



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 31 January 2020

The theme for next week is 'The Presentation' Luke 2 (22-32)

"For my eyes have seen the salvation of the Lord" (Simeon) Luke 2

Simeon has longed for this moment. He knows that God has promised to send someone to save the people. To bring new hope. When the baby Jesus is presented in the temple in Jerusalem He is accepted, but later, as a man, the temple rejects Him because of the person He has become and His values. We too are presented with the one whom we can all resist and often do. Can we say yes to Jesus? Can we say yes to the person He wants us to be? When we say yes, like Simeon, we too can go on our way in peace.

Dear Lord,

Open my eyes so that I may see you. Open my lips so I may speak of you.

Open my understanding so that I may understand your Word.

Amen

EXAM INVIGILATORS

As we approach the summer exam season, we are looking to recruit invigilators. If you are interested in helping out for a few hours each week please contact Louise Gavell on lga@olchs.lancs.sch.uk The hourly rate is £9 per hour and a DBS certificate is required but this can be applied for through school.

YEAR 7 RUGBY

The team produced a fantastic display during their most recent visit to Preston Grasshoppers in the Preston Schools' fixtures on Monday, 27 January. Initially they looked a bit rusty against a well-prepared Archbishop Temple. We were losing ten points to zero after the first half and had made some simple mistakes at times when we should have scored easy tries. It looked like we were to lose the game until Bobby Messent, making his debut for the team, picked up a loose ball and drove through the defence to score a try from close range. That made it 10-5 to Archbishop. Straight from the restart, Dylan Jackson caught a high kick and ran 40 yards, weaving between lots of defenders, he handed the ball off to Bobby Messent who again, piled through the last defenders to score to tie the game 10-10. Another great result for the team. In their second fixture against Ashton Community Science College the team started very quick with dynamic runs from William Russell and Liam Curwen splitting open the defence. It wasn't long before Bobby Messent had scored his 3rd, 4th and 5th tries, using his speed and power to leave the opposition behind. A hard working Hector Draper scored himself a well earned try while William Russell added another to end the game with Our Lady's winning 25-0. Captain Henry Latham, must also be commended for his tireless work, tackling and running with the ball to create chances for others in the team. This was the last set of fixtures for the Year 7 team and they look like a great prospect for years to come. Well done to all that have supported the team this year.

YEAR 7 NETBALL NEWS

Year 7 have now played three matches and have started to find their flow. They played Corpus Christi first and despite having 17 shots on goal the final score was 1-1.

We then played Ashton. Again, we had over 15 shots on goal and the final score was 2-2. It was at Ashton when the centre court players really used the link to get the ball to the shooting circle, it felt as though something had definitely clicked between the players.

On Monday, 27 January Year 7 played Archbishop Temple and played really well. The shooters used their getting free techniques more effectively and came forward more and the defenders were exceptional at the other end. Archbishop voted Eva Nugent player of the match and Mrs Lin voted Katy Brown player of the match.

YEAR 8 NETBALL NEWS

Well played to the Year 8A netball team who beat Archbishop Temple on Monday, 27 January. The match was very close, but the team managed to dig deep and hold their nerve to win 9-7. Player of the match went to Millie Lonergan.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL NEWS

The Year 7 team became Lancashire 5-a-side champions after defeating St Augustine's in the final of a tournament held at Blackburn Soccerdome on Tuesday, 28 January. The two group games were quite comfortable victories, beating Carr Hill 2-0 followed by a 4-0 result against Colne Primet Academy. The semi-final against Unity College Burnley was much closer, with the opponents taking a 2-0 lead before goals from Liam Taylor and Harry Sumner salvaged a draw. The game went to penalties and Our Lady's were victorious. In the final we faced a strong St Augustine's team but were quickly 1-0 up after a strong strike from Bruce Leeming. Unfortunately, our opponents equalised close to the end. The game went to penalties and with the score 9-9 goalkeeper Farrell Carrig saved the next penalty before converting his own penalty to secure the win 10-9 on penalties. A fantastic victory which sees the team now invited to represent Lancashire at the North West competition in Trafford on 13 February. Well done to all those involved.

ATHLETICS NEWS

A group of year 7 pupils competed in the Preston Schools' indoor athletics competition that took place at Preston's College on Wednesday, 29 January. There were some outstanding performances. As a result, the girls came third overall. The boys won and will now go on to represent Preston at the county competition. A great effort from everyone involved. The teams are as follows:

Declan Abbott, Jake Kippax, Liam Taylor, Liam Hamer, Lennon Brady, Bruce Leeming, Eva Nugent, Ava Kilshaw, Jess Lovett, Yasmin Lang, Lucy Beesley, Lucy Mulholland, Judy Ellbbany and Zaara Patel.

BARRATT HOMES APPRENTICESHIP

To coincide with National Apprenticeship Week 2020 taking place from 3 February, Barratt Homes will open their on-line vacancies. Barratt Manchester have sites across the North West and are specifically recruiting bricklayers and carpentry Apprentices from the Preston location. Prospective Apprentices should apply on the recruitment website for the May / June 20 intake:

<https://www.barrattcareers.co.uk/early-careers/apprentices>

Dates to remember

Thursday, 13 February – Year 10 and 11 Barcelona Trip
Friday, 14 February – School closes for half term
Monday, 24 February – INSET day pupils at home
Tuesday, 25 February – school opens
Thursday, 27 February - Year 9 Parents Evening – 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm
Thursday, 19 March - Year 7 Parents Evening – 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm
Tuesday, 24 March – Year 9 Options Evening at 5.00 pm
Friday, 3 April – School closes for the Easter holidays at 12.45 pm
Monday, 20 April – school opens for the Summer Term
Wednesday, 29 April – Year 7 Normandy Trip
Friday, 8 May – School closed for VE day celebrations