel in an attempt to overthrow King John.



The girls then visited the church of St Mary in Castro, built in 1000 AD. This church is the second oldest in the country and is still in use today. Next to the church the girls could see the site of the first Motte and Bailey Castle which was built by William the Conqueror. It was also possible to see the Roman lighthouse built in 150 AD.

We enjoyed a picnic lunch in the shade as the trip coincided with the summer solstice and the hottest day of the year since 1976! The girls coped admirably in the heat and kept cool with water and ice creams! During the course of the day the girls had the chance to enjoy a wall walk in the sunshine and learn about the rich history of Dover Castle further. The girls were made aware of the castle's links with the Napoleonic Wars and the Second World War.

It was an excellent trip that reinforced the girls' knowledge and understanding of the Medieval Period and introduced them to topics that they will study next year. Thank you to Miss Dudgeon, Mr Coackley, Miss Evans, Mr McClenaghan and Mrs Paige for accompanying the girls.

Mrs Ha, Head of History

Careers in Medicine with Dr Hannah Davidson

This week, senior girls were given the opportunity to listen to Dr Davidson speaking about careers in medicine. Lots of #foodforthought ladies!



UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge 2017



Last half term Mathematicians from Year 6, 7 and 8 took part in the Junior Maths Challenge. Of the 250,000 pupils from across the UK who enter, the top 6% achieve gold, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze. Notre Dame has achieved a total of 21 awards this year (1 gold, 7 silver and 13 bronze).

Year 8

Bronze certificates are awarded to Ava W, Alicia W, Rosie W, Elizabeth D and Tiana W

Silver certificates are awarded to Soobin P, Isabel K, Maya G and Verity P

A Gold certificate is awarded to Haeun C who also receives the Best in Year and Best in School award

Year 7

Bronze certificates are awarded Anabel W, Sloane H, Lotty G, Hannah C, Annabelle T and Lauren G

Silver certificates are awarded to Eloise A and Manusa A who both jointly receive the Best in Year award

Year 6

Bronze certificates are awarded to Maddy S & Darcey A
A Silver certificate is awarded to Daisy P

Well done to all the girls who took part and especially to our award winners of 2017.

Mrs Bream (Head of Mathematics)

Year 7 Trip to the Natural History Museum

Year 7 enjoyed their day at the museum finding out about the Earth and the rock cycle!





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School News

Soirees

Thank you to Miss Treharne and her pupils for this afternoon's lovely Singing Soirée, and to Mr Black for accompanying.



Thank you to Miss Porter and her lovely flautists for their beautiful flute soirée this week.



The Saxophone and Clarinet pupils of Mrs Andrews also played beautifully, unfortunately no pictures were taken!

Upcoming Summer Soirees

Date	Instrument + teacher	Venue
June 27 th	Guitar students of Mr Mitchell	Chapel at 2.10pm
June 28 th	Drum pupils of Mr Sweeney	Prep Music Room at 2.10pm
June 28 th	Cello and recorder students of Mrs Walker	Chapel at 4.10pm
June 30 th	Oboe and Piano students of Miss Gibbons	Lytton Parlour at 4.10pm
July 3 rd	Brass and Piano (Mr Maxwell)	Chapel at 4.10pm
July 6 th	Violin pupils of Mrs Keeley	Chapel at 4.10pm

ABRSM Exams

A reminder that the date of the ABRSM exams is next Tuesday 27 June. The last set of rehearsals with the accompanist will take place on Monday 19 June.

Mrs Shaw

Senior News

Senior Summer Concert

The senior summer concert is on Wednesday 5th July 2017. The evening entitled 'Music for a Summer Evening' will begin at 7.00pm with Pimms on the lawn followed by the music concert in the Chapel starting at 7:30pm. The concert will feature music by the chamber choir, Notre Dame Singers, senior school orchestra and selected soloists and will run for about an hour. Please try to keep the date free in your diaries as it promises to be a lovely event and I look forward to seeing you then.

