



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 7 July 2017

Name

Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **Thanksgiving**.

What the Gospel always reveals to us is that God always trusts his Kingdom to the ones who we would least suspect: the "little ones" - those who are not burdened by the problems of the world but those who keep it simply about God. So where does that leave the rest of us? We are told to unload all our worries and burdens onto God who will take them on for us. So let us be thankful to God for all that He takes from us and all He gives us in return.

God our Father, we bring to you all our burdens and are thankful to you for supporting us. Open our hearts to hear your Word in our lives and to help us to follow you in all that we say and do. Amen.

BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Business Support Officer, working on reception and covering other administrative duties. This role will start in September and is temporary for one year. Working days are Thursday and Friday, term time only. The hours are 8.30 am until 4.15 pm. Application details are available from <http://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/> and for enquiries please contact Mrs Gavell at lga@olchs.lancs.sch.uk The closing date for all applications is Friday, 14 July at 12 noon and interviews will take place on Tuesday, 18 July.

HANDBALL SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to the U14 Handball team. On Friday, 30 June they participated in the Preston Handball competition which was kindly hosted by Garstang Community Academy. They won all of their games and progressed to the Lancashire event, held at Stanley Park on Tuesday, 4 July. It was a fantastic day with 15 schools around Lancashire entering the competition. They finished second in their group only losing one game and conceding four goals all day, but unfortunately they narrowly missed out on qualifying for the semi-finals due to goal difference. Handball is a new and developing sport in England and especially within the Preston area. The performance and success of the team was due to their willingness to learn and listen to feedback. They competed against teams who clearly had playing experience and I was proud of the comments from colleagues who praised the discipline and commitment of our players.

ANNUAL SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING

On Tuesday, 4 July over 140 pupils and staff gathered for our Annual Sports Presentation Evening at Bartle Hall. It was a fantastic evening where we shared our successes from this sporting year. We were also privileged to be joined by Stephen Daley who was our guest speaker. Stephen is partially sighted and currently plays futsal for England. His speech was inspirational but had a very clear message - don't ever give up.

HOCKEY SUCCESS

A massive congratulations goes to Grace McGarvey who has been selected to represent North West Hockey. This is a fantastic achievement to be playing at regional level.

FIRE CADETS

We have been asked to let pupils know that Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service are recruiting for the next intake of Fire Cadets at Preston Fire Station. The opportunity is open to all pupils aged thirteen and over across Preston but places are limited. There will be an open evening for prospective parents and Fire Cadets on Wednesday, 13 September at Preston Fire Station from 15.30 until 17.30 hours. To book a place at the

open evening please email KeithBridge@lancsfirerescue.org.uk or if you would like any further information please contact a member of the Community Fire Safety Team on 01772 556506.

LOCKER KEYS

Please would all pupils be aware that lockers are to be emptied and pupils must take the lock and key home by Wednesday, 19 July. The lock should then be brought back in September to be used on new lockers. Lockers which are not emptied will have the lock cut off and pupils would need to buy a new lock at a charge of £1.50. Any items left in the lockers will be placed in Lost Property.

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS –

Pupils from 7B1E and 8B1E took part in the UKMT Junior Individual Maths Challenge in April. The challenge provides material to test problem-solving skills in an accessible but challenging way. Over 250,000 pupils participated from across the UK and the top 6% receive a gold certificate, the next 13% a silver and the next 21% a bronze. Congratulations go to:

Year 7	
Ummar-Ali Mal	Best in School, Best in Year and Silver Award
Kacper Gawlicki	Bronze Award
Bridget Wood	Bronze Award
Mohammed Rezaei	Bronze Award
Nandhini Kovvuri	Bronze Award
Zoya Khan	Bronze Award
Caitlin Jackson	Bronze Award
Kate Moir	Bronze Award
Jack Bashall	Bronze Award
Demi Tipping	Bronze Award

Year 8	
Alice Lodge	Best In Year and Bronze Award
Natasha Newton	Bronze Award
Danny Kaur-Singh	Bronze Award
James Fazackerley	Bronze Award
Vishal Karri	Bronze Award
Samuel Moncrief	Bronze Award
Luke Knowles	Bronze Award
Kaitlin Riley	Bronze Award

Dates to remember

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
Thursday, 5 October 2017 – Open Evening
Friday, 6 October – INSET day