



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 30 June 2017

Name

Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **Sacrifice**.

Jesus continually asks us to make sacrifices but they are not sacrifices for nothing. In fact, we are asked to give up the things that hold us back from leading a full and committed life of faith with the guarantee that we will receive rewards that are much more valuable than the sacrifices we make. So is it really that difficult to sacrifice things that we don't need? Is it too much to ask that we give for the good of others? Is it truly a sacrifice to give ourselves to God through our prayers, through the weekly celebration of Mass and through our actions?

God our Father, open our hearts to your holy Word and help us to take up our Cross and follow you. May we ignore the distractions that others who don't wish to listen to you bring us. Give us the courage to offer ourselves in service to you and for others. Amen.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY – MONDAY, 3 JULY 2017

Our next year's Year 7 pupils will be joining us for a day in school on Monday, 3 July 2017. As is our practice, **Year 8 and Year 9** pupils are to remain home on that day. This will enable us to release teachers to work with the Year 6 pupils.

YEAR 7 MOVING UP

From Monday, 3 July Year 7 pupils will move up to be with their new Form Tutors for next year. They will be told where their new form rooms are and need to report there for registration on the Monday morning.

REFUGEE WEEK

Last week pupils from all year groups took part in events to recognise Refugee Week. This week is supported internationally and is built around World Refugee Day on 20 June. Refugee Week was established as a direct reaction to hostility in the media and society in general towards refugees and asylum seekers. The ultimate aim of our week was to create a better understanding of different communities, to counter this negative climate in the media surrounding the issue and defend the importance of sanctuary and the benefits it can bring to both refugees and host communities. We were privileged to have welcomed the Global Link interactive multimedia exhibition *Escape to Safety*. The exhibition enabled students to experience something of what it is like to be a refugee seeking asylum in Britain. Each student walked through a labyrinth of 8 stations depicting the different stages a refugee experiences before seeking asylum in Britain. On a portable MP3 player, they were accompanied by refugee voices from Sudan, Afghanistan and Iran interacting with border immigration officials and the media. To support this in Geography lesson students looked at the representation of refugees in the media, discovered the facts amongst the fiction, tracked the journey of refugees and wrote poems, songs and letters about the current crisis.

The hope is that students will develop an educated opinion about the situation, develop critical thinking skills when looking at literature and have an empathy and understanding towards others who are different to themselves.

BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Business Support Officer, working on reception and covering other administrative duties. This role will start in September and is temporary for one year. Working days are Thursday and Friday, term time only. The hours are 8.30 am until 4.15 pm. Application details are available from <http://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/> and for enquiries please contact Mrs Gavell at lga@olchs.lancs.sch.uk The closing date for all applications is Friday, 14 July at 12 noon and interviews will take place on Tuesday, 18 July.

SCHOOL OF ROCK

This year we have been fortunate enough to be given the performing rights for School of Rock from Andrew Lloyd Webbers' Really Useful Theatre Company. As one of the few schools in the country granted this permission we are very excited about the opportunity. Tickets are selling out fast. To avoid disappointment, please complete the reply slip over the page and return to school with your payment as soon as possible. Don't forget to look out for us on the Really Useful Theatre Company website where we have been asked to upload clips of the production.

OLCHS SCHOOL PRODUCTION - ADVERTISEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Following last year's stunning performance of 'Little Shop of Horrors', this year's blockbuster show is 'School of Rock'. We expect each of the three shows and the Matinee to be packed as usual. Our production programmes are an ideal opportunity for advertisements. The cost is just £25 for a half page advert and £50 for a full page. Please contact pro@olchs.lancs.sch.uk for further information.

FUNMATHS ROADSHOW FOR YEARS 7 TO 10

On Tuesday, 27 June over 300 pupils from Years 7 to 10 took part in the FunMaths Roadshow. The Roadshow consisted of over 70 mathematical activities. Pupils working in pairs moved around the room tackling the activities in any order. This problem solving event was non-competitive and was both challenging and enjoyable. Thanks go to the team of fourteen Year 10 helpers and Ahmed Ellbanny, without whose help the event could not have taken place.

ROUNDERS SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Year 7A Rounders team who were runners up in the annual Preston schools Rounders tournament that took place at Corpus Christi on Monday. The girls played consistently well in all six of their matches. One of their toughest matches however, was against Our Lady's B team. The B team were winning by half a rounder with one bat to go, but the A team ended up winning by a rounder and a half. The B team played really well throughout and we were the only school there to have a B team. Well done to all the girls involved.

Congratulations to the Year 8 Rounders teams who play in the Preston Schools' Tournament yesterday. We were one of two schools out of 6 to field a B team. Both team's played extremely well and fielded exceptionally. The B team finished fourth and the A team finished runners up to Ashton. They were beaten by just half a rounder. Congratulations to all players involved.

GUIDE DOG NAMING COMPETITION

We are pleased to announce the winners were:

- Marina Swarbrick, 7O and Miss Westray with '**Penny**'
- Kieran Carpenter, 7U with '**Pepper**'
- Megan Newton, 8U with '**Mushroom**'.

We will now submit these names to the Guide Dogs and when our puppy is born, one of these three names will be selected. The winners will then have the opportunity to meet the puppy!

Dates to remember

Monday, 3 July – Year 6 Transition Day
Wednesday, 19 July – Whole School Mass
Thursday, 20 July – Charity Day
Friday, 21 July – school closes for the end of term at 12.45 pm
Monday, 4 September – school opens for Year 7 pupils only
Tuesday, 5 September – school opens for all pupils

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REPLY SLIP. (To be addressed to Mrs Crook, Finance Office via the post box with payment)

PUPIL'S NAME: _____ FORM: _____

School of Rock tickets Child tickets £4 Adult tickets £7

Signed: _____ Date: _____