



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 23 June 2017

Name

Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **The Body of Christ**.

From the very earliest days it hasn't been an easy journey for those who believe in God. The prophets were never accepted and were always under threat; all but one of the disciples met were killed because of their faith and there have been countless others, even to this day, that struggle to admit to their faith because they worry about the reaction of others. Jesus knows that we may face persecution, abandonment, even fear but He reminds us not to be afraid, to face up to the **Truth** and to trust in the all-present, all-loving God who is always with us. Be brave and let nothing stop you from standing up for your faith.

**Lord, we ask for the courage to admit our faith to others,
the strength to live it out
and the bravery to face those who doubt. Amen.**

ENRICHMENT DAY

Year 7 spent the day exploring British Values through a variety of workshops based on themes such as courage, loyalty and respect. Major Steventon visited school to talk about army values and why they are important, plus year 7 gained an understanding of their own values and why they might be different to someone else's.

Year 8 pupils took part in a number of workshops throughout the day looking at various issues surrounding staying safe online which included; grooming, sexting and cyber bullying. The day started with a talk from an online safety representative from Lancashire County Council and ended with pupils watching a very moving and hard hitting film about one family's experience of the murder of their son following grooming via online gaming. The theme of our Year 10 Faith & Justice Day was **Who is my neighbour?**

Year 9 Enrichment Day focus was based on 'Relationships'. Pupils explored this from a variety of perspectives: Following the recent difficulties and unrest we have faced as a nation, in Music the focus was on 'Songs of Hope'. Pupils explored the role that music plays in our lives, including looking at the recent 'One Love' concert in Manchester. In Drama, learning about different kinds of relationships, good and bad took place. Each session finished with information about how you should be expected to be treated in a good relationship and where to get help if anything ever goes wrong. In English, pupil focus was 'Rebuilding Lives' - pupils wrote a piece of poetry/ prayer on a card shaped like a seed. Pupils took inspiration from songs and pieces of writing which inspired them to sow the seed of hope. In Art pupils worked on two different activities on the theme of love. One activity focused on positive messages about love and relationships producing a zentangle decorated hand of friendship. The second activity focused on the theme of healthy relationships producing a large wax heart showing key qualities needed to ensure you maintain good relationships.

Year 10 pupils had the opportunity to reflect in a variety of ways upon the question which was put to Jesus by the person who wanted to know what he had to do to inherit eternal life. They took part in workshops offered by CAFOD, Global Link, the Columbans and the British Red Cross. Also workshops were presented by school staff which included a making films based on the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Chaplaincy, a creative heart making response to the question and a look at Islam today. Many thanks to all Year 10 pupils and to our school staff who contributed to our day and especially to John Garlington from CAFOD, James Trewby from the Columbans and Wonder Phiri from the British Red Cross.

TRAFFIC AT THE END OF THE DAY

A resident of Beechwood Avenue has called school to complain about problems caused by thoughtless driving and parking by adults collecting children at the end of the school day. We ask that you be thoughtful and take the safety of children and the concerns of residents into account. Thank you for your support.

GCSE GEOGRAPHY

The past week has seen our Year 10 Geography GCSE students don their wellies to investigate fluvial processes along the River Wyre. As part of the new GCSE Syllabus all Geography students must investigate a human and physical issue to be able to discuss in their Unit 3 exam. Despite the ominous looking weather the rain held off for what turned out to be 3 productive days investigating the extent to which the River Wyre supported the Bradshaw Model. We also took the opportunity to look at and evaluate the river management systems in place at Garstang. The students worked together brilliantly and collected a vast range of data which is being analysed in lessons at the moment. The Geography students will go to Liverpool in the Autumn term to investigate the regeneration of the city centre and docklands area.

ROUNDERS

Congratulations to the Year 10 Rounders team who won their annual Rounders tournament winning all of their matches. We beat 6 other schools in total. Other staff from opposing schools commented upon our strong fielding and sportsmanship. The team consisted of Hannah Brady, Anna Smith, Becky Fitzgerald, Hannah Dillon, Emma Shakeshaft, Caisey Shotton, Martha Nicholson and Lauren Smith. Huge well done to all involved.

PRESTON SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS 2017

The PE Department would like to give a huge congratulations to all of the athletes who took part in the Preston Schools Athletics Competition held at Cottam Sports Arena on Tuesday the 20th of June. It was an amazing day in which all students showed determination, maturity and a willingness to support each other which was very pleasing to see. There was a lot of individual success and everyone's collective efforts resulted in a third place finish overall, 5 points behind Archbishop Temple who finished in second place. Many congratulations to Broughton High School who finished first overall.

INTER-FORM ROUNDERS

Well done to all Year 9 and 10 girls who competed in the inter-form rounders tournament on Sports Day. It was a fantastic competition and all forms represented themselves brilliantly. 9R and 10U were runners up and 9O and 10L were winners.

ACCELERATED READER RAFFLE

Well done to Liam Brooks 7A who has won a £5 Amazon Voucher in the Accelerated Reader Raffle prize. This is awarded every two weeks and is drawn from all pupils who have achieved 100% in an Accelerated Reader quiz the previous fortnight.

PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS SUMMER CLUB

Preston Hoppers Rugby Club would like to make pupils aware of their "Teens to First Team Summer Camp" which is taking place from August 29-31. If there are pupils who are in Years 9/10/11 who are interested, please see Mrs Lin for a leaflet.

MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE COURSE ADVICE MORNING

On Saturday 24 June from 9.45am to 12.30pm there is an Advice Morning at Myerscough College when anyone interested in attending the college can meet the staff, tour the campus and find out more about the College and courses. Please aim to arrive for one of the three welcome and introductory talks (focusing on student life at Myerscough) which take place at 10.00am, 10.30am and 11.00am. Each of these is then followed by individual subject talks, 'question and answer' sessions and often departmental tours. A general Campus tour will go round at 11.40am and support staff from Admissions, Finance, Accommodation, Apprenticeships and Inclusive Learning teams will be available throughout the morning.

Dates to remember

Thursday, 29 June – Year 6 Parents' Evening – 7.00 pm

Monday, 3 July – Year 6 Transition Day

Wednesday, 19 July – Whole School Mass

Thursday, 20 July – Charity Day

Friday, 21 July – school closes for the end of term at 12.45 pm

Monday, 4 September – school opens for Year 7 pupils only

Tuesday, 5 September – school opens for all pupils