



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 18 May 2018

Our Prayer theme next week is **Pentecost**

What comes to mind reading the Pentecost story? The fear of going out and making a difference? I'm sure we can all relate to that. The need for guidance: again, something we all need. It is at this point that many of those who followed Jesus probably gave up because they lost their bottle and their faith. However, those who persevere, despite their fear, are then graced with the gifts that Jesus offers us, through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, which we are reminded of at Pentecost, is the continuing presence of God in our daily lives. Do we recognise the presence amongst us or have we given in to fear and closed ourselves off?



Lord, your Spirit moves with us and through us each day. Let your Spirit be revealed to us and shine out of us as we are challenged to make a difference in the name of Jesus. Lead us out of our fears. Amen

DEEPDALE FINALS

What a fantastic day! Saturday the 12th of May was the Preston Schools' Football Finals, held at Deepdale, the home of Preston North End Football Club.

The first game saw Year 7 take on a very strong Longridge High School. Our Lady's made a very quick start to the game and took a 2-0 lead in the first five minutes through Dominic Richmond and Oliver Kearney. The game then shifted and saw Longridge having a lot of possession. They pulled a goal back through a well struck free kick and created and scored a very good second goal to make it 2-2 at half time. However, the team came out firing on all cylinders in the second half and began to put pressure on the Longridge players, making strong tackles to win the ball which then turned into quick counter attacks. Our Lady's added another four goals in quick succession to take the game out of reach. Longridge managed to score a conciliation goal but it was too late. The game finished 6-3 and Our Lady's were deserving winners!

It was the Year 9's turn next! After losing in the final last year, the team had a point to prove. They were confident leading up to the game but it saw many twists and turns. Our Lady's started well, enjoying more of the ball but there were numerous nervous touches and misplaced passes. Sam Moncrief had a lot of space and made many successful runs, creating lots of chances. Our Lady's took the lead through Harry Wignall who was in the right place at the right time. However, the game quickly shifted with Fulwood scoring two goals in a short space of time to make it 1-2 at half time. Fulwood scored again early in the second half to make it 1-3. Now it was time to show character! All of the players persisted, winning tackles and driving forward with the ball. Harry Wignall scored two wonderful goals for his hatrick to take the game to 3-3 with five minutes to go. In the last minute, Our Lady's had a free kick 25-30 yards from the goal. Everyone crowded the Fulwood penalty area making it as hard as possible for their goalkeeper. Aaron Hewitt stood poised and ready. It was a sweetly struck free kick, placed in the perfect area for a glancing header. The free kick, however, evaded everyone and sailed straight into the back of the net. Deepdale erupted and the team were ecstatic. The game ended 4-3 and what a finish to a Cup Final!

The final game of the day saw the Year 10's take on Broughton High School. This game had the fewest amount of goals but it was the most professional performance of all. The team were solid throughout the ninety minutes. Every person had a role and played to a very high standard. They were strong and physical but also calm and composed on the ball, looking to play football at all times. They attacked with intelligence by using the width of the pitch. Wide players Fintan McGuire and David Alker created various chances all game. Cian Hayes applied constant pressure on the Broughton defence forcing them to make mistakes and counter with intent. Dan Hooper followed up from a Cian Hayes attempt with a smashing strike into the roof of the net from 10 yards out. It was 1-0 at half time. The second half continued in the same vein with Our Lady's dominating possession and creating more chances but they didn't add to the score line. However in the last minutes Our Lady's settled the tie as Cian Hayes calmly slotted the ball into an empty Broughton net. The game finished 2-0 and the Year 10 were overjoyed.

It was a phenomenal day and one I am sure that all the players will not forget! Thank you to everyone that came and showed their support.

ROUNDERS NEWS

The rounders season began with all four year groups taking on Ashton. Results were mixed with year 7A losing by just half a rounder and 7B losing by two and a half rounders. However, both teams showed great promise. Year 8 fought hard but lost out to a strong Ashton side. The Year 9 and 10 results were more positive with Year 9 having to work hard to win 14-12½. 10A and B won by 2½ and 6 rounders respectively, giving them a good confidence boost for the tournament straight after half term.

NETBALL NEWS

The Netball season is drawing to a close with just one week remaining, but year 7A continued their winning ways beating Christ the King 4-0 and St Cecilia's 3-2. Tayla Finley was player of the match in both games. Year 7B also won against Archbishop Temple 2-1, with player of the match being awarded to Faye Maguire. Unfortunately, Year 8's just lost out, losing by one goal to Christ the King.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Although it has been Mental Health Awareness Week nationally this week, we are respecting it next week. On Tuesday 15th May, at 10:59, for the first time in history, hundreds of radio stations across the UK came together to broadcast the #MentalHealthMinute – a one-minute message from some world famous voices to let everyone know that, whomever you are, however you're feeling and whatever you're going through, it's okay to say. This is the theme for next week's Mental Health Awareness Week. All pupils will be listening to, and discussing, this broadcast with their form tutor, which we hope will allow both pupils and staff to realise that it is okay, and important, to talk freely about mental health.

CASTLERIGG MANOR NEEDS OUR HELP!

Further to Mr Ranson's request for support please follow the link below to donate whatever you feel appropriate:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/nigelranson1>

It would be wonderful if we could reach our target and that our pupils will continue to benefit from their time at Castlerigg Manor for many years to come. With thanks for your support and to all those who have donated already.

Dates to remember

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

Monday, 4 June – School opens

Wednesday, 6 June – Year 7 Cadbury World

Thursday, 14 June – Sports Day

Thursday, 28 June – New Parents Evening

Monday, 2 July – Year 6 Induction Day

Tuesday, 3 July – Prefects' Ball

Friday, 13 July – Rewards Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach

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