



From Notre Dame High School

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe we have come to the end of another busy term at Notre Dame High. As always, our young people should be congratulated for the manner in which they have committed to their studies, to the wider life of the school and to each other. This newsletter provides a flavour of the wide range of learning opportunities, activities and events which have enhanced our curriculum this year.

Once again you, our parents and carers, have demonstrated your commitment to our partnership by your attendance and support at Parents' Evenings, religious services and other evening events.



A recent highlight has to be our school show "Elf". The young people were fantastic and all of their hard work paid off in a hugely successful performance by all involved. The final night was preceded by, our now annual, Christmas Fayre. This event saw pupils and staff utilising their enterprising attitudes to raise funds for school activities. The Christmas Cabaret was once again an outstanding success; orchestra, music groups, choir and drama, such talent!



Led by our highly capable group of sixth year, the young people have been very active this term by fundraising to support a variety of good causes. Throughout 2022, and with your support, we have been able to make a difference to the lives of others through charitable events for Breastcancer Care Scotland, SCIAF (Ukraine), UNICEF and St. Margaret of Scotland Hospice.

Our Annual Open Evening in September was very well attended and received by our guests. Should you be aware of any families who missed the opportunity to visit us, please send my invitation for them to get in touch with myself and I will be happy to host their visit to our school.

May I end by expressing, on behalf of all our staff, our very best wishes for a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a successful 2023. We have encouraged the young people to cherish the time spent with family and to reflect on how lucky we are to live in relative peace in such turbulent times throughout the world.

SOCIAL SUBJECTS

Higher Modern Studies pupils visited the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh.

Pupils participated in a range of experiences, including a Q&A session with multiple MSPs and the opportunity to experience First Minister's Questions.



Pupils asked intelligent and pertinent questions of the MSPs, including Glasgow Kelvin MSP Kaubab Stewart and the Scottish Labour Leader Anas Sarwar.

SOCIAL SUBJECTS

The pupils in Mr Conlon's S1 and S2 classes recently took part in a series of lessons celebrating UK Parliament Week which culminated in a parliamentary style debate.

It was fantastic to see our young people so passionate about making their voices heard. Well done everyone!



MATHS

Maths Challenge Trip to Shawlands Academy

In October, Miss McKellar took four S2 pupils (Kanish Dholakia, Jude Elbasheer, Isla Kennedy and Sami Ghanem) to Shawlands Academy to compete against 18 different schools from across Glasgow in the Maths Challenge Competition.



During the competition the pupils had to work as a team to solve Maths Problems under a strict time limit. The school who achieved the highest mark across all the rounds won.

Notre Dame did very well, achieving 4th place. As a reward, all the pupils received a certificate.

Very well done to Kanish Dholakia, Jude Elbasheer, Isla Kennedy and Sami Ghanem, you all did so well and we are very proud of you.

