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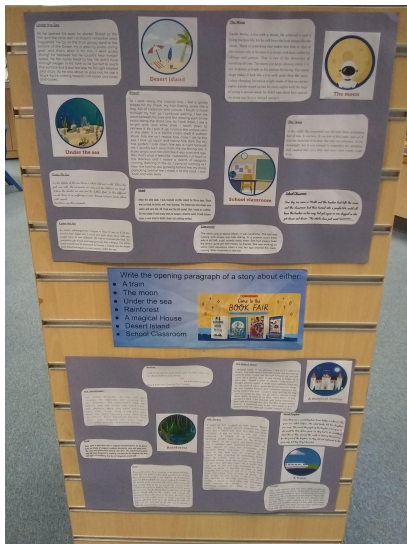
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**16th December 2022**

***"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas everytime you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."***  
**Mother Teresa**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we come to the end of an enjoyable and successful term, I wanted to thank you all for your continued support and share with you our news and achievements across Notre Dame and St. Boniface's College.



**Opening Paragraph Writing Competition**

As part of the Scholastic Book Fair in the Notre Dame Library, Mrs Jerrett ran an opening paragraph writing competition.

Students were tasked with writing the opening paragraph of a story about one of the following topics; a train, the moon, under the sea, the rainforest, a magical house, a desert island or a school classroom. A selection of the stories are on display in the Notre Dame School library for staff and students to enjoy. There were many wonderful entries, and the following five students won Scholastic book vouchers; Taloula S01, Sofia N04, Amelia C02, Kyla S02 and Matilda C01.



**Red Wednesday** A day when we remember the Church in need.



Red symbolises the blood of martyrs, the blood of women and men who have died in the name of their faith. The red reminds us of the gift and love shown by the martyrs, the blood they shed because they refused to respond to violence with violence. Our Year 7 and 8 St Boniface's College students and Year 9 Student Leaders attended mass at St Peter's, to pray for persecuted Christians around the world. The theme was 'Go to Mass for a child who cannot.' Our students showed incredible respect and focus.





## ND Sixth visit The Barden Corporation



Sixth Form students visited The Barden Corporation, a world leader in design and manufacturing. The trip included a tour of the workshop looking at production and manufacturing and a chance to meet some employees and ask questions to people in the industry. It was a great opportunity to delve deeper into career options in the industries relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

## Volcano! Volcano!

This term Year 8 Geography students across both schools have learnt about plate tectonics and the hazards caused by this movement. The group has produced some great volcanoes which have included a case study of an eruption. Students used various products to make their volcanoes erupt! Great work!



## S.T.E.M Trip to Schneider Electric



On Thursday 17th November, some of our Year 10 Design and Technology, Product Design students visited Schneider Electric for a Women in Industry S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) experience.



The day started with a fantastic presentation about the company's products and technological pursuits. Students were then set a design task, had a very insightful factory tour and then presented their ideas to the company's designers and engineers.

The students created some amazing work and one of our groups won the design challenge, making us all very proud. We learnt a lot about electrical systems, internet connectivity, smart homes, heating systems, manufacturing, polymers and testing processes. To conclude, they had some exciting career advice and then left with a generous goodie bag. Well done to all who attended and we look forward to future links with Schneider Electric.

## Geography Trip to Millbay and The Barcode, Plymouth



Year 11 students undertook GCSE Fieldwork at Millbay and the Barcode in Plymouth. Students focused on the regeneration of the area and the development of the retail complex.



The year group collected the data and then went to Plymouth University to analyse and present their findings. It was a beautiful sunny day and it was great to get out and explore and analyse local regeneration.

## Sporting Star!

Notre Dame student Phoebe recently flew to Belfast to compete in the International All-round Weightlifting Association (IAWA) Gold Cup. This event is the association's yearly international lifting event where competitors try and break existing IAWA world records in their age and weight category. The event was attended by weightlifters from the UK, Finland and America.

Phoebe performed two lifts and set new IAWA world records in the team deadlift and the one-hand dumbbell deadlift. Phoebe now holds three gold IAWA world records and 6 British records for her age category and as well as being the first disabled child athlete to compete and set records.



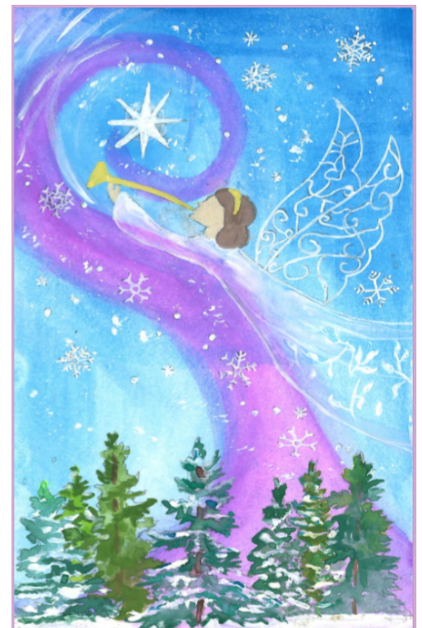
## School Christmas Card Competition 2022

At the end of the last term we advertised the annual joint school Christmas card competition. Students were tasked with designing a card that fitted into the theme.

