



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



MISS WISHART'S MESSAGE

HEAD OF YEAR 7 AT NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Welcome to the first 2024 edition of the Notre Dame Catholic College **'Primary Newsletter'** celebrating the many amazing activities and opportunities we share as a school network!



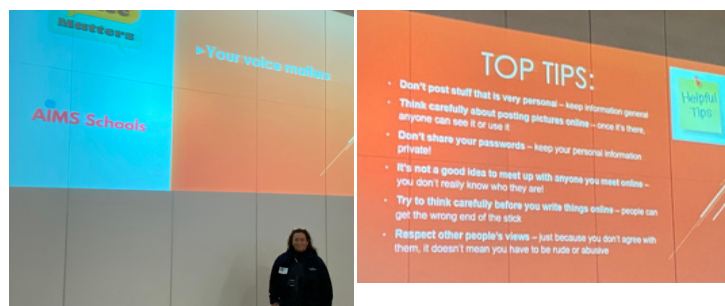
This edition comes during Children's Mental Health Week and the week of Safer Internet Day. We have loved seeing and hearing about the various activities our local Primary Schools have been participating in this week via their X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram channels, promoting good mental health awareness and ways to stay safe online. Our own Notre Dame students in Year 7 and 8 have also been exploring this in assemblies with Bully Busters (AIMS Schools), and many remembered Sherrrell and Natalie from their previous visits to their Primary Schools! They discussed ways to stay safe online and safe, effective strategies for dealing with conflict or unkindness.

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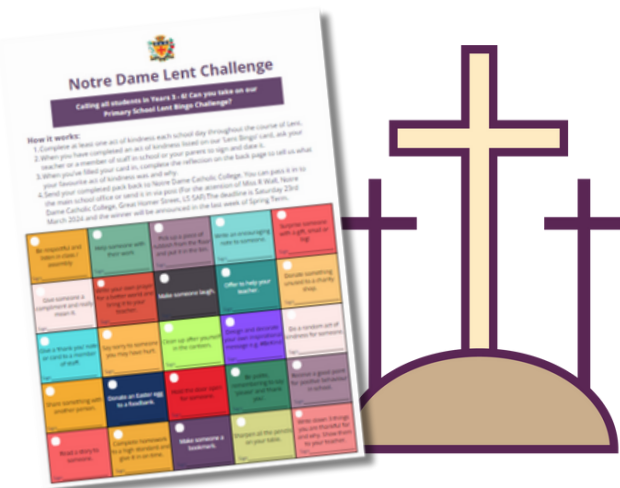


Take part in our Lent Challenge!

Our School Chaplain, Miss Wall, has put together a special activity pack to share with primary schools in our area. The pack is for students in Years 3, 4, 5 and Year 6 to encourage them to challenge themselves to do one act of kindness in school each day during Lent. If you manage to complete all the acts listed on our 'Lent Bingo' card, you could be crowned the winner of our Challenge and receive a prize!

Our Lent Challenge will officially begin on Monday 19th February, but students can start early and complete 'bonus acts of kindness from the very beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday, 14th February) if they wish! (Don't forget to note down any extra acts you complete!)

Full details of the challenge will be shared with your primary school, [or you can download your own activity pack here!](#)



60
Places available

Year 5

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 23rd March 2024
8.45am - 12pm

NDCC
EASTER
BONANZA

Year 5 - Join us at our Easter Bonanza 2024!

Back for 2024! Our Notre Dame Catholic College Easter Bonanza event returns to offer an opportunity for Year 5 students to join us on Saturday 23rd March 2024, 8.45am - 12pm (noon) for a morning filled with fun, Easter-themed activities whilst exploring the subjects and facilities secondary school has to offer. Spaces to this event will be limited and offered on a first-come-first-served basis and is an ideal introduction to 'BIG school'.

Last years' event saw our Year 5 guests take part in NASA inspired egg-naught experiments, Easter-themed scavenger hunts and concluded with a special 'Easter picnic'. It was a fantastic morning and we look forward to hosting the event again this year.

Details of the event will be sent out at the beginning of the Spring Term - but if you are interested in finding out more, please contact us on 0151 330 5122.

Highlights from our Easter Bonanza 2023!



**WISHING EVERY SCHOOL & FAMILY IN OUR
COMMUNITY A WONDERFUL HALF TERM BREAK.**

Yours faithfully
MISS WISHART



Bringing in the New Year!

