



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 2 November 2018

Our prayer theme next week: **Remembrance**

This week we remember. We remember the sacrifice made by people during the World Wars, but also wars since then. We use this day to pay our respects, to men and women who have sacrificed their lives for our country.

Lord, thank you for the sacrifice of soldiers in our armed forces. We pray for those who have died in war and for their families. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war and conflict. Amen.

PAYMENTS TO FINANCE

We have recently received a payment in Finance with no name or details on the envelope. To enable the Finance Team to record all payments correctly please could you ensure that all envelopes are clearly marked with your child's name and details of what the payment relates to. Thank you

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

A reminder that the first OLCHS Cheese & Wine Evening will take place on Friday, 16 November 2018 at 7pm in the Arts' Theatre, for over 18s only. Tickets cost £10 each and are strictly limited – they will be sold on a first come first served basis, so don't delay – they are selling fast! Please contact Mrs Gavell (lga@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) or Mrs Bilsborrow (pbi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) to buy yours. The format of the evening is very relaxed and informal, and our host is Mick Gould, who some parents will already know from other cheese & wine events at primary school. Mick has been in the wine business for many years and is currently based at Huntley's Farm Shop in Samlesbury. He will bring many different wines and cheeses for you to try as well as provide information about where the wines are from and which foods they complement best. Why not get a group of friends together and come along for a cosy autumn evening?

FOOTBALL NEWS

Year 7

The Year 7 football team travelled to Corpus Christi High School on Friday, October 19th. They were playing Fulwood Academy and Corpus Christi in a round robin format. The winner would progress to the next stages of the Lancashire Cup. Our Lady's were spectators (literally) in the first game as Fulwood beat Corpus Christi in a close game. Our Lady's then played Fulwood straight after their win. The game was very even with Fulwood the better team in the first half and Our Lady's the better team in the second half. Fulwood scored a goal in the first half to make it 1-0 at the break. Midfielders were caught ball watching and not tracking their runners which resulted in strong counter attacks from Fulwood. In the second half, Our Lady's took control of the game, winning more tackles, passing the ball quickly and countering as a team. Unfortunately, the quality of the final pass or shot was not good enough to trouble the Fulwood goalkeeper. A draw would have been a fair result, but the game ended 1-0 to Fulwood Academy. The second game against Corpus Christi was thrilling. The hosts were dominant in the first half, dispatching four goals to make it 4-0 at half time. The same issues that occurred in the first game arose again. Seven changes were made at half time, purely to give everyone an equal amount of minutes. It was immediately evident that the new players wanted to make a point. They pressed the opposition increasing the number of mistakes they made. They also increased the number of shots, forcing the Corpus Christi goalkeeper to make a number of great saves. They managed to score three goals creating a thrilling ending, but it just wasn't enough. The result at the final whistle, 4-3. It was a very enjoyable night and a valuable learning experience for all. The squad are now looking forward to the league games starting this half-term.

Year 8

Unfortunately, the Year 8 football team lost 5-1 to Broughton High School on Thursday, 18 October. The game started very scrappily with both sides struggling to make consecutive passes. However, the visitors quickly found their rhythm and started to play sharp football in the middle of the park. They took a 2-0 lead and were dominant for first half. Our Lady's started positively in the second half with Dominic Richmond forcing the Broughton goalkeeper to make a couple of good saves in a 1v1 situation. However, Broughton were always a threat on the counter attack and they managed to find a third goal. Our Lady's did manage to pull a goal back and the comeback was a possibility, but this was short-lived. Broughton scored another two goals to make it 5-1 to the visitors at full time. Our Lady's struggled to adapt to the 11 a side pitch/formation. Players started to move out of position which caused a lot of weakness throughout the team. This performance certainly highlights their future focus as a team. Its now time learn from this and move forward collectively.

Year 11

The team played two important games back to back on Wednesday, 17 and Thursday, 18 October. The first was against Broughton High School in a game that would decide the league winner. The team started quite sluggishly on a poor surface and were soon undone by two long balls which caught our defence napping. The Broughton strike force quickly took a two-goal lead. The defence continued to struggle with Broughton's long ball tactics and within minutes of the second half re-starting they scored again to make it 3-0. Cian Hayes pulled a goal back for Our Lady's with a magnificent solo effort to give the team hope, but it was soon dashed when Broughton were awarded a penalty which they scored to extend their lead to 4-1. Our Lady's continued to work hard, knowing a draw would be enough to secure top spot, but within the efforts to go forward to score they left the door open in defence for Broughton to score again with the last kick of the game to make the final result 5-1. Thursday's game was in the first round of the English Schools Competition and we had been drawn away to St Michael's CE School, Chorley. Confidence had been nicked from the previous day's result however the team had clearly learned their lessons in defence. Liam Corless and Joe Kelly were dominant throughout, preventing many scoring opportunities and giving goalkeeper Ben Pomfret a relaxed afternoon. An outstanding strike from Jonjo Beetham early on gave Our Lady's that spring in their step that they needed, and we continued to dominate in attack. Goals kept coming until the final score was 5-0 to Our Lady's with goals coming from Cian Hayes (3) and Jonjo Beetham (2). The team look forward to the next round.

NETBALL NEWS

The Year 9 netball team played two league matches against Ashton and Moor Park on Wednesday. The team remained consistent throughout beating Moor Park 5-2. They had to dig deep against Ashton as it was a draw at half time. However, thanks to some great defending they managed to win 6-4.

Dates to remember

Thursday, 8 November – Certificate Presentation Evening – 7.00 pm

Friday, 9 November – Certificate Presentation Morning – school closes at 12.45 pm

Friday, 16 November – Cheese and Wine Evening at 7.00 pm

Tuesday, 4 December - CAFOD Advent Service – St Anthony's Church at 6.00 pm

Thursday, 13 December – Christmas Lunch

Friday, 21 December – school closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 7 January 2019 – school opens

Friday, 15 February 2019 – school closes for half-term

Tuesday, 26 February 2018 – school opens