



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 14 July 2017

Name

Form

Our Prayer theme next week is **Listening to God**.

Listen, anyone who has ears. Why do we find it so difficult to listen to God? In this week's Parable of the Sower, we know that God speaks to us all the time but we don't always allow ourselves to hear. There are those who simply don't allow the Word of God into their lives; those who allow it and then forget it; those who want to hear it but are stopped by others and those who **do** hear - and not only hear, but do something about it by spreading it to others. We should strive to be the rich soil of the Gospel that allows the Word of God to grow and thrive within each of us.

Lord, when your Word falls on my hard heart, help me to listen.

When your Word falls when I refuse to hear, help me to listen.

When your Word falls where I don't notice, help me to listen.

Lord, speak to me now while I am listening. Talk to me and help me to grow with you. Amen.

CHARITY DAY

All Funds raised from this year's Charity Day will go to The Palatine Treatment Centre at Christie's Hospital Manchester. This is to support a past pupil Jamie Tulloch who has recently been diagnosed with Leukaemia and is receiving treatment at this centre. The centre relies heavily on charitable donations and supports not just the patient but the whole family. Jamie has just completed his A Levels and was hoping to study medicine in September. If his treatment is successful he may be well enough to look at this again next year. We are also hoping to purchase an iPad for Jamie to be able to use whilst he is having treatment.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Jardens, the Our Lady's Young Enterprise Team for this coming year, would like to introduce themselves to pupils, parents and staff. Their product will be revealed to customers on Open Evening but in the meantime the team would like to request that families send in any empty jars they may have. Please could the jars be clean and be sent into school to Room 36, with lids or without. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 9 LANCASHIRE STEM CHALLENGE EVENT

A year 9 team of eleven pupils represented OLCHS at the Lancashire STEM Challenge Event, held at Preston's College. Teams were involved in a variety of Science, Technology and Mathematics activities including creating E fits, building motorised vehicles, developing a robotic arm and investigating medical diagnostics. Congratulations go to two of our pupils, Ayaz Ali and Saffron Wadee who won an award for their work on the robotics task.

MARAFIKI GARDENING CLUB

On Thursday, 29 June the Marafiki Gardening club had their first harvest! This was the lettuce that had been donated by Colin (a member of our site team). They had grown to a size that was ready to be dug up. The area where the lettuce were planted had the sun all day long (well when it was out!) and had grown faster than expected. The lettuce were donated to the school kitchen and were then used as part of the school dinners on that day. Pupils of the Gardening club have been following a rota to maintain the garden which obviously paid off. This has included watering and general maintenance of the area. In the future we plan to grow vegetables on a larger scale so that we can supply the school kitchen with home grown produce. Watch this space!

TEMPORARY CATERING ASSISTANT

We currently have a vacancy for a Temporary Catering Assistant. The role is for 17.5 hours per week (11am to 2.50 pm with a 20 minute unpaid break) and is from 30 Aug 2017 possibly until 27 October 2017. The post holder is required to carry out: food prep, cleaning areas, washing pots, tins and utensils, till service and food service. See the website for an application pack or contact Ms Healy at ghy@olchs.lancs.sch.uk for more details.

ACCELERATED READER WINNER

Well done to Oliver Derham 7L 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.

YEAR 8 CRICKET

Congratulations to the Year 8 Cricket team who were crowned Preston Schools' Cricket Champions on Monday, 10 July. They finished winners of their group beating Corpus Christi, Archbishop Temple and St Cecelia's. As a result they progressed to meet Longridge High School in the final, held at Fulwood and Broughton Cricket Club. Longridge won the toss and opted to bowl first. It was a shaky start for the team as the opening duo of James Lupton and Sam Moncrief were both out within the fifth over, posting a score of eleven runs between them. However, Christian Coupe and Jack Brown formed a wonderful partnership which contributed to a first innings total of 81 runs. Longridge started well and the opening pair quickly put 23 runs on the scoreboard. However James Lupton took back-to-back wickets in the third over which was a positive boost for the team. Nevertheless, OLCHS gifted Longridge with costly extras throughout the innings which meant that the game was always close and Longridge were never far off the required run rate. Fortunately they lost their momentum in the last few overs and OLCHS won by 16 runs. Well done for a fantastic year of Cricket!

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
Friday, 27 October – School closes for half-term