



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 25 March 2022

## The theme for next week is The Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 1-32)

My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found. (Luke 15: 31-32)

The father in this parable, shows mercy to the younger son by welcoming him back home with open arms; he reassures the elder son that he recognises his loyalty, and loves him in the same way. I often ask myself which son am I? We may not feel especially welcomed or loved and no one may be throwing a party for us. However, let us try, this Lent, to be a little more like the father. Try to be the one who shows compassion and forgiveness. There may be people in your life who really need it. Remember also, that you are a child of God and loved just the same.

Dear lord

Let me be more like the father who shows mercy.

Let me be the one to show love and offer forgiveness.

In times of struggle, help me to be kind to myself and know that I am loved.

Amen

## UKRAINE APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Ukraine Appeal. Sarah and three pupils took all the goods to the International Aid warehouse in Lostock Hall on Friday, 18 March, where they received a warm welcome from the founder of the charity and from the many volunteers working around the clock. Our goods will be shipped out to Poland and to surrounding areas where people are taking refuge. Your small acts of compassion change lives.

## THE ENTREPRENEUR COMPETITION – YEAR 8

All year 8 pupils are taking part in **The Entrepreneur** enterprise competition in their Design & Technology lessons. Pupils will be working in groups of three and have been given a £10 loan by OLCHS (repayable on 12th May 2022). They must run enterprising activities (the Easter holidays will be good for this!) which will allow them to make as much profit from their loan as possible. All profit is to be kept and equally distributed within the groups. Each group will make a short presentation (including photographic evidence) to their class about their activities and a winning team from each class will be selected and then go on to compete in a grand final on 19th May. Good luck!

### RULES

- Pupils are not allowed to do the lottery or play the lottery.
- Pupils must not sell goods within school time under any circumstances. This includes selling sweets on the quad or yard at break or lunch.
- Pupils should refrain from cake sales and car washes, trying to be more creative with their ideas.
- All groups will be expected to pay the £10 loan back in full.
- The work that pupils do in their groups must be divided up equally between all three members. **Profit must be shared out equally at the end of the activity.**
- Groups **MUST provide photographic evidence** of their activity.

## NETBALL NEWS

**Year 11** - The Preston Schools' netball tournament took place on Thursday, 17 March. With only a handful of games under their belts, Our Lady's had some tough matches ahead. However, they did not let this deter them as they faced their first opponents, Longridge. The game was end to end and neither team was able to establish a comfortable lead. Mille Dixon, Lucy Brown and Anna Thompson were strong centre court, creating lots of attacking opportunities, whilst Ellie Moran, Katie Bell and Faye Maguire kept their composure to score goals under pressure. Unfortunately, time went against us and at the final whistle Longridge finished just two goals ahead. The team were much more successful in their other matches, beating Ashton and St Cecilia's thanks to some excellent defending from Angel Ojumobi and Mille Metcalf who both showed great determination to win the ball off their opponents.

Libby Earnshaw was consistent at Wing Defence marking her player tightly and putting her under pressure in every game. A three all draw against the tournament winners Archbishop, saw Our Lady's finish a very respectful third place overall. The girls did themselves proud in what was their last tournament together as a team. Mrs Lin and Miss Lewis are extremely proud of every single player.

**Year 7&8** - On Friday 18 March, the teams played their final fixture against Fulwood in the Preston Schools' Netball League. Year 7 were feeling the pressure as they knew a win would crown them League champions. However, they kept their cool and encouraged each other throughout the match. This allowed them to remain dominant over Fulwood. The girls established an early lead and continued to build on this in the second half. The final score was 12-0 to Our Lady's thus confirming their place as league champions remaining undefeated in every single game. Emma Finnigan was player of the match thanks to her excellent shooting. A huge congratulations to the team. It will be exciting to see what they can achieve in the future. Year 8 have also been dominant, having only suffered a minimal number of defeats. Their position in the league is yet to be confirmed. However, they were equally dominant against Fulwood. Lexie Eastham and Lydia Tucker got their eye in early in the game and scored some excellent goals from the edge of the shooting circle. Isabelle Potts and Jessica Moorcroft kept their composure in defence and made it extremely challenging for Fulwood to get the ball into their shooters. Consequently, the game finished 12-2 to Our Lady's. Player of the match went to Isabelle Potts.

