



Our Lady's Catholic High School



Friday, 1 July 2022

The theme for next week is PEACE (LUKE 10: 1 – 9)

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him.

The Disciples set out on their mission to share the Good News of Jesus. They do not know who they will meet or if they will be welcomed. They are solely dependent on the kindness of strangers for food and shelter. Their mission is successful and their message of the love of God is warmly received. However, Jesus tells the Disciples that this won't always happen. Sometimes they will be rejected. He then reassures them not to worry, that each of their names are written in heaven. In other words, no matter how others respond to your kindness and compassion – take heart and remain strong – you are deeply loved by your Father in Heaven.

**Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.
Amen**

REMINDER - YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY – MONDAY, 4 JULY 2022

Our next year's Year 7 pupils will be joining us for a day in school on Monday, 4 July 2022. As is our practice, **Year 8 and 9** pupils are to remain home on that day. This will enable us to release teachers to work with the Year 6 pupils.

BLACKPOOL PLEASURE BEACH

Blackpool Pleasure Beach is now a cashless tourist attraction.

- Food can be taken in, there are some small picnic areas for pupils to eat a packed lunch.
- As pupils are met from the coaches and disembarked by Pleasure Beach staff and they will be given a free of charge pre-paid card if they do not have a debit card. Pupils can take cash with them on the day and add the cash on to the cards at any of the units across the park. The money is non-refundable so they have advised that pupils do not load all their money onto the card at once, and to top up as and when needed, this can be done anywhere in the park. The cards are valid for 2 years and will then expire if not used.
- Burger King is the only place that doesn't accept the pre-paid cards. They do however accept cash as normal.
- If a pupil loses their park wristband on the day, they can get a replacement one from any guest team.
- A strict dress code will be applied for pupils attending. Information will be shared with pupils during Form Time. If pupils fail to meet the dress code, they will remain in school.

SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING 2022

Our Lady's held their annual Sports Presentation Evening at Bartle Hall Hotel on Tuesday, 28 June. This occasion celebrates all the sporting successes of the year and rewards pupils for their commitment to representing school sport in a range of activities. Over 120 pupils from Years 7-10 attended the event, demonstrating the amazing levels of engagement in sport we have at Our Lady's. The awards were presented by ex-pupil Jamie Proctor who attended Our Lady's between 2003-2008. Jamie is a professional footballer, currently playing for Port Vale but started his career at Preston North End over 12 years ago. He shared a valuable message with our pupils about the importance of education and sport in his life and I'm sure that his words and presence will have been encouraging to many of our pupils. The event was a fantastic success, and the PE department are extremely proud of all the pupils who have taken part in school sport this year.

PRESTON COLLEGE TASTER VISIT

A number of our Year 10 pupils were lucky enough to attend a taster visit to Preston College where they were able to sample some of the multitude of courses available to them. Courses sampled ranged from brickwork, plastering, tiling and motor vehicle engineering to graphics and gaming, beauty therapy and T-Levels in Education. The pupils

thoroughly enjoyed themselves with over 85% of the pupils rating the day as informative and excellent. The College reported that the Our Lady's pupils had behaved impeccably and had been an excellent example of the standards we demand at our school. Well done Year 10!

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

We have been asked to make all families aware of the Household Support Fund and make them aware that application process is now open and runs until Friday, 30 September 2022. The fund is to assist residents of Preston who do not have enough resources to meet their immediate short-term needs and require assistance with essential items. Full details are attached with this Newsletter.

PRESTON HOLIDAY SCHEMES

The Holiday Activity and Food Clubs are now available to book for the Summer with places on multiple clubs across Preston during the Summer break. Places are prioritised for Free School Meal eligible families, SEND Children and Young People and those considered Vulnerable or at risk due to support needs or personal circumstances (young carers, looked after children, those in emergency accommodation etc). For those families who would prefer their SEND child to attend a smaller, more personal, and tailored to need club – we also this year have some SEND only groups. For more information and booking, please go to: www.getstuckin.org.uk Anyone with digital access/support needs or who would prefer to book over the phone can access our dedicated booking line which is available Monday-Friday 9.00 am -5.00 pm on 07879 774978.

POETRY SLAM

Our Poetry Slam Final 2022 took place on Friday, 24 June for all Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. The event was a huge success, and the pupils had a brilliant time cheering on and supporting their classmates. A group of pupils from each class made it through to the final to compete for the title of Poetry Slam Champions 2022. All finalists performed exceptionally well - we had opportunities for crowd participation, some extraordinary dance moves, and some pupils even wrote their own poems especially for the competition! Our judges found it extremely difficult to choose our winners but eventually, after much deliberation, they decided on our champions...

POETRY SLAM

Year 7

- 1st place
Bruce Moore, Archie Nugent and Charlie Whelan
- Runners up
Anna Shaw, William McCondichie and Kieron Allen

Year 8

- 1st place
Max Drew, Dylan McKnight and Bobby Pearson
- Runners up
Charlotte Hill, Libby Wilkinson and Codie Lambert

A huge congratulations to our winners and a big well done to all our Y7 and Y8 finalists - what an achievement!

Dates to remember

Monday, 4 July – Year 8 and 9 pupils remain at home
Thursday, 21 July – School closes for the Summer Holidays at 12.45 pm
Friday, 2 September – School opens for Year 7 and 11 only
Monday, 5 September – School opens for all pupils
Friday, 7 October – INSET day school closed for all pupils
Friday, 21 October – school closes for half-term at 3.30 pm
Monday, 31 October – school opens