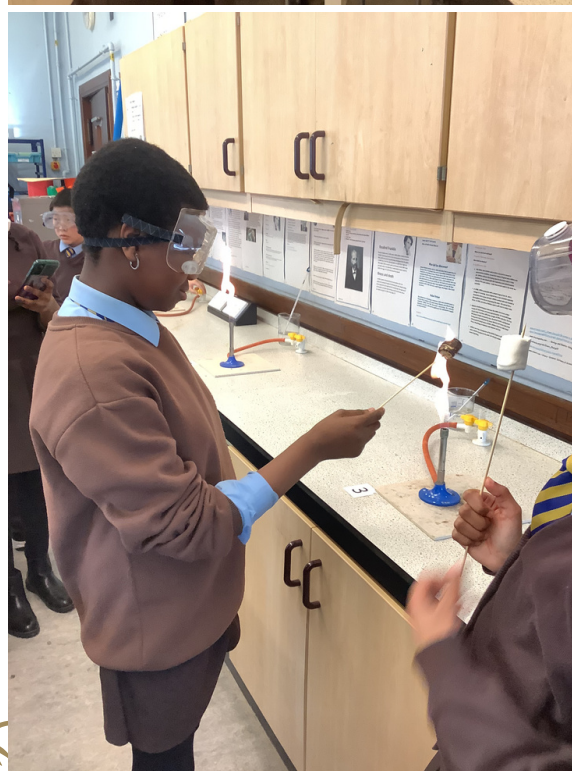
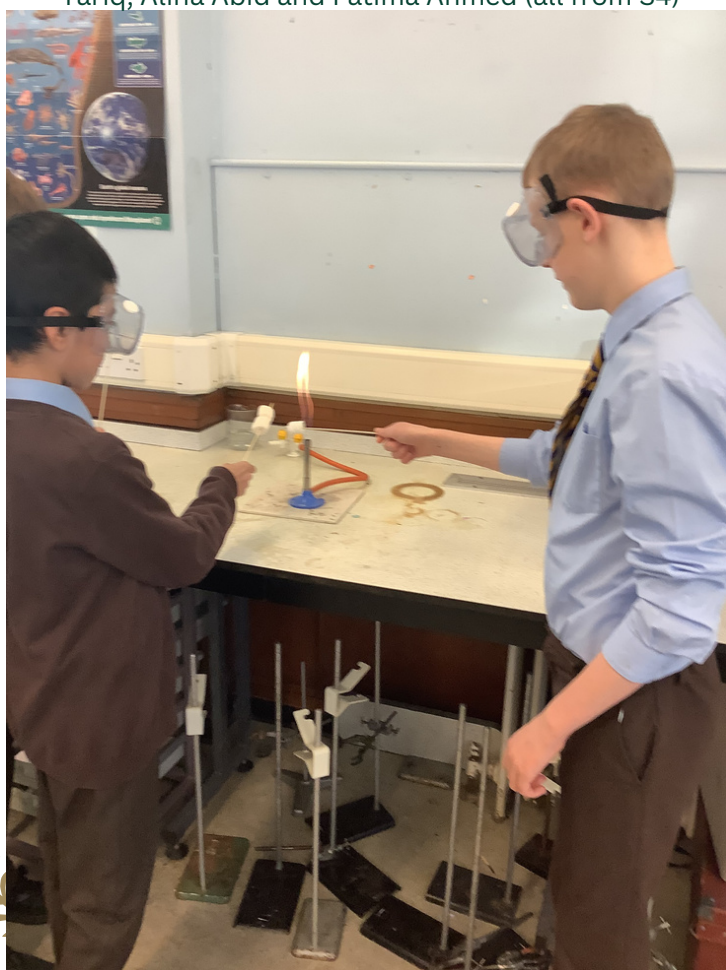
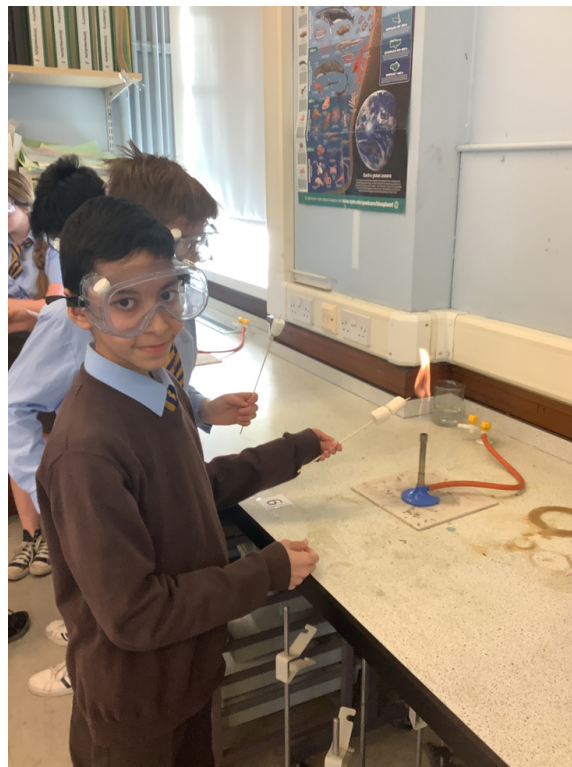


SCIENCE

Science Club:

Miss Stern and her Young STEM Leaders have been running our S1 science club since August. On Thursdays, during lunchtime, the young people get a chance to see and carry out some techniques and experiments that they might not get the opportunity to undertake during class time.

There have been experiments with flammable bubbles, slime and non-Newtonian fluids. A huge thank you to Miss Stern and the Young Stem Ambassadors who are: Bessan Aldwekh, Keira Dias, Charmini Anton Bernard, Noor Nahal, Ameera Manzoor, Catherine Raduzky, Irza Tariq, Alina Abid and Fatima Ahmed (all from S4)



SCIENCE

S2 visit to the Science Centre (STEM careers):

Back in November, a group of around 50 S2 learners visited the Science Centre to find out about possible STEM career pathways.

