



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 18 October 2019

The Theme for next week is Humility.

The tax collector in Sunday's Gospel – a man who, in Jesus' day illegally charged high taxes to the poor – knows the simple truth about himself. He has nothing to offer to God but his own brokenness. He is too ashamed to move out of the shadows. The Pharisee, however, thinks himself perfect before God and in no need of His mercy. Jesus takes pity on the tax collector because he humbles himself before God and in turn, God shows him compassion and mercy.

Dear Lord,

You are meek and humble of heart. We pray that You grant us the same meekness and humility so that God may be revealed to us. Through our humility, let us see the need in others for love and compassion.

Amen.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We were delighted with the grand total of £375.74 raised at our busiest ever Macmillan Coffee Morning. The final amount included £45 which was raised at the European Bake Off and £47 from the raffle of a lovely crochet blanket made by Ms Bown in the Admin Office. The array of cakes was very impressive, and we thank everyone who took part and donated.

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL NEWS

The Year 8 football team played their fourth game of the season against Fulwood Academy on Monday, 14 October. The game was very end to end throughout. Our Lady's started well and took an early lead with an excellent goal from Joel Craig. However, the home team quickly got a hold of the game. Their midfielders dominated possession and dictated play. It was 3-1 to Fulwood at half-time but it could have been more. The second half continued in the same vein. Our Lady's scored an early goal to get themselves back into the game. But unfortunately, the home side attacked in numbers and were by far the better team. Fulwood were strong opponents throughout. They committed a lot of players going forward and always looked a threat. The final score ended 7-3 to the hosts. Well done to all involved.

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL RESULTS

The Year 10 team played their first two league games of the year over the past week and were extremely successful in both, winning by considerable margins. Their first game was against Corpus Christi on Friday, 11 October. This same fixture last year resulted in a 5-4 loss for Our Lady's and so the team were looking to bounce back. The end result was a dominant 6-1 win for Our Lady's whose pace and skill in attack were too much for the opposition to handle. Their second game was against Fulwood Academy and again it was the pace in attack which proved to be too much. Goals from captain Jack Bashall (3), Seth Toms (2), Billy Griffiths and Nathan Anderton secured a 7-1 win for Our Lady's. The team now have three difficult games remaining against Archbishop Temple, Ashton and Broughton.

YEAR 11 FOOTBALL NEWS

Unfortunately, the Year 11 football team suffered their first defeat of the season. They played Ashton Science and Community College on Friday, 11 October away from home. Play in the first ten minutes was even and both teams shared possession and created half chances. However, it was the home team who scored two goals in quick succession. The opposition then relaxed and played better football exploiting gaps in the Our Lady's defence which were exposed by the Ashton midfielders who seemed to be unmarked on numerous occasions. They added another to make it 3-0 at half time. Honest feedback was given to the team at the break; the formation was changed to 3-

4-3 to increase the number of players Our Lady's could commit forward in the second half. Nevertheless, it was the home team who scored another two goals in quick succession to make it 5-0 with 20 minutes left to play. It was in this spell that Our Lady's played some of their best football. They kept working and created more chances. Eventually the team got the goal they deserved. The final score ended 6-1. Well played to Ashton; they thoroughly deserved the victory.

BIATHLON SUCCESS

William Murray 8U and Lucy Beesley 7O both competed in the qualifying rounds for the National Biathlon Championships on Sunday, 13 October in York. William and Lucy had to complete a distance run and a swim in the pool in as fast a time as possible to gain enough points to qualify for the championships. William scored 2023 points overall which ensured his place in the national championships in Nottingham in November while Lucy fell agonisingly short of the 2000 point qualification mark. Both pupils are looking forward to taking part British Schools' Championships in March.

YEAR 7 MATHS CHALLENGE

Sometimes we need 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 each question correctly answered. **100 points or 10 questions provides drinking water for 1 person for 1 day.** From Monday, 14 October through to the end of Year 7 there will be an inter form monthly competition and an individual monthly competition. The website is well-good.org. Pupils select the school, year and their username is surname and first initial eg brownj. The password has been given to pupils in form time this week. The competition is accessible for all pupils. The target topic for October is "times tables". Over half term please encourage pupils to take part.

ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2020

The process of applying for high school places in September 2020 has now begun for Year 6 pupils. Parents wishing to choose Our Lady's should apply online at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/> or via the link on Moodle. Parents should ensure that preferences are selected in the correct order as Lancashire County Council always aim to offer places in order of preference. Please be aware that it is necessary to apply even if a brother or sister is already at Our Lady's and it is imperative that all applications are received **before the deadline of 31 October 2019**. In addition to the Lancashire application process we ask that a Supplementary Form is completed if you wish to be considered on faith grounds. These forms are available on the school website or from reception and should be returned to school by 31 October 2019.

Dates to remember

Monday, 28 October – School opens

Friday, 1 November – Cheese and Wine Evening at 7.00 pm

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



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