We received some fabulous artwork well done to all those who submitted a Christmas card, it was a very tough decision.

This year's winning Christmas card (*pictured right*) was created by Amelia Jones, year 8 student at Notre Dame School. Well done Amelia!

**"Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11**



## English Christmas Poetry Competition 2022



This term Miss Taphouse held a Christmas Poetry competition across both schools based on the topic of 'giving'.

Congratulations and thank you to all those who entered the English Christmas poetry competition this year. It was a really difficult decision to make, with lots of fabulous entries from across the year groups.

We felt that the winning poem fitted the topic of 'giving,' as well as being an uplifting poem, which was particularly apt for this time of year. Congratulations to Hast Dosky Year 7

Notre Dame for the poem 'Christmas Gift.' Keep writing everyone!

### Christmas Gift Written by Hast Dosky S01

The gifts I'd leave beneath your tree  
Aren't those that you can touch or see.  
Not wrapped in Christmas tissue,  
but gifts to bless you everyday.  
The gift of friendship warm and true,  
Is one that I would leave for you.  
Good health and happiness and cheer,  
To keep you smiling through the year.  
The gift of peace that comes from God,  
With prayers to guide each path you lead.  
And when your heart has lost its song,  
The gift of hope to cheer you on!  
These are the gifts I'd leave for you,  
My good friend!

## Christmas Jumper Day 2022



On Friday 16th December 2022, Staff and students across both schools wore a festive/Christmas jumper and mufti with funds raised donated to the charity Save the Children.

This year, the UK government has pledged to match all donations made to Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day between 1st December 2022 and 1st March 2023, doubling the difference made to help families. The funds raised go towards a wonderful cause, helping families in Kenya receive food and medicine. Further details on the charity Save the Children, and the work that they do can be found on the following website [www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/fag](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/fag) Thank you for your support.

## School Christmas Lunch

Students at Notre and St Boniface's College enjoyed a wonderful traditional Christmas lunch in the school canteen. It was lovely to see students pulling crackers and laughing with friends. Thank you to the catering staff across both schools for the fantastic festive lunch!



## ND Sixth Open Evening

Thank you to all that attended our ND Sixth Form Open Evening earlier this term. It was great to welcome families back onto the school site and show you what our sixth form has to offer. We work in partnership with other TLP schools in the area offering a range of courses, shared resources and support between the schools. ND Sixth has an impressive track record in supporting the further education of students from a wide range of backgrounds with a wide range of aspirations.

The evening featured a presentation from our Head of ND Sixth, Mrs. Carole Slade, along with contributions from our Senior Student Team. Following the presentation, guests participated in a tour of the school, met with subject teachers and current students to learn more about Sixth Form life.

## Notre Dame & St Boniface's College Christmas Carol Service



For the first time in three years, we were thrilled to be able to open our school doors earlier this week for joint school Christmas Carol Service. Students in Years 7 and 8 from both schools had been practising carols in their school music lessons in the run up to the Carol Service. They performed beautifully on the night in front of an audience of parents and guests.

Thank you to all that sang, performed and attended, what an excellent start to the festive season.

## ND/SBC SUMMER SHOW 2023



### AUDITIONS

In January

YEARS 7-10  
+ 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM

Prepare a **SONG**  
from a **MUSICAL**

## Notre Dame & St Boniface's College Summer Show 2023

We are very pleased to announce Mary Poppins as our School Summer Show at the end of the school year.

Auditions will be held in January 2023 for Years 7-10 and Sixth Form. To audition please prepare a 1 minute song from a musical of your choice!



## Reverse Advent Calendar

This term Notre Dame & St. Boniface's College ran a reverse advent calendar, collecting items for those in need across Plymouth. Items included dry goods, tinned foods and personal items.

Thank you for all your generous donations. This week Sixth Form students delivered the items to Shekinah Mission in Plymouth, who were overwhelmed by the generosity.



We are currently seeking two Parent Governors, one to represent each school. Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of election can stand for election. Specialism in Health and Safety matters would be especially welcome. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor for either Notre Dame or St. Boniface's College please contact our Clerk to Governors Mrs Laird via email [hlaird@ndonline.org](mailto:hlaird@ndonline.org) or via telephone 01752 775101.

As we approach the end of the term I would like to say best wishes for a wonderful maternity leave to Miss M. Thorne, Exams Officer at Notre Dame and St Boniface's College. We also bid a fond farewell this term to Mr. A. Redmond, Head of Geography after over 20 years at Notre Dame and wish Meal Time Assistant, Mrs A. Brimacombe a happy retirement after over 12 years at Notre Dame. Thank you and farewell also to Mrs. J Vincent who has been working with us in Science this term and Mr T. Robertshaw, I.T Technician at St. Boniface's College.

As the cold weather moves in please ensure students come to school with suitable warm weather clothing. Coats and hats/scarfs/gloves. Please can parents also be mindful of our school opening times below.

**St. Boniface's College open to students from 08.00am**  
**Notre Dame school open to students from 08.00am**

I hope your holiday season is full of peace, joy and happiness and look forward to welcoming all students back to school on **Wednesday 04th January 2023.**

Yours sincerely,

*K M White*

Mrs K White  
Headteacher