The Resonate music hub worked on an exciting project last term with the 100 Voices Choir and ITV. The 100 Voices Choir was a project that began for the Eurovision Contest Celebrations in Liverpool last summer which saw 100 students from over 15 different local schools, including Notre Dame Catholic College, Whitefield Primary School, St Vincent's School for the Blind and a Ukrainian children's choir, come together to perform.

Most recently, they were invited to sing as part of a national television production on The National Lottery's Big Bash which aired on ITV on New Years' Eve.

Hosted by Jason Manford and Aleisha Dixon, the students involved had the chance to attend a trip to London to perform on a huge television production alongside the likes of Take That, Becky Hill and Paloma Faith. You may have watched them on the evening and saw the fantastic performance from all involved!

Mrs Hambleton, who co-ordinated the project on behalf of Resonate's music hub and teaches at both St Julie's, Woolton and Notre Dame Catholic College was also delighted to receive an award in recognition for her efforts. Inna Ruzheva who founded the Ukrainian children's choir that took part



in the performance, with children as young as 4 having the opportunity to experience performing on the main stage, also received an award in recognition of the incredible work on the project. Congratulations both!

Beatle-mania at Leamington Primary!

Year 4 students in Leamington Primary are currently going through a six-week project learning about the music and the story of The Beatles with Resonate Music Hub's Beatles Officer, Mr Borrowes. Each week they look at a part of the story of The Beatles, listen to the music they made during that time and then take part, either singing or performing that song or creating their own music inspired by it. Most recently, the classes learned about Beatlemania and how The Beatles became huge stars all over the world before learning to sing 'Eight Days a Week'. Mr Borrowes said, "I was so impressed with the performances from Year 4! It's great to share the history of the iconic band from Liverpool who changed the world, with a new generation,"



OPENING DOORS

Notre Dame Puzzle Page!

Can you solve the following Maths puzzles set by Mrs Sands? Answers will be in our next edition so make sure you save this page and watch this space!

**PUZZLE
PAGE**

CUPID'S NUMBER

I'm thinking of a four digit number.

The four digits do not multiply to give zero.

The second digit is five times as big as the first.

Three of the digits are square numbers.

The number is prime.

ANSWER:



Valentine's Day Word Search

Find the words!

C	A	W	G	B	P	H	N	B	H	E	M
N	H	D	F	R	O	S	E	N	E	V	L
F	P	O	E	M	A	J	L	V	A	W	O
E	B	S	C	V	L	A	M	L	R	C	V
B	C	V	C	O	Z	R	E	S	T	F	E
R	N	G	K	S	L	N	P	G	D	C	M
U	M	I	O	H	T	A	O	G	X	A	R
A	Q	R	D	I	J	I	T	F	K	R	L
R	H	T	N	J	H	F	G	E	T	D	Z
Y	A	E	H	L	D	I	N	N	E	R	S
C	U	P	I	D	O	G	U	J	Y	M	P
T	W	U	P	I	S	R	E	W	O	L	F

Word List

Chocolate	Cupid	Love
Flowers	Gift	Rose
Heart	Poem	Dinner
February	Valentine	Card

Sudoku 3 _____

3			6	1				8
		2		3		7	6	
6				5		2	9	
7	9		8					1
2	4		1	7	3			5
	5				9			2
	3	7		4	1			
	2	5		8		9		
4				9	7			2



$$x + y = 0$$

ANSWER PAGE

*Festive Maths - Answers from Autumn Term 2 - **how many did you get right?***

Sudoku 2 _____

1	3	6	2	4	7	8	9	5
8	7	2	5	6	9	1	3	4
4	9	5	1	8	3	6	2	7
3	1	8	4	7	2	5	6	9
5	4	9	3	1	6	2	7	8
2	6	7	8	9	5	3	4	1
7	8	3	9	2	1	4	5	6
6	5	1	7	3	4	9	8	2
9	2	4	6	5	8	7	1	3

Santa's Problem...



There are 12million children in the UK. If it took Santa 3 seconds to visit each child when delivering presents, how many hours would it take him?

ANSWER: 10 000 hours



Christmas Challenge

Find the value of each icon.

$$\text{Elf} + \text{Elf} + \text{Elf} = 33$$

$$\text{Santa Hat} + \text{Candy Cane} = \text{Elf}$$

$$25 = \text{Candy Cane} + 7 + \text{Candy Cane}$$

$$\text{Elf} + \text{Santa Hat} + \text{Candy Cane} = ?$$

$$\text{Elf} = \boxed{11}$$

$$\text{Santa Hat} = \boxed{2}$$

$$\text{Candy Cane} = \boxed{9}$$

$$? = \boxed{22}$$



$$x + y = 0$$