### **BADMINTON NEWS**

Friday, 18 March saw the first time that a Year 7 badminton competition has taken place during the recent time of the Preston school sport calendar. Broughton High School visited Our Lady's on this occasion and brought both male and female teams. With this being the first time many Year 7 pupils had played inter-school badminton it required a little more time and patience to get used to the rules and regulations of competition. Nevertheless, once engaged in a match against an opponent all pupils were fully focused and determined to win. Out of the two schools in attendance there were 5 individual teams created: some mixed gender, others single gender. The arrangement was that all 5 teams would play each other in a round robin format and the winning team would go through to play the winning team from another group of schools playing at Archbishop Temple, with the overall winner being crowned Year 7 Preston champions. It was fantastic to see some of our Year 7 pupils having a great time involved in a new competitive sport for the first time. They will play the remainder of their group games on Friday, 25 March. The team consisted of Zuzanna Dunaj, Charlotte Walker, Jack Pickering, Alex McKeever, Antoni Baran, Daniel Moore, Daniel Holden and Patrick McCaul.

### **FOOTBALL NEWS**

The Year 11 football team travelled to St Cecilia's to start their final Preston Cup campaign. On arrival, the pitch was heavy, and the team knew that our usual style of possession-based football would be difficult. The opposition started strongly; they were very physical and up for the physical challenges. However, it was apparent from the beginning that Our Lady's were a threat in the final third. Our Lady's were awarded a controversial penalty when Luke Smith went down in the penalty area; he superbly slotted the ball past the keeper to make it 1-0. Tiarnán Hayes shortly added to the scoresheet to make it 2-0 at half time. The team knew that St Cecilia's would come out strong again in the second half and a simple through ball over the top of the defence resulted in a 1v1 scenario which their centre forward converted, 2-1. The visitors continued to pile on the pressure, having a range of set pieces but Our Lady's defended resolutely. However, the pressure did take its toll and the hosts equalised and the game finished 2-2. Penalties was to decide the fate of the tie and what a round of penalties it was. Both teams lined up on the halfway line and watched in anticipation. Both teams missed their first penalty but converted their next 4 which meant it went to sudden death. Hearts in mouths. The boys proudly converted two penalties before a St Cecilia's player sent one over the crossbar. The team celebrated as if they had won the cup; this was out of pure relief after being 2-0 up at half time. They now progress to the next round where they face Broughton High School.

### **SCIENCE IN THE NEWS**

If you can tell your science teacher the answers to the questions you can earn a point.

Thousands of cancer patients across Wales could soon be operated on by robotic arms controlled by surgeons. Read the article to find out more about this technology and answer the following question.

Question 1: How do surgeons see what is happening?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-60721967>



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## Podcast

Concrete is the most widely used construction material in the world.

Question 2: How many cubic meters of concrete are produced in the world each year?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0359l6k>

## Video

Could you be an inventor? The video shows a new and cost effective way to harness the sun's energy to heat water and is being trialled in Rwanda (Africa).

Question 3: In the trials in Rwanda the device is able to heat water to what temperature?

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/stories-60617154?ns\\_mchannel=social&ns\\_source=twitter&ns\\_campaign=bbc\\_live&ns\\_linkname=60617154%26The%20flat-pack%20water%20heater%20that%20fights%20climate%20change%262022-03-05T00%3A11%3A27.000Z&ns\\_fee=0&pinned\\_post\\_locator=urn:bbc:cps:curie:asset:3975b841-58d4-4bcb-9735-9b0c7cef3eb1&pinned\\_post\\_asset\\_id=60617154&pinned\\_post\\_type=share](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/stories-60617154?ns_mchannel=social&ns_source=twitter&ns_campaign=bbc_live&ns_linkname=60617154%26The%20flat-pack%20water%20heater%20that%20fights%20climate%20change%262022-03-05T00%3A11%3A27.000Z&ns_fee=0&pinned_post_locator=urn:bbc:cps:curie:asset:3975b841-58d4-4bcb-9735-9b0c7cef3eb1&pinned_post_asset_id=60617154&pinned_post_type=share)

## Home Research

You may already have come across Robert Hooke in your science lessons. He is famous for his discovery of the law of elasticity (Hooke's Law). He also designed microscopes and used them in his studies.

Question 4: Look him up to discover the name of his most famous work and find out which term he introduced that we use today in biology to describe the smallest structural units of living matter.

## **ADULT COURSES AT RUNSHAW COLLEGE**

Please see the flyer attached with the Newsletter promoting Basic Skills Adult Maths & English courses this April at Runshaw College.

### Dates to remember

Thursday, 7 April – School closes for the Easter Holidays at 12.45 pm

Monday, 25 April – school opens

Monday, 2 May – School closed for May Day

Friday, 27 May – School closes for half-term

Monday, 6 June – School opens

Thursday, 21 July – School closes for the Summer Holidays at 12.45 pm