

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we welcomed students back from what we hope was a restful, re-energizing and enjoyable half-term break. We offer no apologies for the length of this week's newsletter as it simply reflects what a full, enriching and fantastic week we've had!

Theme for the week - Charity



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MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER

This week's theme and assembly focused on our most important core value – Charity. We reflected on the gospel reading in which Jesus was tested in the temple by the Pharisees and the clear links between his 'greatest commandment' and our greatest core value. The Notre Dame brand of 'charity' was best articulated by our foundress, St. Julie, who asked us to **"do small things with great love"**.

At Notre Dame, charity is not necessarily about donations or giving to charitable organisations; it is about being charitable in our thoughts, words and actions to all of those around us. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said "kind words are short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

1804 Society



This week's assembly also gave us an opportunity to introduce pupils to a group of students who best embody and live out our core values: **our 1804 Society**. The 1804 Society is an important part of our school community. It represents everything that we feel is essential to being a good citizen in the world that we live. It reminds us that our efforts can make our world a better and kinder place for everyone.

Introduced by our new Head Girl, Alexis, and our new Head Boy, Paul, the society launched a range of new clubs, projects and societies which are aimed at addressing the needs of young people in our community. Please encourage your children to take part in at least one of the projects below. Well done and thank you to all 1804 members, who presented so impressively.



Careers Provider Event



This Tuesday, our fantastic careers programme included a brilliant Providers Event for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. The event was supported by a wide range of Further Education, Higher Education, apprenticeship and work-based learning providers. Students had the opportunity to visit stalls, speak to representatives and, of course, bag lots of "merch"! Thank you, as always, to our amazing careers lead, Mrs Hall, for planning and providing such a valuable experience for our students. *Look out in our newsletter next week for our 'Top Tips' video with advice for our students from each provider!*



'The Pantry' at Notre Dame

On Tuesday, parents and carers who use our ParentApp service, will have received a message from our Chaplain, Miss Wall, regarding our 'Pantry' food and essentials bank. At Notre Dame, we fully appreciate the current financial pressures many of us are facing. These pressures are likely to be compounded by winter temperatures and the pressures of providing 'the perfect Christmas'.

The Pantry is a confidential service (foodbank) run by Notre Dame, whereby you can contact Miss Wall and ask for help with items of shopping, food and toiletries, that you are currently unable to afford under these challenging times. You may only need to use The Pantry once, or you may need to use it on a more regular basis. You don't even need to share this information with your child.

If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Wall either by telephone or email at rwall18.341@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk.



Bonfire Night Celebrations

We would also like to wish every member of the Notre Dame family a safe and enjoyable Guy Fawkes night celebration. The dangers of fireworks have been well-publicised over the years but as a helpful and timely reminder of those dangers and some helpful tips on how to stay safe during bonfire night, please see the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents' website at

<https://www.rosipa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>



**WE WISH EVERY NOTRE DAME FAMILY
A PEACEFUL AND SAFE WEEKEND.**

Mr Duffy

Poetry Competition Winners

Congratulations to our 3 students, Maria, Juliette and Yana for winning the Blackout Poetry Competition organised by our School Librarian, Miss Dennis.

The students each came up with a unique and powerful poem and showed excellent flair and imagination with their presentation - really capturing the spirit of the 'Blackout' censorship theme.

Miss Dennis said, "I was blown away by the standard of work we received - the students had stiff competition but each poem was fantastic!"

The student was awarded an Amazon Voucher as a prize - well done!



Our theme in the library this month is
"Non-Fiction November"



All Souls Activity - Month of Remembrance

In the Christian Church, November is the month when we remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel.

On the Feast of All Souls, we welcomed students and staff to our chapel to write a name-card in remembrance of a loved one and light a candle to symbolise their memory living on.

We will remember all of these people during staff prayer on a Tuesday and during weekly Mass with Fr Richard.

"Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are." – St. John Chrysostom

This will be open in the chapel throughout November.



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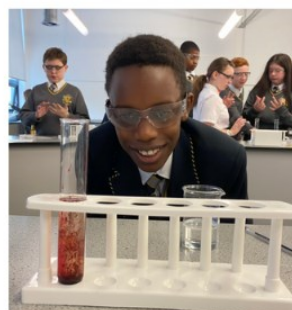
YEAR 7 - EXPLORE SCIENCE!

Our Year 7 students are invited to join Miss O'Hare for our Science Club.

Wednesdays in Room 86, 3-4pm (afterschool)

Activities so far have included slime and lava lamp making and a fireworks workshop!

