



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 29 September 2017

Our Prayer theme next week is **Generosity**

This week we begin our Harvest appeal in our assemblies. As mentioned previously, we don't need an excuse or a reason to be generous to others but sometimes we do need a reminder. Yet again, our parable from this weekend's Gospel points us in the right direction. It tells us that there are people who say but do not do and those who say nothing but eventually let their actions do their talking. Our hope and our prayer is that we are people who say we are going to do something good and also people who follow through with our actions.

Lord, open our hearts to listen to your Word and to be people who put your Word into action. Amen.

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION

Our Key Stage 4 programme to deliver HRSE, developed with input from the Diocese of Lancaster, begins next week for all Year 10 pupils. It will be delivered in 8 specialised lessons during Year 10 by a team comprising of: Mrs Holohan, Mr Charnock, Miss McMullin, Miss McEnerney-Whittle, Mrs Howard, Mrs Moir and Mr Fitzpatrick. Key Stage 3 HRSE lessons will take place in normal curriculum lessons, predominantly in Science and RE.

Parents have the right to remove their child from HRSE lessons (apart from areas covered in the science National Curriculum) and cover this part of the curriculum themselves. If you do wish to withdraw your child you must inform Mr Ranson in writing of your decision.

WITHDRAWAL OF £1 Coins

The old £1 Coins will be withdrawn from circulation on 15 October 2017 when they will cease to be legal tender. Please be aware we will be unable to accept these coins after this date and they will be returned. As of **Monday, 9 October** only new £1 coins will be accepted in the Reval lunch card machines.

OPEN EVENING

Our Annual Open Evening takes place on Thursday, 5 October from 6.00 pm until 8.30 pm. To allow staff and pupils to prepare for the event, school will close at 12.45 pm on that day, as is our practice.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE TEAM – JARDENS

This year's Young Enterprise team, Jardens, are currently working hard to prepare for their first sales event of the year which takes place on Open Evening, next Thursday. The Team can be found in Room 33 in Technology with their product which is a mini designer garden. The merchandise is very competitively priced and suitable for all ages and occasions. Please come along and support them. The team would also be very grateful if any unwanted, clean jars could be sent into school to Mrs Smith.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic book fair is coming to our school on Wednesday, 4 October until Wednesday, 11 October. The book fair will be held in the LRC and all pupils are welcome to view the selection of books at break time, lunchtime or after school. As Christmas is approaching, this is a great opportunity to stock up on new & exciting bestselling series, non-fiction and classics. Every book you buy at our book fair helps our school to earn free books for the library. You can peruse the books online at bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk.

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

On Monday, 25 September over 60 pupils from Y7-11 travelled to St Cecilia's High School to compete in the annual Preston Schools' X Country Competition. With heavy rain early on in the day we knew the course would be heavy and very muddy. We arrived in time for a good warm up before the Y7 race at 4pm. We had lots of interest from the Y7 girls during X Country at school and discovered we have some very talented runners. With over 50 girls competing from 9 schools, it was a difficult race but clearly out in front from the start was Anna Thompson and she simply stayed there for the whole race. Amazing Anna, well done! After Y7 had competed, Y8 and Y9 took to the course. Once again we are blessed to have some very talented runners in Y8/9. They all ran their socks off in what were very wet conditions. Emily Mason in Y9 powered through the entire race and returned first girl home followed by Ella Newton. Grace Wignall, Anna Durney, Olivia Deehan, Alice Lodge and Emily Canfield also ran fantastic races resulting in the inter girls winning their overall section. Finally it was the turn of years Y10/11 to

get through the mud and hopefully come home victoriously. We have a fairly young team with most of our athletes running against Y11. They warmed up all together and took to the start as a team. There was a good turn-out for this age group across the schools which was fantastic to see. Yet again we have some fantastic runners and they performed to their maximum. Annie Duffy in Y10 was the first girl to cross the line followed by Grace McGarvey. We also had fantastic results from Izzy Gore, Abbie Maguire, Caitlin Ball, Annalise Smith and Rosie Robinson. The girls did so well that they won their section too. Huge congratulations to all runners.

