



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 8 June 2018

Our Prayer theme next week is **The Will of God**

There is an old joke: How do you make God laugh? Tell him your plans! Okay, it might not be a very funny joke but the sentiment is this: we spend our days planning and coming up with ideas for our future and often we leave God out of those plans. However, God has His own plan for each of us - a plan that we also have a say in but it is His plan all the same. This plan is simply put in this week's Gospel: we are to treat others as if they were our own family with God at the head of that family. Trust in Him and He will guide our lives. The will of God is a gift waiting to be received freely and gratefully.



**Lord, help us to understand what it is that you want from me; how you want me to live my life. Let me be loving enough to call all who I meet my brothers and sisters and to look up to you, my heavenly Father, as I fulfil your plans for me. Amen.**

## **MR RANSON'S SPONSORED WALK**

We all arrived at Castlerigg Manor for 9.30am on Bank Holiday Monday and climbed into the mini bus to drive south to Grasmere where the walk began. The party of eleven set off on a steep climb to the top of Stone Arthur, the first of our 12 peaks. Onward then to Great Rigg and then to Fairfield. This was the hottest phase of the walk but a great achievement. We now had to lose height as we descended over 300 feet to the stunning Grisedale Tarn. This was followed by a steep climb up to Dollywaggon and on to Nethermost Pike. Helvellyn was still to come, the highest point of our challenge which was about seven miles into the walk. With six more peaks to climb and eight miles to go I was feeling very short of energy, breath and water. However the group spirit was fabulous and that really kept me going. On to White Side, Stybarrow Dodd, Watson's Dodd, Great Dodd, Calthow Pike and then the final summit of Clough Head. At this point Bishop Paul suggested a slightly quicker route down which was proved to be the most difficult downhill section of the walk. Miraculously he was then at the bottom waiting for us to arrive; I think he may have run down but he is a 'hard case' walker and while this challenge was considerable for me, Bishop Paul appeared to manage it with ease. A simply fabulous day with wonderful people but very challenging for an occasional walker such as me.

Thank you very much to the numerous families who have sponsored me. At the time of writing (Tuesday 5 June), the total raised so far is £905 toward our target of £1000. Including gift aid we are on £1055 but Mr Charnock has told me that I am not allowed to count the gift aid part toward the target as it is a bonus so there is still £95 to raise if possible! The donation site is still open until 29 June if you feel able to contribute to support the excellent pastoral retreat work that takes place at Castlerigg Manor <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/nigelranson1>. There are plenty of photos of the day on the Catlerigg website.

## **URGENT APPEAL FOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

Our School Production this year is Billy Elliot all the cast, male and female, need tap shoes. Please can you search your cupboards for any old tap shoes you may have from size 1 upwards and see if you can either donate them to school or sell them to us for the show. Also any ballet shoes, jazz shoes, leg warmers and tutus will be gratefully received. Many thanks.

## **SCHOOL LEAVER VACANCY**

PSA – Pettit Singleton Associates of Navigation Business Village Preston, have a vacancy for a Cad Operator/Technician, suitable for a school leaver. Full training will be given and the candidate should have good communication skill, be self-motivated and work as part of a team. CVs should be sent to [sally.king@psaltd.co.uk](mailto:sally.king@psaltd.co.uk) and for more information visit [www.psaltd.co.uk](http://www.psaltd.co.uk)

## **UKMT JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to the pupils who were awarded certificates in the recent Junior Maths Challenge. The national competition lasts an hour and is about problem solving. Ubaid Hansrod in Year 7 was awarded a gold certificate and best

in school. This was a fantastic achievement as he was competing in a Year 7 and Year 8 national competition. Silver certificates were awarded to the following Year 7 pupils; Ruby Finlay and Frankie Gillis. Bronze certificates were awarded to the following Year 7 pupils; Ethan Fox, Luke Joyce, Alexia Bellamy, Daniel Nicholson, Izaak Clarkson, Jack Rainford and Luke Courtney. Ummar-Ali Mal in Year 8 was awarded a Silver certificate and best in Year 8. Silver certificates were awarded to the following Year 8 pupils; Kacper Gawlicki, Claudia Gornall, Mariyah Patel and Noah Singleton. Bronze certificates were awarded to the following Year 8 pupils; Caitlin Jackson, Jack Perry, Kate Moir, Yasin Rezaei, Anna Sutton, Bridget Wood, Mikko Robinson, Nandhini Kovvuri, Em McBrearty, Kirsten Waddington, Matty Dodd, Zoya Khan, Henry Chesworth, Harry Singh and Keegan Fowler.

### **ROUNDERS NEWS**

The Year 9, 10 A and B rounders teams were all in action tonight against Archbishop Temple in a friendly, to prepare them for the Preston tournament this Thursday. Year 9 and 10 A both won 6.5-5.5 and 6-3.5 respectively. Year 10B just missed out by one rounder. Great preparation for Thursday's tournament. Good luck to all the teams involved.

### **YEAR 8 CRICKET NEWS**

The Year 8 cricket team travelled to Broughton in the Preston schools cricket competition on Wednesday 6th June. Broughton won the toss and decided to field first. Our opening batsmen of Kieron Carpenter and Dan Green began well, defending some accurate bowling, before Dan was found lbw in the second over. Carpenter maintained his position at the crease for quite some time, picking up 7 runs before being bowled out. The remaining batsmen worked hard to pick up some extra runs and we finished on 30 runs for 8 wickets after 12 overs. Our bowling had improved massively since our last game and this paid off as Carpenter and Green picked up 3 early wickets to give our team some hope of victory. However Broughton's opening batsman played some smart shots and protected his wicket from the uneven bounce very well and eventually hitting the winning runs after only 6 overs. The team were disappointed to lose but pleased about the progress they had made. They play Longridge on Friday 8th at Fulwood and Broughton CC.

### **YEAR 10 CRICKET NEWS**

The Year 10 team played against Archbishop Temple on Thursday 7th June in the plate trophy of the Lancashire Cup. It was a difficult wicket with very long grass in the outfield which made it extremely hard to hit boundaries so our batsmen had plenty of running to do. We were sent in to bat first and as has been the case previously, captain Ewan Mansford and vice-captain Lewis Wellings worked well to make a partnership of 35 before Mansford was caught out trying to lift the ball over mid wicket. Wellings, Sean Dobson and Adam Hasan worked well to pick up another 38 runs to earn the team 73 runs off 15 overs. Our bowling began with devastating form as Mansford drew in the talented opening batsman to make him swing wildly in the first over, bowling him out for only 2 runs. Wellings struck in the second over to remove the next batsman before Mansford took his second wicket in the third over. A confident middle order batsman gave Archbishop hope as he hit 21 runs but it was not enough to catch our total and we were victorious. The team were delighted at their first victory of the year.

#### **Dates to remember**

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

Tuesday, 4 September – school opens for Year 7 only

Wednesday, 5 September – school opens for all pupils