



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 14 June 2019

Our prayer theme next week: The Trinity

Our theme this week is the Trinity. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God the Father sent His Son, Jesus, to the world to teach us and show us how to live. When Jesus ascends to heaven, we are left with the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Lord, send us Your Holy Spirit to guide us each day. Help us to understand the Trinity. Help us to know You, Father, Son and Spirit.

Amen.

UKMT JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the pupils who were awarded certificates in the recent Junior Maths Challenge. The national competition lasts an hour and is all about problem solving. Over a quarter of a million pupils take part in the Challenge. Emil Dawkins in Year 7 was awarded a gold certificate and best in school. This was a fantastic achievement as he was competing in a Year 7 and Year 8 national competition. Emil has done really well and is through to the next round of the competition. Maciej Gorecki was also awarded a gold certificate. Silver certificates were awarded to the following Year 7 pupils; Lexie Czyzewski and Liam McCaul. Bronze certificates were awarded to the following Year 7 pupils; Keeley Blythe, Maia Bickford-Yates, Abdul Hadi, Archie King, Ellie Wright, Lucia Williams, Amy Peacock, Annie Rutherford and Allegra Marino. Ruby Finlay and Nathan James in Year 8 were both awarded gold certificates. Silver certificates were awarded to the following Year 8 pupils; Ubaid Hansrod, Frankie Gillis and Daniel Nicholson. Bronze certificates were awarded to the following Year 8 pupils; Luke Joyce, Rebecca Helm, Ethan Fox, Isabelle Peers, Kelsey Corcoran, Marcin Wojtowicz, Alice Moncrief, Izaak Clarkson, Louis Taylor, Amarah Isa and Jack Rainford. Well done one and all.

POETRY SLAM 2019

On Monday, 10 June, Year 7 and 8 pupils took part in Our Lady's 6th annual Poetry Slam competition. During their English lessons leading up to the Slam, all pupils had either chosen or written a poem for performance and battled it out in the classroom. The finalists from each group then competed on stage in front of their year groups and winners were chosen by a panel of expert judges comprising of teachers and older pupils. The event was a definite success and thoroughly enjoyed by all; the high standard of performance was truly commendable. The judges were indeed faced with the difficult job of choosing a 1st and 2nd place but after much deliberation, the prizes were awarded to:

- Year 8 Winner: Charlotte Storey
- Year 8 Runners up: Zafeera Abdoolah, Ellie Moran and Zaiba Patel
- Year 7 Winners: Finn Hurley and George Rainford
- Year 7 Runner up: Kinga Zawisto

Congratulations to all our brave finalists!

CRY CHARITY – HEART SCREENING EVENT

On Saturday, 6 and Sunday, 7 July the CRY charity are running a free heart screening event for ages 14-35 at CPC Plc, Faraday Drive, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9PP. Simply go to www.testmyheart.org to book an appointment, the password if needed is CPC2019. These screenings are funded in memory of Jordan Grant our Deputy Head Boy 2010-2011.

YEAR 7 CRICKET

The Year 7 team played their second game of the year against Chorlton High School, Manchester, on Monday 10th June. The game was played at Our Lady's and apart from a brief shower the weather held out for a nice afternoon of cricket. Our Lady's were put in to bat first and opening batsmen Harry Hargreaves and James Hutchinson began well, playing nice defensive and attacking shots on quite a bouncy wicket. Unfortunately, Harry Hargreaves was bowled out rather early after the ball failed to bounce on contact, skidded under his bat and hit the wickets. The remaining batsmen tried to pick up some runs here and there but accurate bowling from our opponents made it difficult to build a large score. Joel Craig top scored with 7 runs while others managed only 3 or 4 runs. Our total came to 41 off 16 overs which was not a particularly high score. We knew we had to bowl very accurately and be on our toes in the field so as to not give away easy runs. Chorlton's opening batsmen managed to pick out gaps in our field and scored runs early on. Too many wides were given away and soon enough our opposition only needed a few more runs to beat our total. Liam McCaul came on to bowl and quickly took the wicket of the captain which raised the spirits of the team, taking his bails off with an accurate delivery. Chorlton made the remaining runs and won the game with 9 wickets remaining. Our Lady's were disappointed not to win but will have learned some valuable lessons about minimising fielding errors and batting with more purpose for their next games 2 weeks.

ROUNDERS

The Year 9 and 10 rounders team played their first friendly match on Wednesday at home to Corpus Christi. The Year 10 team fielded really well, and Corpus Christi were all out after just 18 bowls. They then went on to bat superbly resulting in a convincing win of 10½ rounders to 1½. The Year 9 game was slightly closer, but they also managed to win with a score of 7½ to 4. A great start to the season girls, well done.

SALTERS' FESTIVAL OF CHEMISTRY

On Thursday, 6 June four Year 8 pupils took part in the annual Salters' Festival of Chemistry at the University of Manchester, accompanied by Mrs Cree. The festivals are run at universities across the country to enthuse and inspire the chemists of tomorrow. The pupils faced two challenges and beat some incredibly tough competition to come second in the university challenge. The pupils had to test and analyse substances over the course of two hours and submit a report with their final conclusions. After the challenges the pupils were treated to a 'Flash Bang' chemistry show. The pupils that took part were: Rebecca Helm, Luke Joyce, Zafeera Abdoola and Frankie Gillis

TELLONYM APP

We would like to bring to parents'/carers' attention an App called Tellonym. This, like all social media type Apps, allows for communication and messaging between users. The App however, allows for messages or comments to be anonymous which means they can appear to be from someone they are not. A recent situation involving pupils was brought to our attention when messages were posted appearing to come from a pupil who did not use the App. The App has a 17+ rating and we would advise parents/carers against pupils being allowed to use it.

PRIMARY TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE (CATHOLIC TEACHING ALLIANCE)

On Wednesday, 12 June the Primary Team Maths Challenge took place at Our Lady's Catholic High School. The competition gives pupils the opportunity to tackle a variety of engaging mathematical activities while developing teamwork and communication skills. Catholic Primary Schools from across the region entered teams of four pupils to tackle the three rounds. Of the twelve teams who entered this year, St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School from Lancaster were victorious, closely followed by St Clare's Preston and St Joseph's Lancaster. Well done to all who took part.

Dates to remember

Thursday, 27 June – New Parents' Evening
Monday, 1 July – Year 6 induction day
Friday, 12 July – Rewards Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Tuesday, 16 July – Whole School Mass
Friday, 19 July – School closes for the end of term
Tuesday, 3 September – School opens for Year 7 pupils
Wednesday, 4 September – School opens for all pupils