



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 5 November 2021

The Theme for next week is Generosity (Matthew 12: 38 – 44)

This poor widow has put in more than all.

The widow in Mark's Gospel gives everything. She could have kept one coin, but she chooses to give it away. You might think this is reckless. However, the widow also represents Christ. He gives everything for us. He dies for us. We too are called to be generous with everything that we have. We are called to be generous with our time, our talents and our compassion, in forgiving others and with our patience. When we are generous in this way, we become like the widow and like Christ himself.

O Lord

Help us to be more like the widow, she gave everything that she had.

Teach us to forgive and to give – our time, our talents and our love.

Let us also give thanks for everything that we have each day.

Amen

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION MORNING

On Friday, 12 November it will be Certificate Presentation Morning for pupils in Years 7-11. Mrs Lucy Scanlon, Headteacher at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary will be the guest speaker. Pupils who have been chosen to receive a subject award by their class teachers of last year will be presented with a certificate. School will close on this day at 12.45 pm.

INVESTIN EDUCATION PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION.

The Young Photographer Challenge: Charity Competition "EVERY PHOTO IS...A VULNERABLE ACT OF COURAGE TO BUILD EMPATHY." (Bryce Evans)

Studies show that 60% of young people feel unable to cope with stress induced by the pressure to succeed. Research also shows that the visualisation of a tranquil place can help reduce stress, anxiety and fear. In honour of this and stress awareness week, InvestIN Education are inviting students **aged 12-18** to enter a competition, [The Young Photographer Challenge](#). Students should submit a photograph of their 'peaceful place' along with a title and short explanation. Creativity is highly encouraged!

The competition is free to enter and for each entry InvestIN Education shall make a donation to Stem4, a youth mental health charity. The deadline for entries is Tuesday, 23 November. Help us provide essential support for youth mental health

The link to upload your entry is: https://investin.org/blogs/news/young-photographer-competition?mc_cid=92f60f0ad0&mc_eid=3d97ed46d9

READING FOR PLEASURE AT HOME

All pupils now have free access to an e-book library to use outside school. It is easy to find under the Quick Links at the bottom of the school website home page. To sign in, pupils should use their school computer username (in lowercase) and the password olchs1. It works just like the school library where pupils borrow up to two books for two weeks at a time. Please encourage your child to make the most of this great resource.

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

How to plug the UK into desert sunshine. Read about one company's plans to lay an undersea electric cable to transfer electricity from solar panels in Morocco to the UK. A key feature of the project is to minimise energy losses. Find the answer the following question.

Question 1: What is the predicted energy loss along the cable (as a percentage)?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-58909259>

Podcast

Are you attracted to or repelled by magnetism? Listen to this week's podcast to find the answer to the following question.

Question 2: What feature of our planet Earth do scientists believe birds use to navigate?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p033jwr3>

Also in the podcast is this week's science at home experiment. For this experiment you will need a small magnet.

Videos

You will have heard in the news about the Climate Change Conference (COP26) that is currently taking place in Glasgow. Watch the video to see what Glasgow is doing to reduce carbon emissions.

Question 3: What proportion of carbon emissions in Glasgow come from transport?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-59097939?ns_mchannel=social&ns_source=twitter&ns_campaign=bbc_live&ns_linkname=59097939%26Fleet%20of%20electric%20buses%20to%20shuttle%20COP26%20delegates%262021-10-30T23%3A21%3A08.944Z&ns_fee=0&pinned_post_locator=urn:bbc:cps:curie:asset:5e2e7f2c-ab2e-43f2-96e0-28798b0bb442&pinned_post_asset_id=59097939&pinned_post_type=share

MORRISONS – ITS GOOD TO GROW

Thank you to all families who supported the incentive. We are looking forward to choosing our rewards and making good use of them in the garden.

NETBALL NEWS

The Year 9 and 10 netball teams were in action on Wednesday, away at Christ the King. 9A began a little tentatively in the first half and the score was close with just two goals separating the teams at half time. However, they grew in confidence as the match progressed, managing to pull away in the second half to win the game 10-2. Player of the match went to Eva Nugent for her fantastic shooting. 9B had a tough match facing Christ the King's A team. However, they did not let that deter them. They fought hard in the first half and the scores were tied at half time. However, Christ the King were just a little bit stronger and more consistent in the second half and pulled away to win 6-3. Player of the match went to Freya Jones who made some fantastic interceptions throughout the game. Year 10's winning streak continued despite having a few players absent. The game was end to end but they held their nerve when it counted and were victorious, winning the game 7-4. A huge thank you goes to Isabelle Potts in Year 8 who stepped in at the last minute to ensure the team were not a player down. She slotted in well and had a fantastic game at goalkeeper. Player of the match went to Millie Lonergan who once again shot accurately and consistently under pressure.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

The Year 7 football team played their first games for school in the first round of the Lancashire Schools Cup competition on Wednesday, 3 November. 14 pupils were selected to play in two 7-a-side games against Corpus Christi Catholic High School and Ashton Community Science College. All pupils represented the school with fantastic pride and enjoyed their first experience of secondary school football. It was Ashton who were the successful team on this occasion and progress through to the next round after beating both Corpus Christi and Our Lady's. The team are already looking forward to returning to Corpus Christi for the next three Wednesdays to take part in the Preston Schools' League competition. We all wish them the best of luck.

YEAR 10 PRIMARY SPORT VOLUNTEERS

Primary school sport competitions in the district are organised and run by the School Games Organiser (SGO) for Preston, Mark Birkenshaw from Queens Drive. In order for these competitions to run as smoothly as possible the SGO often asks for help from some secondary school pupils in the leading of these events. On Thursday, 4 November seven pupils from Year 10 at Our Lady's volunteered to referee and keep score at a primary football



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festival held at UCLan Sports Arena. The pupils did a fantastic job and ensured a very successful experience was had by all the primary pupils involved. Many parents thanked our pupils for their help and were impressed by their level of enthusiasm in volunteering for this event. Those involved were Harry Hargreaves, Will Murray, Emil Dawkins, Charlie Kay, Jay Pearson, Finn Hurley and Joel Craig.



FREE PRIMARY TEACHER TRAINING INFORMATION EVENT – 17 NOVEMBER 2021

Would you, or anyone you know, like to train locally to become a primary (ages 5-11) or early primary (ages 3-7) school teacher? If you are (or soon to be) a graduate, you could train with the Catholic Teaching Alliance (CTA) in primary schools in the local area. The Catholic Teaching Alliance invites you to attend a free, no obligation, information event at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Fulwood, Preston PR2 3SQ. This event is open to undergraduates, graduates and those looking for a change of career.

Date: Wednesday, 17 November

Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Venue: St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

If you are interested, please contact the CTA office on CTAschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or 01772 326931 to book your place.

Dates to remember

Friday, 12 November – Presentation Assemblies – school closes at 12.45 pm

Thursday, 16 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Wednesday, 5 January – School opens for the Spring Term

Friday, 11 February – School closes for half-term

Tuesday, 22 February – School opens

Thursday, 28 April – Year 7 Normandy Trip