



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 6 March 2020

The Prayer Theme for next week is Transformation (Matthew 17: 1 – 9)

In reality, love is capable of transfiguring everything.

Pope Francis

His face shone like the sun.

Through our lives, we sometimes have to make difficult decisions. Those decisions are always made easier if we know that we are supported by people who genuinely love us. When we know that we are loved, we can face any challenge. Feeling loved can even make us look different! In this week's Gospel, *The Transfiguration of Jesus*, we see Christ transformed by the love of His Father as he prepares for the ultimate challenge of His death. Climb the Mount of the Transfiguration and see the face of Jesus. Receive His message and climb back down with it; be transformed by God's love and share it with others.

**Dear Lord,
you love each one of us
as if there were just one of us.
Let us be transformed by your love.**

Amen

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was once again celebrated in style at Our Lady's. Pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters, competing for prizes, and many classroom and office doors were decorated to a high standard with flair and imagination. A part of a story was read at the start of each lesson. KS3 pupils heard an extract from 'Half a Man' by Michael Morpurgo and KS4 heard the short story 'Tuned in' which they thoroughly enjoyed. Year 8 and Year 7 classes were treated to a treasure hunt book-themed quiz which pupils engaged with enthusiastically.

UKMT INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE 2020

Congratulations to the fourteen pupils who were awarded certificates in the recent Intermediate Maths Challenge. The national competition lasts an hour and is about problem solving. Yasin Rezaei in Year 10 was awarded a silver certificate and best in school. Silver certificates were also awarded to the following Year 10 pupils; Caitlin Jackson, Claudia Gornall and Nandhini Kovvuri. Bronze certificates to Year 10 pupils went to Ummar-Ali Mal, Kacper Gawlicki, Harry Singh, Em McBrearty, Grace Wignall and Kate Moir. In Year 9, Ubaid Hansrod was awarded a Bronze certificate and best in year. Bronze certificates were also awarded to Izaak Clarkson and Frankie Gillis.

WICK'D – SPECIAL OFFER

The Young Enterprise team, Wick'd, would like to promote their special offer. At break and lunchtime from Wednesday, 11 March onwards they will be selling decorated and personalised candles at a reduced price ranging from £1.50 to £3.50. These candles would make an excellent gift for any occasion. Cash payments only may be accepted.

HANDBALL NEWS

The under 14 Handball team produced two very dominant performances in their opening group games in the Preston District Handball competition. They beat Longridge High School 7-2 and Archbishop Temple School 6-4. As a team, they were a solid defensive unit and in attack, they showed courage and skill. Wesley Singh was awarded man of the match. He was very influential in both attack and defence. Well done to all involved.

TABLE TENNIS NEWS

A group of year 8 pupils took part in a table tennis competition on Wednesday evening. They played well, narrowly losing to Corpus Christi and Broughton, but they did manage a convincing win over Longridge. The girls gained a lot of experience from the matches. Broughton went through as overall winners.

NORTHWEST APPRENTICESHIP AND CAREERS EXPO – PUPILS IN YEARS 10 AND 11

The Northwest Apprenticeship and Careers Expo is taking place on Tuesday, 10 March at Evoque, Church Street, Preston from 12.00 pm - 7.00 pm. This is an established annual event bringing together employers and educators. The exhibition is partnered by the NHS, UCLan, Training 2000, Blackpool and Fylde College and South Ribble's Apprentice Factory. There will be over 60 different businesses with apprenticeship/career vacancies and different colleges on hand giving guidance. Come and meet some of Lancashire's leading employers and discover how you can learn, develop new skills and gain valuable work experience necessary to launch your career. This is a free event and there is no need to book in advance - you can turn up any time between 12 noon and 7pm

Dates to remember

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

Friday, 22 May – School closes for half-term at 3.00 pm

Monday, 1 June – School opens