

From the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

I know it's a cliché, but this year seems to be flying by! I cannot believe we are at May half-term already and that the examination season is well and truly upon us. Year 11 have been working mightily hard and we are anticipating some great results from a lovely year group. They have conducted themselves fantastically well over the last few months and they deserve to achieve great things this summer. On their behalf, I would like to thank and pay tribute to Mr Swendell, who has led them brilliantly well, Lucy Thorp our pastoral support officer and the Year 11 tutors: Ms Quiddington, Mr MacGuire, Mr Tayler, Ms White, Miss Gant, Mr Meshier, Ms Parsley, Mr Gunduz and Mrs Lockyear – what a team!

I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank our teachers who have been so giving of their time before school, after school and even at weekends. There are also a number of staff who will be running revision sessions over the holidays. This is all over and above what we should expect but, nonetheless, a wonderful endorsement of their professional care, support and commitment – it really is what separates us from so many other schools. I think it is worth reminding ourselves that the Nobel community that 'looks after each other' is as strong as it's ever been.

It was also lovely to be asked to speak at the Year 13 leavers' assembly on Monday. All of them have worked really hard and each has a bright future whether on an apprenticeship, at work or at university.

We have all read in recent times of the pressures on young people nowadays, it is undoubtedly true that this is far more intense than when I was at school in the 1970s. With pressures of social media, a precarious economy and spiralling housing costs, it's tougher than it's ever been for young people. I'd like to think that we are really good at preparing Nobelians for these challenges and we are aiming to be even better in the future. Indeed, our excellent Head of Sixth, Ms Cox, is working on further developing our careers strategy. It will be rolled out next year and will involve careers education being implicit in all that we do across all year groups – from Year 7 upwards. I will write more about this in a future edition of Nobel News.

We are lucky enough to be going to France next week with our twin daughters. Whatever you are doing – stay safe and enjoy the sunshine.

Warm regards

Martyn Henson

Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expeditions

Year 10 and Year 12 students have been out on their practice expeditions this month. They have been pounding the footpaths, cooking more pasta than any one student could ever eat and enjoying the challenges and experiences the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme offers them.

The Bronze expedition took place locally; all thirty-four students successfully navigated a route of thirty kilometres over the two days. It was a trip of many firsts for our students: no mobile phones; no chef to cook for them; no one to tell them what to do or where to go and no one to pick up after them. Despite this, our students were absolutely amazing and worked together in their teams to ensure the completion of a successful expedition.

The school's first Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition ran this month too with a hard core group of four students taking on the challenge of completing a three-day expedition up in the Peak District.

The four students are to be commended for working consistently well as a team to overcome all hurdles they were faced with. I have never seen a group so determined and driven; they were a true credit to the school and really showed what being a Nobelian is all about.

Personally, I would like to thank all parents and staff who supported our students through these expeditions.



The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a fantastic opportunity for Nobelians to gain an internationally recognised award whilst working together as a team to build a number of personal attributes in a unique environment. If any members of our school community who have experience in the outdoors would like to support Nobel as we continue to grow the Award, please get in touch with me.

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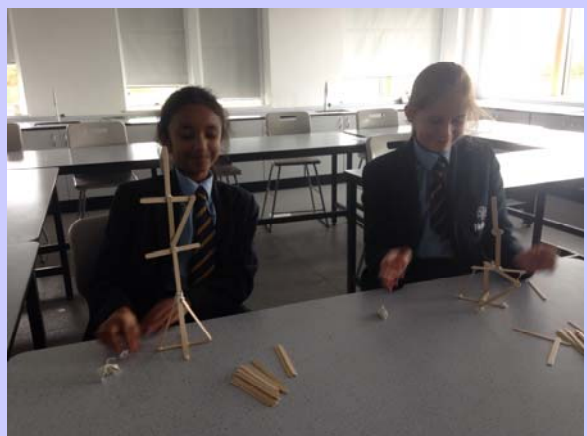
Science Club

Science club, where science meets fun!

Every Monday at lunchtime in the science department, students from years 7 – 9 participate in science activities to extend their learning from beyond the classroom.