Mr Black

DANCE



Ballerinas of the Week

All Year 5 and 6 dancers in the production of Alice!



Distinctions for Dancing Sisters!

Mia & Poppy S were thrilled to earn distinctions in their dance exams last month.

Mia - Grade 2 modern, and Poppy - Primary ballet and Grade 1 modern.

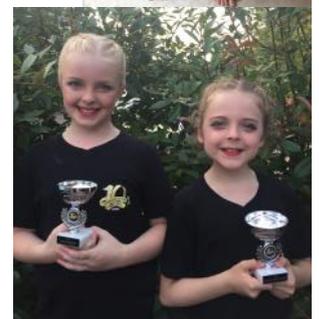


Caitlin and Amy Win Trophies for Dance

Last weekend, Caitlin M and Amy M were awarded trophies at their dance school Flipside for tap dancing and Jazz dancing!

Well done girls!

Mrs Thomas





DRAMA

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Prep

Year 5 & 6 Production of 'Alice'

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Year 5 and 6 production of Alice! What a wonderful showcase of talent we were treated to! Acting, singing, Dancing was absolutely superb!

Click on the collage to see the full gallery on Flickr!



LAMDA—Prep

Last week, many of the LAMDA girls in the Prep school took an acting exam. The examiner told me that she was impressed and had greatly enjoyed the day as she had been entertained by all the girls.

The LAMDA showcases give you all the opportunity to come and see the girls perform some of their work for you.

Prep 3 and 4

LAMDA showcase will be next Tuesday, 27th June at 9.15 until 10.30.

Prep 5 and 6

LAMDA Showcase will next Tuesday, 27th June at 4.15 until 5.15.

Light refreshments will be served.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Mrs C Wighton

Senior

The Firework Maker's Daughter

Rehearsals are well underway for The Firework Maker's Daughter, this year's Lower School Play, which will be performed next Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June at 7:00pm in the Montaigne Theatre. We are having a lot of fun in rehearsals. Expect to see dancing fireworks, musical pirates, gossiping market traders, a volcano and a Fire Fiend, an Emerald Lake and a Goddess and a proud king and his long-suffering retinue and a cheeky boy and his talking elephant all coming together to tell the story of resourceful Lila and her quest to be a firework maker like her father.



Please do come along and support the cast!

Miss Graham





READING MATTERS

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Prep Library News

Year 6 Picture Books

A huge well done to every girl in Year 6 for the enormous amount of work they have put in to creating their own picture books. The girls are now taking orders for them and hope to raise



lots of money for charity. If you didn't manage to place your order at the Fete look out for another chance to do so at our Sports Day next week.

Carnegie and Greenaway Awards

For the first time ever in the history of both the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals, the UK's oldest and most prestigious children's book awards, winners from the United States have triumphed in both categories announced on Monday 19th June, at a ceremony at RIBA in London.



Lane Smith, acclaimed artist and author, won the Kate Greenaway Medal for his illustrations in *There is a Tribe of Kids*, a picture book exploring the power of collective nouns and the importance of play and exploration.

Ruta Sepetys won Carnegie Medal for the first time for *Salt to the Sea*, an historical novel for secondary pupils relating events surrounding a disaster suffered by refugees. A very appropriate winner during National Refugee Week.

The Amnesty CILIP Award was presented to Francesca Sanna for her stunning picture book *The Journey*, another story based on the plight of refugees.

Chatterbooks Club

At our meeting this week we enjoyed looking at the books that had been shortlisted for this year's Greenway Award and the many past winners that we have on the library shelves. Books published as long ago as the 1950s, for example *Edward All Alone*, were still enjoyed by the girls.

