



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 22 March 2019

Our prayer theme next week: Forgiveness

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a fig tree that fails to produce fruit. One man suggests cutting it down, another suggests working with it and help it grow. In our own lives we can choose to cut people off or work with them and help our relationships grow.

Lord, help us to be kind and forgiving, especially when it is easier not to be. Help us to build relationships with others rather than cut them off.

Amen.

LENTEN COLLECTION

The 2019 Lenten Collection is in aid of the Salvation Army community food bank. The charity supports the people and families of Preston who are in need of essential items, by providing food and toiletries. Pupils may donate items of non-perishable food and toiletries such as:

- Cereal/cereal bars
- Biscuits
- Tea/Coffee/Hot chocolate/sugar
- Soup/tinned vegetables
- Jars of pasta/curry sauce
- Baby food and nappies
- Shower gel/shampoo/deodorant

Please could items be brought into school by Wednesday, 3 April and we will deliver them directly to the Salvation Army.

LENTEN VIGIL – CARDINAL NEWMAN COLLEGE

On Tuesday, 2 April at 6.30 pm there will be a Lenten vigil at Cardinal Newman College in the College Chapel at Lark Hill. The Vigil is a service of prayer, reflection and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Following the service there will be light refreshments and a Fairtrade gift stall.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

Options Evening for Year 9 will take place on Tuesday, 26 March from 5.00 pm until 6.30 pm. The evening will begin with a presentation in the Arts Theatre. Following this, pupils and their parents will have the opportunity to meet staff from curriculum areas who will be available for questions in the Restaurant. Pupils should attend the event in full school uniform.

MOON ROCKS AND METEORITES AT OUR LADY'S

OLCHS marked British Science Week by offering the pupils the rare opportunity to handle moon rocks and meteorites during a series of science lessons which were truly out of this world. The samples were provided free of charge by the UK's Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC). A piece of Mars rock which is 1.2 billion years old and a 4.3 billion year old piece of nickel meteorite were included and it is unlikely that pupils will hold an object older than this as Earth itself was formed 4.6 billion years ago. The lunar samples were collected in the late 1960s and early 1970s during some of NASA's manned missions to the moon. Some pupils from St Anthony's Primary School were also given the opportunity to become meteorite hunters using the kits provided. Pupils also experienced science lessons based on British Science Week's theme of "Journeys".

200 CLUB DRAW WINNERS - FEBRUARY 2019

Number	Name	Amount
1	D Cornes	£30.00
9	Mrs L & Mr T Gavell	£30.00
46	Carly Jane Dickinson	£30.00

MATHS FEAST 2019

On Tuesday this week, pupils from Year 10 competed in a national Maths competition held at Newman College. The competition combined mathematical, communication and teamwork skills. The pupils were competing against other teams including grammar schools. The team of John Dickinson, Alice Lodge, Saara Chikh and Vishal Karri did extremely well. Hopefully all four students will be considering taking Maths at Advanced level in the future.

NETBALL NEWS

The Year 8 netball squad played their first set of matches in the Preston Schools league on Wednesday. The A team had a tough opening match against Archbishop, losing 6-2. However, they were much more focused in their second game beating Ashton 8-5. Player of the match went to Millie Dixon. The B team made a great start winning both of their matches against Corpus Christi and Longridge B 2-1 and 3-2 respectively. Player of the match went to Safaa Patel. We wish the girls luck for the rest of the season.

MIND AND BODY FOR YOUR WELLBEING

If you would you like to have some time and space for yourself, to relax, refresh and renew a sense of balance the above event could be of interest. It will be held at 'Tabor' Xaverian Mission and Spirituality Centre 169 Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 8HE on Sunday 14 April 2019 from 09.00 am until 1.00 pm. The morning will include gentle yoga, breathing work and mindful meditation to help restore a sense of balance within you. Tickets are £20 and these can be ordered by calling Mary Cullen on 07846 493933 or by visiting:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mind-and-body-for-your-wellbeing-tickets-58634657840>

Dates to remember

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

Friday, 19 July – School closes for the end of term