We have investigated neutralisation reactions (and explosions!) by making rockets using sodium bicarbonate and ethanoic acid. We have investigated structural integrity by building towers using only lolly sticks and blu tac. There are many more fun activities underway and, if you want to take part, come to SC11 on Mondays at lunchtime.



Finally, well done to Year 11s, you are working really hard for your exams!



Un día estudiando las películas Españolas

(A Spanish Film Study Day)

El Martes pasado, un grupo de alumnos que estudian Español acompañados por Señores Doyle y Kay y Señora Kleanthous fueron al Instituto Británico de Películas en Londres para pasar un día estudiando las películas Españolas. Aprendimos mucho nuevo vocabulario y terminos y técnicas para describir las películas. Estudiamos algunos cortometrajes por la mañana, y por la tarde vimos una película de aventura Española que se llama Zippy y Zappy y el Club de la Canica. Lo mejor era que tuvimos la oportunidad de ver las películas en la pantalla más grande de Europa – el IMAX y pudimos entender mucho Español. Los alumnos se comportaron y participaron muy bien ¡Que ilusión!



Last Tuesday, a group of Spanish students, accompanied by Mr Doyle, Mr Kay and Mrs Kleanthous went to the British Film Institute in London on a Spanish Film Study Day. We learnt a lot of new Spanish vocabulary and techniques used to describe films. We studied short film clips in the morning and, in the afternoon, we watched a Spanish adventure film called *Zippy and Zappy and the Marble Club*. The best thing was that we had the opportunity to watch the films on the largest screen in Europe – the IMAX — and we could understand lots of Spanish. The students were a credit to Nobel and participated really well in all the activities – what fun!



NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF and COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

Next meeting will be held in
The Crown at Aston 6.30pm

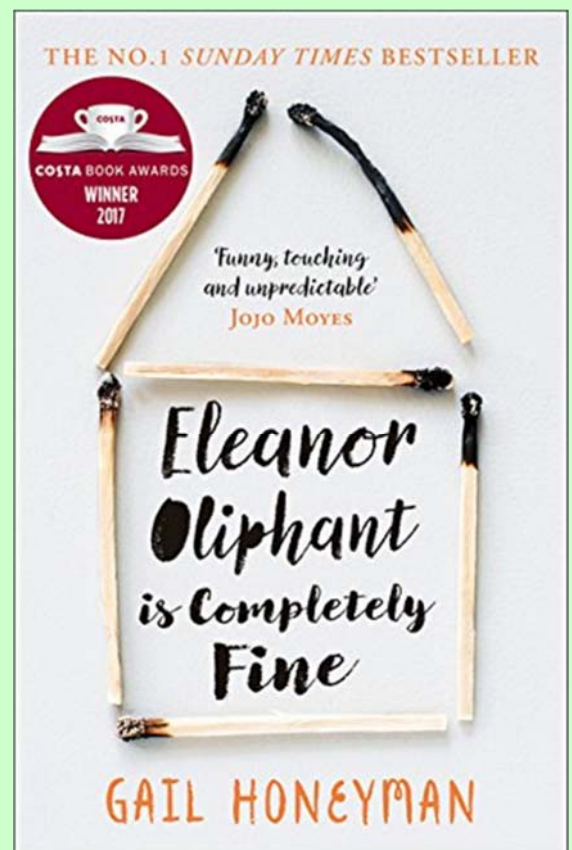
Tuesday 05 June 2018

The book to read is:

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine

Read all or part of the book and come and discuss it in a friendly informal group

Contact: Rosalind Essakhi: 01438 222600 or email:
library@nobel.herts.sch.uk



General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

On the 25th May 2018, the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into force in the UK. These are new data protection regulations which build upon the Data Protection Act of 1998.

The GDPR require public authorities and businesses to identify the lawful basis for storing personal data, audit information we already hold and take a 'data protection by design and default' approach to personal data.

We take data protection very seriously at The Nobel School. In line with GDPR requirements, we have already appointed a Data Protection Officer, who is contactable on email dpo@nobel.herts.sch.uk. The DPO will oversee our approach to data management and protection.