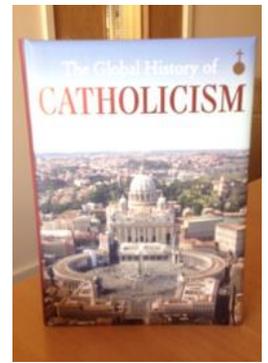


There will not be a Chatterbooks meeting on Monday 26th due to Sports Day but Chatterbooks will be back on Monday 3rd July.

Mrs Thompson

Senior Library News

We are delighted to have received (via the Theology Department) several copies of *The Global History of Catholicism*. These beautifully illustrated books were donated by The Lord Brennan Catholic Education Trust - as part of a larger international project 'to enable educational institutions to broaden religious and cultural horizons and share good pedagogic practice'.



It has been described by the *Catholic Herald* as 'A gorgeous Catholic history for beginners' and we look forward to sharing its contents with the students.

Book Awards

Well done to Isabella B from Year 7 who has completed her Reading Passports and received a Book Award.



Mrs Finch

SPORTS BOARD



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Good Luck this weekend

Good Luck to the girls who are taking part in various sporting activities this weekend, U7-U10 Athletics at Downsend on Saturday and then the National Catholic Athletics on Sunday.

Last Week of Term

There will be no clubs on the last week of term Monday 3rd - Friday 7th July.

Clubs Next Week

- Due to Sports Day on Monday 26th June there will be no clubs on this day.
- Year 2 netball on Wednesday has finished and will recommence in September.
- On Thursday 29th June it is the last Rounders Skills Clubs 8:15am-8:40am. Parents of the children who attend are welcome to stay and play with the girls for this last session. **Trainers must be worn!**
- A reminder that Football club will resume in September.

Fixtures until the end of term

- Monday 26th Infant and Junior Sports Day
- Tuesday 27th Nursery Sports Day 10:30-11:30am
- Wednesday 28th - U8-U11 Athletics @ MHS
- Friday 30th - U8 A and B Rounders v Rowan @ Oaken Lane
- Monday 3rd - U7 Rounders v Rowan @ Oaken Lane 2:30pm
- Tuesday 4th July- U9A&B Rounders v CLFS @ 3pm @ ND

[Prep Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Purgavie

SPORTS DAY – Monday 26th June 2017

I do hope you can all join us on the day. The arrangements are as follows:

All girls should come to sports day in their PE uniform. Please apply sunscreen and provide a sunhat. Girls may wear hair ribbons in their House colours. NO Jewellery!

Infants Sports – 9.15 am START. Girls do not need to come into school until 9.00am. Infants may go home after their sports event but please let their class teacher know before leaving. They are, of course, welcome to stay and watch the junior sports. Infants who are not collected will be supervised until normal home time.

If you want your daughter to stay at school after sports day please tick the box below. If your daughter will be in school before 9.00 am please complete the relevant section in the form below.

Please Use Carpark 1

Junior Sports – 12.00 noon START. Girls do not need to come into school until 11.45am except for House, Swimming & Games Captains and Vice Captains who are needed to help with the infants sports. Girls may be in school in the morning and they will be supervised if parents cannot attend. If your daughter will be in school before 11.45am please complete the relevant section in the form below.

Please Use Carpark 4

Parents are warmly encouraged to bring a picnic to enjoy an early lunch in the grounds with their daughter(s) before 11.45am. Please complete the slip below regarding the provision of a school packed lunch for your daughter(s).

Mrs Jones

Outside School Achievements Silver for Imogen

Imogen entered the trials for the Surrey youth games in both cricket and squash to get the chance to represent Epsom and Ewell in the games. She was chosen as part of the team in both sports and came away with a 5th place for the cricket and a silver medal in the squash. It was a very busy weekend especially in the heat but she was very proud to take part.



Daisy Reaches Regional Finals!

Daisy P competed on Friday 16, Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 June in Birmingham for the Trampoline Regional Finals, she represented London.

Daisy finished 16th and was happy with the result.