The young people got the chance to take part in an exciting programme of activities where they met many industry professionals keen to showcase the wealth of opportunities in STEM careers available.



A new breakfast club (Notre Dame's Diner) will be launching the week beginning January 9th.

This will be held every Monday with Miss Stern from 08:15-08:50 in N004. With hopes of expansion in the future.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our Sports Captains have been very busy this term organising a variety of events and all our extra curricular clubs.



Sports Captain
Caoilainn



Vice sports captains Sinead and Maddison

Young Ambassadors
conference:
Our Sports Captains
attended the annual Sport
Scotland Conference to
meet fellow Young
Ambassadors and plan for
the year ahead.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Extra Curricular clubs:

We have lots of lunchtime and after school activities on offer. Two recent additions are handball and cheer club.

The Sports Captains and their team of Young Ambassadors ran an extra curricular taster day in October for all of S1-3 pupils, showcasing all the activities we have on offer.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Tennis Sports Leaders:

Five of our Young Ambassadors attended a tennis sports leader course with Miss Watt and are planning on running tennis sessions and clubs in the summer term.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our annual 'Wear it Pink' run was a great success. The S2/3 pupils involved raised over £250 for Breast Cancer Now.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Sport Scotland's Active Girls Day:
The Young Ambassadors ran cheer,
trampoline, volleyball and ultimate
frisbee workshops for the S1/2 pupils to
promote and increase girls' participation
in sport.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

GCC Schools Road Relay:
We had two teams competing in the race
this year at Kelvingrove Park. They
performed fantastically well in below
zero conditions.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Environmental Protection—Message of Solidarity

Working with SCIAF and the University of Glasgow, our young people demonstrated their messages of solidarity to the communities of the River Atrato in Columbia. This region is facing many challenges as they fight to protect their land and livelihoods. Notre Dame pupils created beautiful work which was displayed at the university's River Rights exhibition in September. Here are some of the images.



Relics of St. Bernadette

A group of lower school pupils enjoyed the opportunity to visit the relics at Carfin Grotto, as they made their way around UK. They participated in the Water Liturgy and lit candles in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels.



Catholic Education Week Prayer

Jesus our Teacher,
In your love for us,
Help us to develop our own talents
So that we may become like you
And lead lives of goodness.

Bless all learners
And all teachers.
May our Catholic schools continue to serve our
families,
Our communities and our country.
Help us, through our learning,
to believe in you
And to celebrate the life of your Church.

Help us to grow in holiness
As we grow in friendship with you
And try to become saints.

We make this prayer
In the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen



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Catholic Education Week November 2022



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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education Week, 2022

This year's Catholic Education Week began on Wednesday 16 November, the feast day of St. Margaret of Scotland. Staff and pupils began the school day a prayer breakfast which reflected on her life of prayer and service to the poor. Afterwards, some pancakes and pastries were enjoyed by all!



Annual St. Patrick's Day Treat

For over 40 years, the third year pupils of Notre Dame High School have hosted an afternoon tea with entertainment for our local senior citizens. As a result of the pandemic, we were unable to organise such a large-scale event in 2022, but the pupils were determined to ensure that no one suffered so, instead, they created care packages of gifts and treats and delivered these to the parishes of St. Peter, St. Patrick and St. Columba.



Charity Fundraising

Now an annual event, our young people and staff participated in a day of fun events to raise money and awareness of Breast Cancer Care. As well as the usual sale of cake/candy/pink accessories, pupils paid £1 to wear a "Hint of Pink" on the day. Finally, all pupils in BGE participated in a sponsored fun through Botanic Gardens—an amazing day for a worthwhile cause.

Annual High Schools' Mass, November 2022



Caritas

Our young people in S6 continue to undertake the Pope Benedict Caritas Award. This sees pupils from all faith groups undertaking hours of service to their school and parish community. As well as attending a service to collect their awards in June, our current Caritas group participated in a Commissioning Service, led by Archbishop Nolan, in October.



October
2022

Lunchtime of Prayer and Solidarity

To mark national Hate Crime Awareness Week, our Anti-Racism and Anti-Bullying group organised a lunchtime of prayer in October. Pupils and staff joined together in the school Oratory to dedicate a decade of the rosary to victims of crime. Young people from all faiths joined this event which has been followed by presentations to year group assemblies on the importance of love, respect and tolerance.

In addition, members of the Anti-Racism/Anti-Bullying group were invited to showcase their work at the City Chambers. The Part22 event provided an opportunity for the pupils to learn more about prejudice whilst showcasing their brilliant work.