It was a fantastic evening for the Boys' Cross Country teams. The competition took place on Monday the 25th of September at St Cecelia's Catholic High School. The first race was for Year 7 and we had some great performances in very wet and muddy conditions but unfortunately our runners just finished outside the top ten. The second race saw Year 8 and 9 tackle the same course. All 8 of the boys put in superb performances which saw an outstanding team result. Tom Durney comfortably won the race and was closely followed by Harvey Moulding-Lee and Aaron Hewitt. Three top ten finishes was an amazing achievement. There were also some good runs produced by Rocco Williams, Harry Wignall and Jasper Duerden, who was competing against boys from the year above. Finally the Year 10 and 11 race saw the older racers running on a very muddy and heavy course. David Alker narrowly missed out on winning the race, putting in a superb performance. Josh Murray and Nathan Noblet also produced great runs, having three top ten finishes! Overall I was very proud of all the runners. Everyone who took part gave their all, remained positive throughout and finished the race in their best possible time which is all I can ask for. Well done!

FOOTBALL NEWS – YEAR 10

The Year 10 Football team began their campaign in the Preston Schools' League with a good 1-1 draw against Corpus Christi on Friday, 22 September. The team started with a new formation which saw them set up in a very attacking approach. Jonjo Beetham and Cian Hayes combined well at the top of the field while a powerful midfield won most of the tackles in the middle of the park. The defence was supported well by the speed of Matthew Farrell who swept up any loose balls that may have got between the centre halves. An impressive performance from Ayanda Kalane saw him score the equalising goal while other good performances were made by Daniel Hooper and Liam Burns. The team travel to Montgomery High School in the next couple of weeks for their first round game of the English Schools Competition

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The year 7 team have started their school Football career very brightly with a 7-0 win over Ashton High School in the first round of the English Schools' Cup competition. The game was played at Ashton on Wednesday, 27th September. It was a large pitch with plenty of room to play good Football which allowed the team to show off their true potential. Early on Ethan Dalton and Dylan Hooper made use of the space by crossing excellent balls into the box for strikers Dominic Richmond and Tiarnan Hayes to latch onto. Soon enough Our Lady's had taken the lead through a goal from Dominic Richmond before Luke Smith doubled our score. Our Lady's dominated the game with goalkeeper Malachy McGuire having little to do all match. Three more goals were added by Dominic Richmond while Dylan Hooper's long range effort and Reuben Gibbs' powerful strike made the final score 7-0. The team face Dowdales High School of Barrow-in-Furness in a home game in the second round.

SCHOOL TRIP CHAMPION AWARD

Miss McNeela in the Geography department has been nominated for the School Trip Champion Award and has made it to the final four! The prize is £1000 for OLCHS to subsidise a school trip, which would be hugely beneficial for our pupils. Miss McNeela leads the Duke of Edinburgh programme and the Boys Club programme based around the Outward Bound. She also has led multiple trips, including an upcoming one to Italy this October, in the Geography department. If your child has attended a trip led by Miss McNeela, please take one minute to vote for her following this link: <http://www.schooltravelorganiser.com/awards/School-Trip-Champion-Award>

Dates to remember

Thursday, 5 October – Open Evening – school closes at 12.45 pm

Friday, 6 October – INSET day, pupils at home

Thursday, 12 October – Year 7 Information Evening

Friday, 27 October – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 6 November – school opens

Thursday, 16 November – GCSE Certificate Evening

Friday, 17 November – Year 8-11 Certificate Presentation Morning, school closes at 12.45 pm

Tuesday, 5 December – CAFOD Advent Service, St Anthony's church at 7.00 pm

Thursday, 21 December – School closes for Christmas

Monday, 8 January -