



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 28 September 2018

Name Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **Harvest**

This week in school we will launch our harvest collection appeal. We'll be collecting items for the foodbank which will be used to help those in need in our local area.

**Lord, protect those most in need, especially in our local area. Help us to be generous with what we have, so we can look after the most needy. Give us the desire to be kind, caring, and compassionate.
Amen.**

YEAR 7 MASS OF WELCOME

On Wednesday, 26 September we welcomed families of our Year 7 pupils to celebrate Mass in the Arts Theatre. Pupils presented a remembrance candle to headteachers from our family of primary schools. Father Simon Hawsworth celebrated Mass and it was a lovely way to welcome pupils and families to our school community.

OLCHS EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES BAKE OFF

A huge well done to all our pupils who entered our first Bake Off competition! The standard was exceptional and made judging extremely difficult. In 1st place was Angelika Smith in 7R with her map themed creation of Slovakia, 2nd place went to Nathan Sherlock in 8O with his French inspired design and 3rd place to Jasmine Dover in 9U with her Leaning Tower of Pisa cake. There were also some other wonderful cakes that stood out, the Germany inspired Oktoberfest cake from Rebecca Helm and Eden Turley in Year 8, a multicoloured culinary tour of Europe cake from Head Girl Arianna Lowery, a European flag themed family effort from Sam Singh in Year 7 and a wonderfully piped three-layer French Flag from Ben Hurst in Year 8. The cakes were sold at lunchtime and £109.60 was raised to donate to Macmillan to link in with our staff Macmillan Coffee Morning. Follow us on Twitter to see pictures of all the cakes @MFLOLCHS

HARVEST

The 2018 Harvest Appeal will run from Monday, 8 October until Thursday, 18 October. We are encouraging all pupils to bring one item of tinned food or toiletries to support our local Salvation Army Food Bank.



YEAR 7 NORMANDY TRIP

The annual trip to Normandy, which will take place in May 2019, is to be launched on Monday, 1 October. Year 7 pupils will come home with letters supplying further details. Deposits and reply slips must be returned to the Finance Office via the school post box by Monday, 14 October to reserve a place.

DRAMA TRIP

36 Year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama pupils went to see Blood Brothers at the Charter Theatre, Preston on Thursday, 20 September. The pupils were an absolute credit to themselves and school as usual.

OPEN EVENING

Our Annual Open Evening takes place on Thursday, 4 October from 6.00 pm until 8.30 pm. To allow staff and pupils to prepare for the event, school will close at 12.45 pm on that day, as is our practice.

ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2019

The process of applying for high school places in September 2019 has now begun for Year 6 pupils. Parents wishing to choose Our Lady's should apply online at <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx> or via the link on the school website www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk. Parents should ensure that preferences are selected in the correct order as Lancashire County Council always

aim to offer places in order of preference. Please be aware that it is necessary to apply even if a brother or sister is already at Our Lady's and it is imperative that all applications are received **before the deadline of 31 October 2018**. In addition to the Lancashire application process, we ask that a Supplementary Form is completed. These forms are available on the school website or from reception.

ARLO'S TWITTER ACCOUNT

Arlo now has his own Twitter account, which will document his activities in school and provide more information about how he is supporting our pupils each day. His Twitter handle is: @TherapyDogOLCHS if you wish to follow him.

NETBALL NEWS

The Year 9 Netball team had their first two Preston Schools' league matches on Wednesday. There have been some changes to the squad with the addition of three new players to the team and the unfortunate absence of one of our main shooters. Sadly, the girls narrowly lost out to Corpus Christi and St Cecilia's. In the latter game there was only one goal separating the two teams. Hopefully the squad will learn from these matches in order to be more successful against future opposition. Well done to Grace Wignall (captain), Anna Durney, Summer Mitchell, Molly Burns, Evie Skorge, Paige Dixon, Demi-Leigh Tipping, Bethany Lovett and Anna Sutton.

VACANCIES

We currently have a vacancy for the position of cleaner. The hours are 12 per week term time only, either mornings Monday to Thursday 6.00 am until 8.30 am and Friday 6.00 am until 8.00 am or afternoons Monday to Thursday 3.30 pm until 6.00 pm and Friday 3.30 pm until 5.30 pm. More details and an application pack are available on the website. Closing Date for all applications is Wednesday, 10 October at 12 noon.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic book fair is coming to our school on Wednesday, 3 October until Wednesday, 10 October. The book fair will be held in the LRC and all pupils are welcome to view the selection of books at break time, lunchtime or after school. As Christmas is approaching, this is a great opportunity to stock up on new & exciting bestselling series, non-fiction and classics. Every book you buy at our book fair helps our school to earn free books for the library. You can peruse the books online at bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk.

THE CATHOLIC TEACHING ALLIANCE SCHOOL DIRECT PROGRAMME

Would you, or anyone you know, like to train locally to become a primary or secondary school teacher? If you are a graduate you could train with the Catholic Teaching Alliance in schools in the Preston area. Our Lady's is the lead school of the Catholic Teaching Alliance which is a partnership of over 60 Catholic schools and the University of Cumbria working together to provide first class initial teacher training within the Catholic community. PGCE and QTS are awarded upon successful completion of the course. The UCAS Teacher Training system opens for applications in October, see the School Direct section of our website for more details www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org. Any questions? Mr Gormally will be in the Training Centre at Our Lady's every Monday from 4.00 – 5.00pm to answer your queries about the Catholic Teaching Alliance and our School Direct training programme. Please email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or telephone 01772 326931 to book an appointment.



Dates to remember

Thursday, 4 October – Open Evening – school closes at 12.45 pm
Friday, 5 October – INSET day, pupils at home
Wednesday 10 October – Open Day tour of school
Thursday, 11 October – Open Day tour of school
Thursday, 11 October – Year 7 Information Evening
Friday, 19 October – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm
Monday, 29 October – school opens
Friday, 21 October – school closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm
Monday, 7 January 2019 – school opens