



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 29 June 2018

Our Prayer theme next week is **Miracles**

The more we advance in our wonderful technologies and amazing discoveries, the more questions they throw back at us. Sometimes we don't have to look too far for the answer: miracles. Jesus performed many miracles in front of many witnesses yet we struggle because they are things that we don't see. Maybe we don't see because we haven't got our eyes open to them or because we are closed off from them. But then we miss out on the wonders that God performs in our world.



(The Miracle Prayer) Lord Jesus, I come before you, just as I am. I am sorry for my sins, please forgive me. In your name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I give myself to you, Lord and accept you as my Lord and my God. Amen.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY – MONDAY, 2 JULY 2017

Our next year's Year 7 pupils will be joining us for a day in school on Monday, 2 July 2017. As is our practice, **Year 8** pupils are to remain home on that day. This will enable us to release teachers to work with the Year 6 pupils.

YEAR 7 MOVING UP

From Monday, 2 July Year 7 pupils will move up to be with their new Form Tutors for next year. They will be told where their new form rooms are and need to report there for registration on the Monday morning.

LOCKER KEYS

Please would all pupils be aware that lockers are to be emptied and pupils must take the lock and key home by Wednesday, 18 July. The lock should then be brought back in September to be used on new lockers. Lockers which are not emptied will have the lock cut off and pupils will need to buy a new lock at a cost of £1.50. Any items left in the lockers will be placed in Lost Property.

REFUGEE WEEK

OLCHS has just celebrated another successful Refugee Week, with this year's theme of "20 Simple Acts". In Geography lessons, Year 8 pupils learned about the global refugee movement and wrote some creative writing pieces as a response to what they had learned. This work has been distributed around churches in Preston and displayed during Refugee Week as one of our "simple acts" of welcome and understanding. During the week itself, Year 10 and Year 8 experienced some real-life testimonies from refugees and asylum seekers. Hearing the testimonies of people from countries such as the Congo and Syria really drove home the challenges that refugees and asylum seekers face both in their home countries and then upon arrival in to the UK. Particularly fascinating was a Year 8 empathy session led by Wonder Phiri from the Red Cross. Finally, many thanks to all those who contributed to donations for our "Welcome Boxes". We managed to put together 28 boxes for refugee families living in and around Preston, and these will be distributed into the community by the Talk English group and the Red Cross based at St Cuthbert's church centre.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH – BRONZE EXPEDITION

This weekend 56 of our Year 9 students embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice expedition. The group have been training for the expeditions since January and now was the time to see if all that training had paid off. The first group was dropped off in Garstang and had to navigate their way to Guys Farm some 11km away taking in Nicky Nook along the way. This was a challenge as they also had to carry everything they would need to be self-sufficient for the next 24 hours (equating to about 10kg). This excluded mobile phones which they were not allowed to bring to allow them to focus on their navigation and teamwork skills, along with having fun and enjoying the company of the students on the trip. In the evening they had to pitch their tents and then prepare and make a meal. The meals this year all looked delicious and we may have a few master chefs in the making. One might have thought that the groups would be tired after a hard day walking but all groups still enjoyed evenings made up of football, rounders and sleeping bag races. On the second

day the group packed up the camp and then set out to explore 10km routes around the beautiful countryside surrounding Dolphinholme. The staff supervising the expedition all commented how impressed they were at the groups' ability to navigate and also their resilience to keep going without complaining when times got tough. The second group were equally impressive and undertook the route in reverse tackling Nicky Nook in very warm conditions on Sunday. The groups were a delight all weekend and showed excellent teamwork, determination and organisation. We hope that they will all go on to successfully complete their assessed expeditions in September.

Y10 LANCASHIRE CUP CRICKET

The Year 10 team made it to the quarter-finals of the Lancashire Schools Plate Competition after beating St Francis Xavier College, Liverpool on Friday, 22 June. Our Lady's travelled to Liverpool for the game and were greeted by an excellent playing surface and a hard wicket with the potential for swing and bounce. After losing the toss the team were made to field first and captain, Ewen Mansford took charge of the bowling order while vice-captain, Lewis Wellings dictated fielding positions. This partnership worked well and the team were on their toes to stop any easy runs from the opposing batsmen. It was soon clear that it was a quick outfield after successive boundaries were scored early by Xavier's captain off the fast-paced bowling of James Lupton. This was to be short lived as both openers were out off the first 4 overs, Lupton bowling out the number 2 batsman with a fine Yorker and Mansford drawing in a wild shot from the opener, only to be caught out by Ben Pomfret at long on. Two further wickets fell, both caught and bowled, to Ben Gaskell and Lewis Wellings before a great run-out was forced by some effective fielding. The batting team finished on 81 for 7 wickets off 16 overs. This was no easy target for Our Lady's and the team knew they had to be cautious and build runs wherever possible. Mansford and Wellings opened the batting and did exactly that, picking up single runs to make a steady start. The bowling then became a little erratic and both batsmen took advantage of this, each hitting boundaries before Mansford calmly stroked a huge 6 back over the bowlers head to inflict more damage. After a few more quick boundaries Mansford was to be caught out at square leg for the second time this year. Lupton came in at number 3 but did not wait to get off the mark, hitting two boundaries off his first 2 shots. Wellings added boundaries himself before the team were left needing one run to win. The opposing captain pulled fielders close in to put pressure on our batsmen and it was to pay off, drawing Wellings into playing a wild shot and bowling him out. Sean Dobson was in next and the same pressure nearly got to him also however he was dropped at slip on the next ball. In the next over Lupton steadily stroked home another boundary to complete the victory. Our Lady's winning the tie by 8 wickets and plenty of overs to spare. They now await their quarter-final opponents.

Dates to remember

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

Friday, 5 October – INSET Day – pupils at home