



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 8 March 2019

Our prayer theme next week: **Temptation**

We're now into the first full week of Lent and we reflect upon Jesus in the desert and the struggles He faced. He went into the desert to prepare himself for the work He would do on earth. He fasted for 40 days, He prayed, and He was preparing to give himself to the world. The devil came to tempt Jesus, but He refused, showing us there is always an alternative to the temptations we face.

Lord, as we reflect upon Your temptation in the desert, help us to know our own weaknesses. Help us to know there is an alternative to temptation.

Give us the strength we need to overcome the temptations we face.

Amen.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day will be celebrated at Our Lady's on Thursday, 14 March. Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and will be given a £1 World Book Day voucher which they may use in many book stores. We have best-selling author Joseph Delaney coming into school to talk to our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. Joseph will be bringing along some of his books from his Spooks and Arena 13 series, Ghost Prison, Witches and Aberrations. Pupils will be able to buy the books at £6 each, if they wish to do so. (His latest book 'Aberrations' will be on offer at £5.) Please encourage your child to get involved in what is anticipated to be a really great day.

CAREERS WEBSITE - LEARN LIVE

We are in the process of developing our Careers Programme and many of you will be aware of the improvements to the Careers Page of the school website. If you haven't visited this page already I would encourage you to do so to assist your child in making informed choices about their futures. One such addition to the website is the Learn Live programme which hosts live broadcasts from post graduate employers and apprenticeship providers that can be either live streamed (if the time suits) by pressing the first link or watched 'on-demand' by pressing the second. The benefit of the live stream is that the employer can be interacted with.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property cupboard will be emptied on the first day of every month and items will be stored for that whole month. If items are not claimed in that time, they will be sent to local charity shops or for recycling. If your child has missing clothing or PE kits, please encourage them to ask to see all of the items we have stored.

YEAR 7 MATHS CHALLENGE STARTING IN LENT

Lent is the ideal time to pause and think of things we take for granted, such as access to drinking water. Well-good.org is a sponsored scheme where businesses will reward pupils for answering Maths questions. They will fund the installation of wells for our neighbours around the world. 10 points or more are awarded for 1 question correctly answered. **100 points or 10 questions provides drinking water for 1 person for 1 day.** From the start of Lent through to the end of Year 7 there will be an inter form monthly competition and an individual monthly competition. During Lent especially, pupils may want to do something, rather than give up something. The website is well-good.org. Pupils select the school, year and their username is their surname and first initial eg brownj The password is water1 for all pupils. The competition is accessible for all pupils.

CRICKET NEWS

The Under 15 girls' cricket team played their first competitive matches this week against Broughton and Ashton. Broughton had a very strong, experienced team and unfortunately a few errors by us resulted in them winning the match. However, we were much more confident in the second game. Fielding was much tighter and bowling much more accurate resulting in Our Lady's winning 51-48 against Ashton. Well done to all the pupils involved.

INDOOR ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the thirteen Year 7 students who took part in the Indoor Athletics competition held at Preston College on Wednesday, 6 March. The athletes took part in a range of track and field events aiming to earn as many points as possible for the team. Unfortunately, neither team finished in the top three but there were many positive performance and individuals who gained placed positions for some events. It was a very enjoyable afternoon for the students, and it was great to see them support one another before, during and after events.

U16 HANDBALL TEAM

The boys Under 16 handball team played three games as part of the Preston Schools' Handball Competition. The games were played at Eden Boys School on Thursday, 28 February. It was the first occasion the team had played together and it was interesting to see how they connected in a new sport. Our Lady's won all three games comfortably with stand-out performances from Liam Burns, Fintan McGuire and Lewis Wellings who carried the ball forward well and scored with a variety of long and short range shots. If the team win their remaining two games next Thursday, they will progress to the district finals where they stand a good chance of winning and further representing the district in the county finals. Other members of the team included Jack Jemson, Nat Ingham, Joe Kelly, James Lupton, Matthew Farrell and Liam Corless.

NETBALL NEWS

On Wednesday, 27 February the Year 11 netball teams travelled to St Cecilia's for their final netball tournament together. We were in a fantastic position to be able to field two teams which is just amazing in Year 11. Both teams began playing well after a delayed start. The teams were in separate leagues and playing at the same time. OLCHS A lost just one match to St Cecilia's in their league beating Christ The King, Broughton and Ashton. They met Longridge in the semi-final and unfortunately just didn't up their game enough to hold on for final position. Final score was 7-1 to Longridge. The B team played fantastic throughout the afternoon but were up against some outstanding A teams. All the girls have been an absolute pleasure to coach over the past 5 years and Miss Lewis and I would like to say a huge well done to them all.

The Year 7 A and B netball teams played a friendly fixture against Corpus Christi, in preparation for the Preston Schools' league starting soon. The games were action packed with both sides having numerous attempts at scoring. Fortunately, we were able to convert more of our shots. Consequently, both A and B teams won 5-1. Well done to everyone involved and we wish the squad luck as they begin their league matches in two weeks- time.

Dates to remember

Tuesday, 12 March – Normandy Parents' meeting
Thursday, 21 March - Year 7 Parent/Carers' evening
Tuesday, 26 March – Year 9 Options Evening
Friday, 5 April – School closes for Easter at 12.45 pm
Tuesday, 23 April – School opens for the Summer Term
Wednesday, 1 May – Year 7 Normandy Trip
Monday, 6 May – School closed for May Day
Friday, 24 May – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm
Monday, 3 June – School opens