



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 9 March 2018

Our Prayer theme next week is **Redemption**

Perhaps the most famous of Gospel references is this Sunday's one from John. It is the simple statement of God's love for us that He is willing to sacrifice Himself to redeem us. In showing us such kindness, God also shows us that there is nothing He won't do to free us from the burden of sin and the destruction it causes us. He will do all for us; He will provide for us; He will give to us; He will redeem us. As usual, all we have to do is believe in Him.



God, you loved the world so much that you gave Yourself so that whoever believes in You will not be lost, but will have eternal life. Amen.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book day/week was celebrated at Our Lady's with an array of activities: On the day, pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters, competing for prizes. Classroom and office doors were decorated very imaginatively. Year 8 and some Year 7 classes were treated to a visit from the renowned author Frank Cottrell Boyce who entertained them with readings from his books and stories about how he came to write them. In addition, a story was read at the start of lessons throughout the day: Years 7, 8 and 9 heard 'Only 5 Minutes', and Years 9 and 10, 'Death by Scrabble', which they thoroughly enjoyed. A quiz on the stories took place in form the following day. Pupils have also been voting for their favourite library book in the LRC all week and the result will be announced when the votes have been counted.

YEAR 11 FOOTBALL NEWS

Unfortunately the Year 11 football team's last ever match ended in defeat. They lost 1-3 to Longridge High School on Wednesday the 7th of March. Due to the weather and condition of the grass pitches, the game was played on astro turf which was different for all players involved. Our Lady's took an early lead through a lovely finish by Nathan Noblet. They played some great football in the first half, having more of the possession and creating a number of scoring opportunities. However, Longridge pulled a goal back. Our Lady's had an instant chance to respond when they were awarded a penalty. However, the goalkeeper saved it and it remained 1-1 at half time. The second half continued in the same vein with Our Lady's dominating possession and creating chances but it felt like it was just not going to be their day. Longridge scored another two goals, both of which were against the run of play. Our Lady's hit the bar twice and missed a number of great chances.

NETBALL NEWS

All four teams from year 9 and 10 were in action tonight as the league continued at St. Cecilia's. We are one of only a minority of schools to have A and B teams in both year 9 and 10. This shows both great depth of ability and a very strong sense of commitment and motivation from our pupils. 9A beat Corpus convincingly 7-0. 9B won against Broughton 5-1. 10A beat Archbishop 13-10 after trailing 7-4 at half time. Finally year 9B had to play 10B. It was three all at half time. However, thanks to some great shooting from Erin Atkinson, year 10s won 6-4. Great effort from everyone.

FAMILY WEEKEND – CASTLERIGG MANOR

We would like to make families aware of the Family Weekend which takes place from 25 – 27 May 2018 at Castlerigg. This is an opportunity for families to come together for the weekend. There will be activities for all age groups and the opportunity to meet old friends and get to know new. The weekend is open to all families and further details can be found at <http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/family-retreats/>

36KM RUNNING CHALLENGE FOR CAFOD

Mrs Armitage and Mrs Sewell will be taking part in the 36km challenge in Disneyland Paris in order to raise as much money as possible for CAFOD, whilst promoting the physical and mental health benefits of running. The challenge takes place over the weekend of 21st-23rd September and will involve a 5km race, a 10km race and a half-marathon. There will be fundraising events in and out of school that pupils can take part in to show their support. There will be sweet, cake and Easter egg stalls, raffles and even a competition to design the Disney themed costumes that will be worn during the races. We would very much appreciate any support with our fundraising efforts in school and any sponsorship through our JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/olchsdisneychallenge>

SPRINGFIELDS APPRENTICESHIPS

The application process has begun for this year's round of apprenticeship recruitment at Springfields, Salwick. It is a very short window with the closing date being Sunday, 25 March. Any pupils interested in applying should follow the link westinghousenuclear.com/springfields/Careers/Apprentice-training. The apprenticeships available are:

- **Level 3 Engineering Apprenticeship**
- **Level 3 Laboratory Apprenticeship**

For further enquiries please contact Frankie Dillon-Salisbury or Chloe Cooper on 01772 763300

Dates to remember

Thursday, 15 March - Year 7 Parent/Carers' evening from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Thursday, 29 March – School closes for Easter holidays – 12.45 pm

Monday, 16 April – School opens

Tuesday, 1 May – Year 7 Normandy Trip

Monday, 7 May – School closed for May Day

Friday, 25 May – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 4 June – School opens

Friday, 20 July – School closes for the end of term