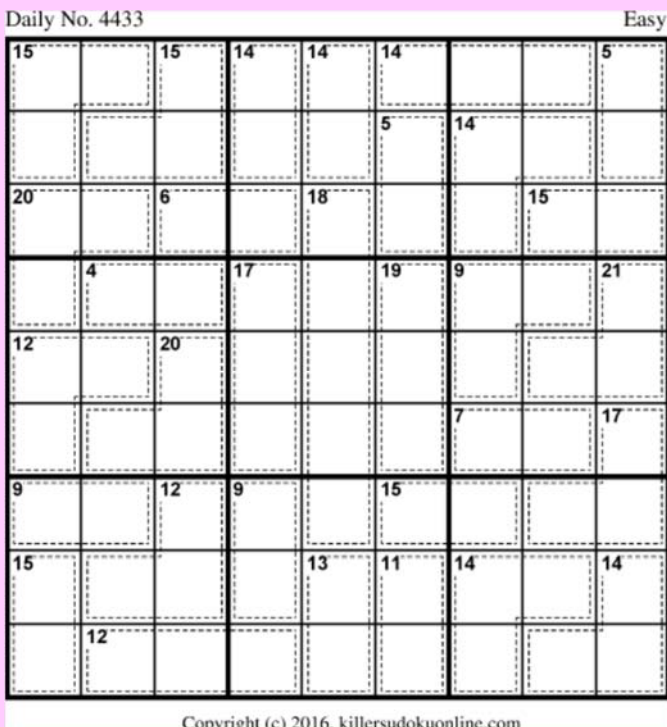
In order to ensure that we comply with the new regulations, we are reviewing our current policies and practices. We have already updated our privacy notices in line with the new requirements. These can be found here: <http://thenobelschool.org/privacy-policy/>

As part of this compliance process, we are also seeking to update the consent forms/home school agreements we have received from parents and pupils with regard to the use of photographs and videos. The new regulations are clear that consent must be up-to-date and clearly recorded. From now on, lack of response cannot be interpreted as implied consent. The forms are being sent to all parents by email and we ask that you return these to us promptly.

Parents have always been required to give consent to use biometric data in school which is used to enable students speedy access to the cashless catering system and the library. This will continue and does not require updating.

To learn more about the General Data Protection Regulations, please visit the Information Commissioner's Office website on <http://ico.org.uk>

Christine Crawley
School Business Manager



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Sudoku puzzle

Instructions

- Place 1 - 9 once in each row
- Place 1 - 9 once in each column
- Place 1 - 9 once in each 3x3 box
- Complete the 'sum cages' such that the total of the numbers in each cage is the number stated at the start of that cage

You are not allowed to repeat any numbers within any sum cage

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Year 10 Celebration Breakfast



On Friday 18 May we held a celebration breakfast for our students in year 10. The 28 students, who have made the most progress since the last data drop, were rewarded for hard work, excellent progress and exemplary behaviour. Mr Wilsher, Head of Year 10, commented that he is *“very proud of all the year 10s, who have had a hard term with mocks at the start of the term. The students at the celebration breakfast in particular have worked exceptionally hard and should be very proud. They are giving themselves the best possible chance of success in year 11. Excellent Nobelians!”*

Fahad Ahmed	Sitara Aman
Courtney Aylott	Sabeena Azam
Harvey Barlow	Erin Campbell
Evita Fernandes	Maximus Fleming
Emily Gibson-Mortimer	Loren Gregory
Daisy Holding	Jack Hooper
Rayhan Kamali	Zahra Kamali
Maisie Keen	Sinead Lee
Jovan Navjee	Matthew Oliver
James Paget	Jack Randall
Harry Reeds	Makhail Rehman
Thomas Savory	Lauren Twinn
Pathanchali Thevacumar	Isobel Whish
Natasha Woods	Assad Zahid

Library news

A polite reminder

This half term please hunt out any outstanding books you may have from Nobel School Library.

Please check around at home and in the bottom of bags for forgotten library books. Books are issued for two weeks and the date is stamped on the return label. If you need to keep books longer than this bring them into the Library for renewal.

Please do not wait for an overdue notice or invoice home. Other students are waiting to borrow that book!

Thank you for your co-operation.

Have a good break.