Lunch time of Prayer and Solidarity

For National Hate Crime Awareness week, we will be dedicating a decade of the rosary to victims of hate crime as a way of showing solidarity. Pupils will also be leading 'Rosary Prayers'.

This will take place at the start of lunch on Thursday 10th Oct in the oratory.

All members of staff and pupils of any faith are welcome.

After the rosary in the Oratory, we will have an opportunity to eat your lunch and create your own 'Rosary' of support and reflect.



STAFF WELLBEING

Staff Health and Wellbeing Event - Monday 12 December:

Staff across the school had the opportunity to take part in a number of activities from Christmas wreath-making to yoga and tablet-making (Yum!) - there were even chair massages on offer!

It was so good to take time out of a busy term to enjoy relaxing or having fun with colleagues. I hope you all get some time like this over the Christmas holiday. Merry Christmas!



COMPUTING

A group of S3 Computing Science pupils attended the Newton Flight Academy for the day at the Glasgow Science Centre earlier in the year (see <https://www.glasgowsciencecentre.org/discover/newton-flight-academy>).

This was great fun and combined computational thinking skills; science and maths to solve problems for several tasks and learn how aircraft fly and navigate.

In the afternoon, pupils had to use their deduction and map reading skills to plot out a course which they then input into the aircraft simulator. All pupils had a fantastic time being pilots and navigator and there were some great displays of piloting skills!

The pupils also managed to enjoy some of the many interactive displays at the Science Centre.



BUSINESS EDUCATION

Future Assets:

Mr Coll's S3 Accounts class have been working extremely hard over the last few months investigating their chosen business.

They have worked together using their team working skills to produce a fantastic business report, we can't wait to find out how the girls got on in January, well done girls!



BUSINESS EDUCATION

Travel and Tourism had the privilege of hearing from a female pilot who helped the girls understand the different career opportunities within the travel industry.

The girls have since researched all other possible careers in the travel industry to help them achieve their employability unit. Keep up the hard work girls.



BUSINESS EDUCATION

S2 Social Enterprise:

S2 have been working on creating their own social enterprises. Pupils have decided to tackle a social issue that means something to them and produce a product or service to support this cause.

Pupils were inspired by the Social Enterprise Academy who delivered an assembly. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year, ready to start your business.



From the Business
and Computing
department, have a
lovely Christmas
break and New Year.

Always be kind <3

STEMFEST

S1 pupils from the maths department visited STEMfest at the Glasgow Science Centre.

They took part in a construction workshop, and were able to listen to a talk by a trainee astronaut.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

DofE Awards 2022:

Congratulations to all of our Duke of Edinburgh Award 2022 winners, as well as their families and Staff who supported them. We had our highest ever number of Awards this year, which were achieved at Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels.

The range of Volunteering activities, as well as Physical programmes, and Skills projects were of exceptional quality. Our young people also earned the highest praise from the Expedition Assessors. The walking and camping Expeditions were a particular success, despite a range of challenges including snow, torrential rain, and heatwave conditions.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Congratulations!!

This year, we would like to say a huge congratulations to Ruby Warmington from S6, who gained entry to the prestigious Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. She will start next year, on the BMus performing course.

Looking forward to hearing you perform violin in your first concert in the near future, Ruby! And, thank you for all you did to help out with our Christmas Concert, 2022!



Quarriers Charity Choir Gig:

Well done to choir pupils, led by Mrs O'Reilly, who performed so well at Princes Square, to raise money for Quarriers. You sang beautifully!

Christmas Concert:

Thank you to all instructors and pupils for their beautiful performances at the Christmas Cabaret in the last week of term!
You made it such a memorable occasion!

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

'Elf'

We were so lucky to enjoy an amazing school show in December - to all the cast and back stage crew of Elf; you were absolutely outstanding!

From singing, acting, props and back stage, the performances were amazing, and you showed great stamina in dealing with all that a show involves. Weekly rehearsals, learning lines, performance skills and the support you showed each other - fabulous!

Can't wait for the next show.....



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

River City Production Crew Workshop:

Notre Dame High were delighted to welcome some of the production team of River City into the school to talk the S3s about their careers within the film and TV industry. It was such a great experience for the pupils and very enlightening.



Vice President of Marketing and Communication, Versace – Martin Crampshee:

It was such a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to get to meet and talk to Martin Crampshee from his New York office about his career progression and how he has achieved great success within the fashion business.