



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 19 March 2021

The 5th week of Lent. The theme for next week is The Way of the Cross John 12: (20 – 33)

Truly, I say to you, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (John 12: 24 -25)

The pilgrims head to Jerusalem for the Passover. They will sacrifice a lamb to atone for their sins. However, this time, Jesus himself will be the lamb. Jesus makes the ultimate sacrifice. He accepts the Cross. It is for us. He is the grain of wheat referred to in John's Gospel. When a grain is buried and dies, it produces fruit. Life is suspended when the seed is buried. The great loss of Jesus at the crucifixion, has become our great hope at his resurrection – and we will soon celebrate this great hope at Easter! When we are struggling in life – just remember, we often grow stronger by these experiences – even though it does not feel like that at the time. Later we may look back and see what good has come from it – so take heart. Expect fruit.

Lord of all hopefulness,

I come before you today in need of hope.

There are times when I feel sad and worried.

I pray for hope.

I pray to be filled with Your light from head to toe!

Amen.

DRAMA NEWS

On Wednesday afternoon the year 10 GCSE Drama class did a zoom workshop with the actors who play Micky and Sammy in the musical Blood Brothers in the West End. The workshop went through all the key scenes in the play and the pupils learnt about how to change accents and dip into the “accents drawer” in readiness for auditions. The passion the actors had for the play was infectious and as usual they complimented the class on their talent and enthusiasm

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

If your child cycles to school please be aware that we have amended the cycling contract, particularly relating to headphones/ear pods. Pupils must NOT wear headphones at any point on their journey to or from school. Headphones must be kept in their bags and not taken out until they are home. On Wednesday after school there was a ‘near miss’ accident which could have resulted in a serious injury for the cyclist and the driver.

HARLEQUIN TOAD

Our natural environment is at constant threat from climate change. Many animals are under threat of extinction one of these is the Harlequin toad. [Click here](#) to find out more.

LIQUID DENSITIES

Attached with this week's Newsletter is the latest science experiment, Liquid Densities.

THE LANCASHIRE EASTER CAMP

Lancashire County Council has received some government funding to deliver a range of school holiday activities. For secondary school aged pupils, the council has partnered with Youth Action to deliver Discover Camp. Details of the online camp can be found on the attached poster. Please use DiscoverCamp.YouthAction.org.uk to get more information.

CAREERS FAIR 2021

Due to Covid-19 we have been unable to hold our annual Careers Fair this term. Instead, we plan to create an online Virtual Careers Fair, which will be launched at the Year 10 Futures Day in June. Pupils will be able to access short videos from local employers and further education or training providers.

If you would like to contribute a short video about your line of work, please contact Miss Charlotte Bown on cbo@olchs.lancs.sch.uk for more information. Thank you



TRAIN TO TEACH LOCALLY WITH THE CATHOLIC TEACHING ALLIANCE

Are you looking for a new challenge? Would you like a job where no two days are the same? Have you considered training to be a teacher?

If you, or somebody you know is, or soon to be, a graduate, the Catholic Teaching Alliance, based at Our Lady's and in collaboration with the University of Cumbria, offers the following PGCE teacher training courses:

- Early Primary (3-7 years)
- General Primary (5-11 years)
- Secondary (11-16 years, in Preston or Blackburn)
- Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years)

With over 60 schools in the alliance we are able to offer a range of experiences in a variety of locations. Please contact us for further information, or to book onto one of our online information sessions, call 01772 326931 or email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Dates to remember

Friday, 26 March - School closes for Easter at 12.45 pm

Monday, 12 April - School opens for the Summer term

Monday, 3 May – May Day school closed

Friday, 28 May – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 7 June – School opens

Friday, 16 July – School closes for summer at 12.45 pm