



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 15 June 2018

Our Prayer theme next week is **Growing in Faith**

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What do we need to do to make our plants grow? They need care and attention; water, food and light. Is the same not true for us? For us to thrive we need to be given the things that make us grow and one of those things that grows inside each of us is faith. We can feed it through the living out of the Gospel message (doing good for others), through our prayers (attending Mass, daily prayer), through our relationship with God (our love and friendship with Him which is kept alive through our devotion). Or we can leave it to die and allow that part of ourselves that gives us meaning and hope to wither away and leave that gap in our lives that only our faith can fill.



Lord, you scatter the seed of faith within each of us in the hope that it will grow into a returned love for You. Help us to feed this seed and to allow it to grow inside each of us to bring us a full and healthy life. Amen.

MARAFIKI GARDENING UPDATE

Over the Easter holidays we applied for our Level 3 RHS School gardening award certificate and we are pleased to announce that it has now been received and the certificate is displayed proudly in the Marafiki Garden. From this we will receive a Rocket Gardens voucher worth £150 for a series of three boxes, brimming with vegetable and fruit plug plants which will be delivered to school to be added to our raised beds. As part of this process we have started our own composting process and collect composting materials from around school as well as staff bringing in their own from home. The compost produced is then used within our garden. Mr Robinson has performed an experiment with a variety of different planting materials including shop bought compost and the compost from our own garden. The results so far are looking very promising. At present these are the only pumpkin seeds growing! When ready these will then be planted in our garden. But, as always we are looking forward and looking how to achieve Level 4! This involves setting up an enterprise to raise further money for the garden. As a group, we have decided to set up a Marafiki Gardening Shop. Pupils will sell produce grown in the garden to staff and pupils when ready. We have had 2 stalls so far and have raised £50. Produce has included a variety of tomatoes, peppers, herbs, vegetables as well as a variety of flowers. Pupils have been keeping count of what has been sold so we can be prepared for next year with the popular products. If you would like to donate any seeds or equipment to the gardening project please contact Mrs Sewell on kse@olchs.lancs.sch.uk As well as the garden, the group purchased a bird camera prior to the Christmas break. This was installed inside a bird box that pupils made during their lunchtimes within the grounds of the garden. Unfortunately, no birds nested in this box. The camera was repositioned to another box just outside of the garden as it was noticed that this box was occupied! Since the installation of the camera we have had 7 blue tits born. Footage can be found by searching for **OLCHS Marafiki Gardening** on YouTube. This footage is shared with pupils during form time. Footage is always being updated. The birds are growing up fast and will soon be ready for their first flight!

CAR PARKING – ST ANTHONY'S

Please may we remind all parents that St Anthony's church car park is not a public car park and as such is not available for the dropping off and collecting of pupils from our school. The Governors and Headteacher at St Anthony's have requested that we ask our parents not to use their car park, especially as the fence has cut down on parking spaces. Many thanks for your continued support.

ROUNDERS NEWS

The Year 7 and 8 rounders teams were in action today against Archbishop Temple. All three teams played really well with the scores being exceptionally close in every match. Both Year 7A and B drew 10 all and 12 all respectively. Year 8 had their first win of the season beating Archbishop by just half a rounder. Well done to all the girls involved and good luck in the Preston Schools tournament taking place on Wednesday.

CRICKET NEWS

The year 7 Cricket team played two games against Eden Boys' School and Broughton High School on Tuesday 12th June at Fulwood and Broughton Cricket Club. In their first game against Eden we won the toss and decided to bat first in an attempt to get a high score which would be too much for our opponents to chase. This ended up being a good choice as we made 87 runs off our allocated 12 overs. Captain, Adam Ball, made an excellent 27 runs before retiring while Malachy McGuire and Max Smith added another 12 runs, batting nicely against some accurate bowling. Eden found our total a little too much to reach as we limited them to 64 off their 12 overs. Effective bowling from Phoenix Fenton prevented the batting team from accumulating too many runs and our fielding remained tight. We won the first game by 23 runs. The second game against Broughton proved to be a tougher affair. Broughton decided to bat first and hit 91 runs, the highest made throughout the day's games. The Our Lady's bowlers worked hard to take some early wickets however the middle order batsmen had been trained to take single runs wherever possible and they picked up lots of runs in the second half of the innings. Their total of 91 was just too much for our batters to chase and even though vice-captain Max Smith hit a retired 26 runs it was not enough and the team finished with 74 runs, 17 short of the target resulting with Broughton winning the game and qualifying for the finals after winning both of their matches. The Our Lady's team played extremely well and each one should be proud of their own performances. Their next game is against Manchester Academy in the Lancashire Plate Trophy first round.

MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE

The next Open Morning is on Saturday, 23 June from 9.45 am to 12.30 pm. The college offers BTEC courses, vocational courses and apprenticeships - including sport, agricultural engineering, motorsports, motor cycle and photography alongside the land based and animal related courses.

Dates to remember

Wednesday, 27 June – Sports' Awards Dinner
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