



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 13 March 2020

The theme of the week is Water of Life. (John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42)

A spring of water welling up to eternal life.

In John's Gospel, we see Jesus as a weary and thirsty traveller. He meets the woman at the well and presents himself as the one in need, asking for a drink. The Samaritan woman is surprised that he should speak to her, but Jesus wants to reach people, no matter who they are or where they are in their life journey. Jesus tells her who he is and offers her living water. The water of eternal life. She believes and leads others to Jesus and her past does not hinder her.

Dear Lord

When we begin to doubt your presence,

You offer us living water.

When life's bad choices leave us feeling excluded and unworthy,

You offer us living water.

When circumstances have left us alone and wounded,

You offer us living water,

Thank you, gracious and generous God.

YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening for Year 7 will take place on Thursday, 19 March from 4.00 pm until 6.30 pm. Pupils will have been making appointments with their teachers and recording the times in their planners. We ask parents and carers who are attending Parents' Evening to allocate at least one full hour to get to speak with all of the teachers. Parents and carers who arrive after 5.30 pm must understand that they may well not have sufficient time to see all of the teachers on the evening. We hope that you find the discussions to be valuable and informative.

ATHLETICS SUCCESS

A huge congratulations goes to the Year 7 boys' athletics team who represented Preston in the Lancashire indoor athletics competition in Blackpool on Tuesday. Competition on the day was very tough and there were some exceptionally strong athletes. However, the boys did not give up and managed to finish in a respectable 8th place out of 13. Well done to Jake Kippax, Declan Abbott, Liam Taylor, Liam Hamer, Joe Summers and Andrew Asafo.

TABLE TENNIS SUCCESS

A group of Year 8 and Year 11 boys competed in a table tennis competition held at Eden Boys' school on Monday. They played matches against St Cecilia's, Christ the King and Eden and managed to win them all. Congratulations go to the following pupils:

Year 11

Max Hodson

Harry Wignall

Max Botes

Jeegar Udani

Year 8

Leighton Hewitt

Will Murray

Ben Walker

Charlie Kay

FOOTBALL NEWS

The **Year 11** football team made a positive start to their final Preston District Cup campaign. They faced Archbishop Temple on Wednesday, 11 March. Our Lady's dominated possession throughout the game but failed to create many chances in the first half. Fortunately, Harvey Moulding-Lee cutely finished a chance just before half-time. The second half continued in the same vein with a couple of tactical changes made. Our Lady's were much more ruthless in the final third creating numerous chances. Harry Wignall headed a second following a corner and Max Botes finished a fine move with a smart finish to make the final score 3-0. The team now progress to play Fulwood Academy in the next round.

The **Year 9** football team Played Ashton Science and Community College on Thursday March 12th in the first round of the Preston Cup. It was a dominant display from Our Lady's who went into the break 2-0 up. The weather made the second half difficult, but our Lady's defended resiliently and created more chances. The game finished 5-0 and the team progress to the next round. Well done to all involved!

Unfortunately, the **Year 8** football team lost 1-3 to Fulwood Academy in their first round fixture of the Preston Cup. With a large number of players missing, the team entered the game with ten men. Despite this disadvantage, Our Lady's went 1-0 up and played remarkably well but the opposition proved too strong and completed their comeback by scoring three goals. Hard luck boys!

HANDBALL NEWS

The Year 7 Handball team played their first round of group games at Archbishop Temple. They were also grouped with Corpus Christi Catholic High School and Longridge High. The team loved the experience and played really well throughout. They won one, drew one and lost one. They are now looking forward to playing another round of games in a few weeks' time. Well done to all involved.

NETBALL NEWS

The Year 7 and 8 netball B teams made a great start to the Preston Schools' League on Wednesday. Year 7 beat Broughton High School 4-0, St Cecilia's 2-1 and Corpus Christi 2-0. Year 8 won against Longridge 2-0 and Corpus Christi 5-1. However, they narrowly missed out to Broughton 2-1 due to a late goal. A great start to the season from both teams.

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