



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 20 September 2020

Name Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **Trust**.

In this week's Gospel, we are reminded that we cannot be slave to both God and money. This is not easy in today's society. We often rely far too much on material things to make us feel good. This is often momentary and disappointing. Trusting in God is simply believing that He loves us and He has the power to help us in all circumstances, and bring lasting joy.

Lord, teach us in life to value what is truly important. Give us the strength and courage to place our trust in You, knowing that You will take care of our every need. Amen.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE ASSESSMENT

On Thursday, 12 September everybody taking part brought their bags to school and attended a Kit Inspection, either at Lunchtime or after the school day had ended. We were each assigned our kit for the next day or the day after, we were given things like: Trangia Stoves, Tents, Rucksacks, and more!

The Friday group began their assessment from the Visitor Centre at Beacon Fell, the first task was to navigate to the top of Beacon Fell and walk back down it. The groups then headed North up to Bleasdale School and Church and discovered the Bleasdale Stone Circle. After a break they headed back on their journey and up a hill before heading South on the final stretch of our journey. Finally, the third task was to Navigate to a Farmyard that had a sign directing them to the Cobble Hey Farm where camp was for the night.

After a good rest, Mr Thompson woke up the groups at 6.45 am. This route consisted of a 10 – 12km circular path and consisted of a series of farm fields and country roads to start and then dropped down next to the Winsnape Brock. This was arguably the hardest part of the route for some pupils as they had to walk up a large hill and then cross what many people were calling a 'slip and slide' – a very large patch of slippery ground.

The change over of groups took place on Saturday lunchtime with the second set of groups walking the reverse of the first groups.

Weather conditions were perfect, and 80 Year 10 pupils successfully completed the Assessment Weekend and will be presented with their Bronze Award in December.

CONFIRMATION – SAINT JOHN PAUL II PARISH

There will be a confirmation programme beginning on Tuesday, 1 October 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Centre. The programme is for all pupils who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and are parishioners of, and past pupils of Sacred Heart or St Bernard's Primary Schools. Enrolment will take place at Mass on Sunday, 6 October at 9.00 am in Sacred Heart Church. Other dates to note are 15 October, 26 November, 14 January, 11 February, 31 March, 22 April and 9 June.

Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, 16 June at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Church.

Enrolment forms are available from Sacred Church, Beech Grove, Ashton, Preston. For any queries please contact Rev. Chris Barwise 01772-760045.

NORMANDY 2020

Our annual Year 7 visit to Normandy will be launched to pupils on Monday, 23 September. For all those wanting to take part, a letter with all the details and a reply slip can be found on the school website in the Parents/School Trips section.

MARAFIKI GARDEN NEWS



The Marafiki Garden has gained RHS Five Star School Garden status! This is a tremendous accomplishment that pupils and staff have worked very hard to achieve. The main focus for the Five Star award was to involve the community, so in July we held an Open Day, to which we invited pupils from St Anthony's pre-school and Corpus Christi Catholic High School as well as local residents and Governors. They enjoyed guided tours of the garden from members of the club as well as afternoon tea with home-made scones and strawberry cake (many thanks to Mrs Bilsbrough and Mrs Fry). The weather smiled on us and it was a hugely successful day with many members of staff incorporating a visit to the garden within their lesson plans. Over the year we have developed the garden enormously and pupils have grown a wide range of fruits, vegetables and herbs, as well as making hanging baskets and pots of flowers to sell. As our reward for this achievement, we have received a certificate, two plaques which will be proudly displayed in reception and in the garden itself, and £200 of vouchers to spend in a garden centre. The club will be carrying on our good work this year, maintaining what we have achieved and developing the garden more and of course deciding with our pupils how to spend our £200! Many thanks to all who supported us throughout the year

OPEN EVENING – YEAR 7 GUIDES

Each year our Year 7 pupils act as guides during the annual Open Evening. We encourage all Year 7 to take the opportunity to help the evening go smoothly and also for them to develop their confidence. A letter with full details will be given out in assembly on Monday. Parental permission is needed and completed reply slips should be returned to school.

THE GREAT OUR LADY'S EUROPEAN BAKE OFF

European Day of Languages – Thursday, 26 September

- Have you got what it takes to be the Our Lady's European Day of Languages star baker? Can you be creative, imaginative and original?
- To enter the *The Great Our Lady's European Bake-Off* all you need to do is bake something and try to decorate it with a European theme – the standard of entries last year was outstanding! (see photos)
- Bring your entry to Room 46 during form time on the morning of Thursday, 26 September.
- Entries will be judged by the languages department and there will be a winner chosen for Year 7, one for Year 8, one for Year 9 and finally one for Years 10/11.
- Cakes will then be sold in a cake sale at lunch time on Thursday in Room 46.

Any questions please see Mrs Crossley in Room 46.

VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for an Attendance Improvement Worker to join our staff. The hours of work are Monday to Friday 8.30 to 2.45 pm, term time only. We are looking for an immediate start for the successful candidate. The closing date is 27 September 2019 at 12 noon with interviews taking place on Wednesday, 2 October. Further details and application forms are available from the website.

Dates to remember

Friday, 26 September – Macmillan Coffee Morning at 12 noon
Thursday, 3 October – Open Evening, school closes for pupils at 12.45 pm
Friday, 4 October – INSET day school closed for all pupils
Friday, 18 October – School closes for half-term
Monday, 28 October – School opens
Thursday, 7 November – GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening
Friday, 8 November – Presentation Assemblies – school closes at 12.45 pm
Thursday, 19 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm
Monday, 6 January – School opens for the Spring Term