SENIOR @NotreDame SPORT



U12 A & U13 A Athletics Competition at Claremont

Notre Dame's U12 A and U13 A athletics teams competed at Claremont on Thursday 15th June. Notre Dame performed very well in both age groups. The following U12 A girls came first in their events: Esther in

the 100m sprint, Lulu in the 800m, Poppy P in the hurdles and Roisin in the high jump. The U13 A team also competed really well, with the following girls finishing in first place in their events: Caitlin in the hurdles, long jump and 300m, Ava in the discus and Katie in the high jump.

Great results girls, well done!

Rounders

U15 A & B v Manor House



Congratulations to the A team (left) who achieved a resounding win 16-5 even with sore feet from D of E! The B team also had a great match losing 2-6.

U13 & 14 at Prior's Field

U13A&B and U14A&B battled in heat at Prior's Field but came 2nd!



Tennis

U12 win 6-3 v Manor House in lovely sunshine!



Pre-Sports Day Races

The Year 10 1500m race was completed this week.

Congratulations to Emanuela 1st, Emma 2nd and Florence 3rd

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Mrs Marsh





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Circus Summer Fete

Huge thanks to everyone who came to support the circus-summer fete! Also thanks to our wonderful team of helpers who managed to survive the soaring temperatures!

Daddy / Daughter Campout!

Friday 7th July
from 3.00pm!



Whooo...
Loves
to Camp?

- Tickets from £25
- Open to years 1 - 6
- Price includes an evening meal, ice-cream and breakfast on Saturday morning
- Fire pits allowed
- Note: cars will not be permitted on the field
- No tent building service offered this year

Year 6 – come and celebrate the end of prep school at the campout!

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feel good shopping

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Current amount of supporters: **69**

Donations to date: **£892.07**

DofE Bronze Scorching Success!

Over the weekend of Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June, 43 Year 10 Girls successfully completed their Bronze assessment expedition. Through exhausting heat the girls



demonstrated real resilience and determination to complete their trek around the Surrey hills area. Starting on Saturday morning on Ranmore Common, the girls enjoyed the fantastic views across Surrey as they wound their way down to their wild camping site just outside Holmbury St.Mary. After another long day trekking on Sunday the girls finally completed their expedition tired, but in high spirits. All the girls felt that they were so pleased to have met the challenge under such difficult weather conditions.

Well done girls and good luck to the Year 11 Silver canoe group who are going out on their final expedition next week, and the Gold Canoe group going out at the end of July.

Ms Mason

EARLY YEARS (NDEY)



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Reception were very excited to dig up the potatoes that they planted in March. They have been very patient waiting for them to grow underground and watching the changes with the flowers. Well done girls!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

23-26 June Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 PGL Trip **Snr**

26 June Prep Sports Day **Prep**

27 June Nursery Sports Day - morning **NDEY**

New Year 7 Induction Day

Y3 & 4 LAMDA showcase am **Prep**

Y5 & 6 LAMDA showcase 4.15—5.30pm **Prep**

ABRSM Music Examinations **School**

29 June Y10 ND6 Taster Day **Snr**

Prep First Holy Communion Mass (10:30) & Lunch **Prep**

Lower School Play Performance **7—9pm Snr**

Careers Event at Guildford Research Park 4.30-7pm

Snr girls (11-18) and Parents invited **Snr**

30 June Senior Sports Day at Spectrum, Guildford **Snr**

4 July Infant (Rec, Y1&2) trip to Discovery Centre, Bracknell **Prep**

Y3 Trip to Wakefield Place **Prep**

Y13 Leavers' Mass & Dinner 5.30—10.30pm **ND6**

5 July Year 6 Ceremony of Achievement 11—1.30pm **Prep**

Y10 Maths lecture at Yvonne Arnaud **Snr**

Senior Summer Concert 7pm Pimms on the lawn **Snr**

6 July School Picnic

7 July Senior Prize Giving 10.30—12.30pm **Snr**

Daddy/Daughter Campout from 3pm **Prep**

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