



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 11 October 2019

The Prayer theme next week is Gratitude.

In the Gospel this week, Jesus heals ten lepers, but only one returns to say thank you. *Luke 17:11-19*

Sometimes life gets too busy and we forget to say thank you for all that God has done for us. He is with us even in times of great difficulty.

Heavenly Father,

My blessings are many. Thank You for the ability to love and be loved and for all the great wonders of creation. I want to thank You, for those things in my life that are less than I would hope them to be. I know that You are near to me in times of difficulty. I thank You most of all for Your unconditional love.

Amen

FOOTBALL NEWS

The Year 9 football team travelled to Longridge High School on Wednesday, 9 October. The game was even for the first ten minutes, but it was Our Lady's who took the lead; Tiarnán Hayes dispatched a penalty after being brought down when he was through on goal. However, Longridge rallied after falling behind and got a goal back just before half time, making it 1-1. The home team came out stronger in the second half and scored two goals in quick succession to go 3-1 up with 15 minutes to play. Nevertheless, Tiarnán Hayes scored a further two goals to complete his hatrick and ensure a point was taken from the game. Well played lads!

The Year 8 football team travelled to Corpus Christi Catholic High School to play their third game of the season. It was a slow start in poor weather, by both teams. Both teams were looking dangerous when a through ball was played over the top. The first half saw both teams have their chances, but it would have been the home side who were disappointed to be drawing 2-2 at the break. Our Lady's were taking too many touches and weren't as clinical as they were in the last game. The team reacted to the half-time team talk positively which was evident from their second half performance. They moved the ball quicker, creating more clear-cut chances and they were much more clinical in front of goal. Leighton Hewitt managed another hatrick which is 9 goals in three games for the Captain. However, it was a high-quality team performance and there were a lot of individual performances to be proud of. Well done all to all the players!

DRIVING ON ST ANTHONY'S DRIVE

Please may we remind all parents about the importance of road safety and appropriate parking, particularly in this area where there are a large number of both primary and secondary school pupils at the beginning and end of the school day. The safety of all our pupils is paramount.

CERTIFICATE EVENING

Invitations have been sent out to last year's Year 11 pupils inviting them to Certificate Presentation Evening on Thursday, 7 November. Admission to this event is by ticket only and pupils should request tickets from Mrs Boyers on abo@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

PAPER REDUCTION

Please be reminded that we are trying, as much as possible, to reduce the amount of paper used for parental letters. All trip information can be found on our school website, please follow this link:

<https://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/parents/school-trips/>

COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS

Would all parents please update school of any changes to contact details, particularly emergency contact telephone numbers and email addresses. Email and text messaging are our main forms of communication with parents. It is therefore imperative that our records are current and correct. To make any changes please email Mrs Gavell on lga@olchs.lancs.sch.uk Many thanks for your support.

PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT

Voting has taken place and the votes counted, in accordance with regulations. We are pleased to announce that our new Parent Governor is Lynne Green. Lynne will serve on the Pupils, Parents and Community Committee of our Full Governing Body and we wish her a successful term of office.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

The second OLCBS Cheese & Wine Evening will take place on Friday, 1 November 2019 at 7pm in the Arts' Theatre, for over 18s only. Tickets cost £10 each and are on sale now. Numbers are strictly limited, and tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis so don't delay! Please contact Mrs Gavell (lga@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) or Mrs Bilsborrow (pbi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) to buy yours. The format of the evening is very relaxed and informal, and our host is Mick Gould, who some parents will already know from other cheese & wine events at primary school. Mick has been in the wine business for many years and is currently based at Huntley's Farm Shop in Samlesbury. He will bring many different wines and cheeses for you to try as well as provide information about where the wines are from and which foods they complement best. Why not get a group of friends together and come along for a cosy autumn evening?

Dates to remember

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

Wednesday, 4 December – CAFOD Advent service, St Anthony's Church at 6.00 pm

Thursday, 19 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 6 January – School opens for the Spring Term

Friday, 14 February – School closes for half term

Monday, 24 February – INSET day pupils at home

Tuesday, 25 February – school opens