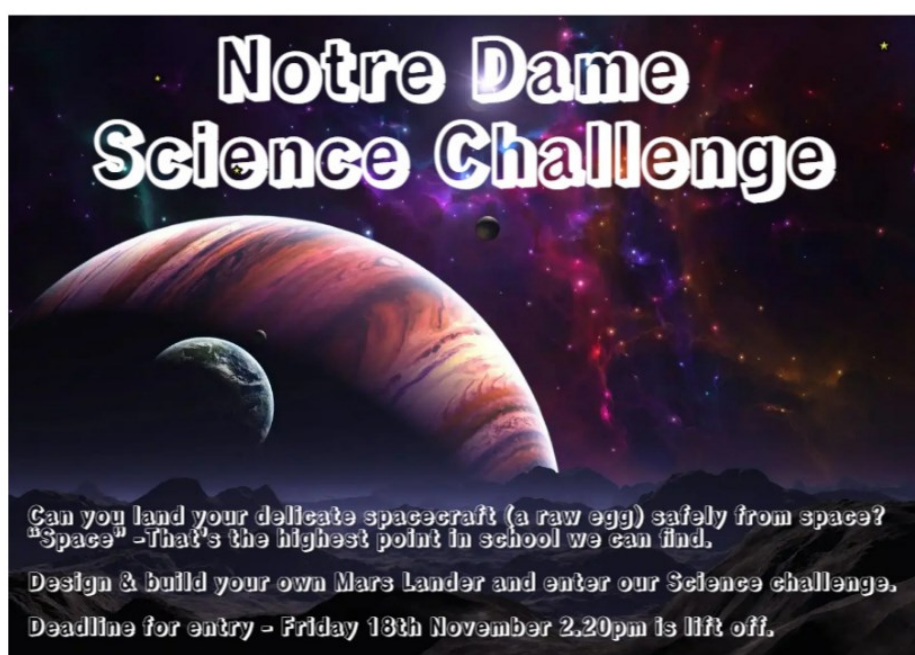
If your child is interested in joining, please ask them to see Miss O'Hare in Room 80 to sign up.



**OPENING
MINDS**

Take on our Science Challenge

Can you land your spacecraft (a raw egg) from space aka the highest point we can find in school?! Take part in our Science Challenge - If your child is interested, please ask them to speak to the Science department for further information.



FORM GROUP CHALLENGE



We're hosting a Form Group Challenge between now and Christmas to crown our 'Best Attending Form' in each year group. The form groups with the highest collective attendance at the end of term will be rewarded for their efforts with a trip!

Our Year 7 winners will be rewarded with a trip to the cinema on Tuesday 20th December

Our Year 8 winners will be rewarded with a trip to the cinema or Mini Golf (depending on availability) on Monday 19th December

Our Year 9 winners will be rewarded with a trip to mini golf on Monday 19th December

Our winners in Year 10 & 11 will be rewarded with a trip to the Christmas Markets on Monday 19th December

WHO WILL BE THE CHAMPIONS?!



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SAFEGUARDING UPDATES

If you feel a child is at risk (suffering harm, neglect or abuse) Any member of the public can contact Careline on 0151 233 3700 or Merseyside Police on 0151 709 6010

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

If you currently need support for your mental health or well being these are some of the organisations who are happy to listen and help:

Anxiety UK
03444775774 (Helpline)
075374160905 (Text)

Childline
0800 1111 (Free 24 hr helpline)

Papyrus Hotline (Under 35s at risk of suicide or concerned for another)
0800 068 4141 07786209697 (text)

The Mix (Support & Advice for under 25s)
0808 068 4994 85258 (Text THEMIX)

Young Minds
0808 803 5544 (Parent helpline)
85258 (Free 24hr crisis messenger, text YM)

Young Stonewall Information & support for young people who identify as LGBTQ
0800 050 2020

Samaritans Support for anyone who needs to talk
116 123 (Call)

Bullybusters
0800 169 6928
Please refer to the school website for further contact

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<https://ypas.org.uk/services/whats-on-calendar/>



DOMESTIC ABUSE/VIOLENCE

Please remember, in an emergency dial 999 for immediate assistance. You can call 999 without speaking then pressing 55, or tapping or coughing into the phone. This will enable police to respond Women's Aid 0808 2000 247 (24 hr helpline) Men's Advice Line 0808 801 0327 Worst Kept Secret Helpline Merseyside

The Safeguarding Team

Headteacher – Mr P Duffy
Deputy Headteacher – Mrs AM Costello
Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs E Brennan

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads
Mrs J Littleboy – Assistant Head of Year
Mr D McKeon – Leadership – Director of Behaviour
Mr A McVerry – Leadership – SENCO
PC P Wood – School Safer Police Officer
Miss H McCullen – Leadership/Alternative Provision
Mrs P Shrimpton – Attendance Officer
Mrs K Sweeney – Special Educational Needs
Miss C Lee Y7, Ms R Glorman Y8, Mrs S Doran Y9, Mrs J Littleboy Y10, Mrs E Garvey Y11 – Pastoral Assistant Heads of Year

www.notredameliverpool.com/safeguarding/