Mrs Essakhi
Librarian



Logic Puzzle

There are six players on a co-ed volleyball team. After an exhausting game, each girl drinks 5 cups of water. Each boy drinks 7 cups of water. The coach drinks 9 cups. A total of 43 cups of water is consumed by everyone. How many boys and how many girls are there on the team?

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Sixth Formers in support of good causes

Back in September, Mrs Burton-Evans ran an assembly for the entire sixth form, to promote the benefits of raising money for charity. There were a range of guest speakers from various different charities, including Age UK, The Garden House Hospice and Herts Young Homeless.

As a form group, 12NCT decided to choose The Garden House Hospice as they need at least £3.2m to be able to provide the services they offer every year. These services include:

- ◆ care for patients' families and carers
- ◆ palliative care for over 500 adults living with cancer, motor neurone disease or other life-limiting illnesses
- ◆ complementary therapy and hairdressing
- ◆ counselling and emotional support

Ben Jeffery and Chris Twomey who are members of my form have written a few words to explain how we raised the money:

“A few weeks ago we raised money by selling ice cream outside of food tech and outside the front entrance during lunchtime in the summer heat. Over two days we sold 12 tubs of ice cream, raising £250.



This money will help to support the wonderful work that the Garden House Hospice does, caring for people with life-limiting illnesses and providing palliative care.

Miss Chalkright added to this total by selling Christmas cards, raising £75 so, in total, we raised **£325!** Overall, this will help the Hospice do its inspiring work for many years to come.”



On the whole, I am extremely proud of my tutor group for their innovative ideas and commitment to raising money for The Garden House Hospice.



Miss N Chalkright
Form Tutor 12NCT

Language learners of the half-term

April/May 2018



Tyler Whitby	7M BPX
Abraham Araba	7M LSE
Zeeshan Almed	7T PLT
Molly Hammond	7T OZH
Ellie Tinsley-Marshall	8M HTR
Taylor Ingle	8M SHS
Emily Baker	8T MHN
Charlotte Hooper	8T JKY
Cerys Kay Reeve-Brown	9M CTL
Chloe Bridgman	9J JBT
Aaron Tebbut	10T KHS
Tia Huntley-Peck	13 MMN



George Surtees	7T JPT
Edward Hinton	7C SMT
Miska Horakova	7E JHS
Millie Waite	7E TSH
Ilyah O'Brien	8C LSA
Charlie Grace	8C NKS
Georgina Markland	8E ESR
Lauren Aitken	8E JBL
Helen Todd	9M RWT
Rose Aramoun	9C RLR
Molly Prutton	9T LRN
Rufus Cleary	9C DMV
Emily Gibson-Mortimer	10E AWH
Robert Phillips	11E SWE



Osokam Walter-Ose	8M SHS
Claudia Mitu	8E JBL
Haiqah Urrehman	9TLRN
Jenson Slater	9T LRN
Charlie McDonagh	9E DCP
Antony Wattam	9E DCP
Megan Lingwood	9C DMV
Saba Utteridge	10T KHS
Alyssa Butterfield	11T BGZ
Sophie Lambert	11E ITR



Sam Norton	10TEPO
Taylor Adams	11C MMR
Owen Wilson	11C MMR



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THE NOBEL SCHOOL GCSE ART EXHIBITION

Tuesday 12th June 4-6pm

Year 7 Rounders Match

On Thursday 17 May, the Year 7 rounders team played a match against Barclay School. The players from Nobel were:

Megan Hawke, Macie Saunders, Amelia Ledger, Freja Lyn, Annabelle Row, Sammy Stewart, Sian Pickford, Libby Bunyan, Maddie Archer and Moyin Okenla.

It was a very exciting game with great fielding and batting. After a lot of hard work, Nobel managed to take home the victory, with a score of 13 1/2 - 8 1/2. The player of the game from Nobel was Sammy and the player of the game from Barclay was Caitlin. Everyone had a fantastic time and we would like to say a big thank you to Miss Chalkright for putting together an amazing team.



Macie Saunders & Megan Hawke

Sudoku solution

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Easy

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Dates for your diary

Monday 27 May - Friday 1 June: Half-term break

Monday 4 June - Monday 25 June: Public exams continue for Years 11 and 13

Logic puzzle Answer:

4 girls and 2 boys