



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 23 November 2018

Our prayer theme next week: **Christ the King**

This week we celebrate Christ the King. This celebration reminds us that Jesus rose from the dead and is now in heaven as King of the Universe. It is important for us to think about how Jesus is a king and how he is a leader. What can we learn from the way he rules?

Lord, help us to follow the example of Jesus in the way he loves everyone. Help us to be good leaders in the things we do, remembering the needs of everyone and treating everyone with fairness and respect.

Amen.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS CAMPAIGN 2018 WITH YEAR 10

In the recent session on the stewardship of human dignity, pupils in Year 10 discussed the meaning of human dignity and human rights. They designed cards, made voluntary contributions to the postage and sent messages of hope and support to two Christians whose human rights have been taken away; Geraldine, a youth worker in Venezuela and Me Nam, a blogger in Vietnam.

MARAFIKI GARDENING NEWS UPDATE

After a very successful year last year, Our Lady's Catholic High School Marafiki Gardening Club has been awarded Level 4 of the RHS Schools gardening awards! This means we have one more level to go to for the school to be certified with the RHS five-star Gardening School status. As part of our reward we have received the next certificate which will be proudly placed in the garden along with the other certificates. In addition, we received £100 worth of seeds varying from tomatoes, carrots and pumpkins to forget me nots, poppies and cornflowers. All of these seeds will give us something to sow or harvest all year round. The next step for this year is to push for Level 5 and to achieve this, we need to hold events over the school year and involve the local community. To start this off we are planning to run a number of stalls in school at key times of the year, the first one being Christmas. To raise funds to buy resources, we are holding a sweet stall next week, as well as a plant stall from the produce from the end of the last season. The gardening club will also be selling candy canes which can be bought for friends and then delivered by the Marafiki group to spread the festive cheer. As well as fundraising, the Marafiki Gardening club are looking for donations. We are in need of empty jam jars, empty tins, ribbon, pots, vases, string, flexible wire, seeds, planters and anything else that we can upcycle. Over the year we will also be looking for other things such as seeds, buckets, pallets, old hanging baskets, corks, tools and plants to move our project on. If you can contribute anything to help support the garden and help us achieve level 5, that would be amazing. Please bring donations to school for the attention of the Marafiki Gardening Club or email Mrs Sewell on kse@olchs.lanacs.sch.uk Thank you from The Marafiki Gardening Club.

BILLY ELLIOT

We are now able to sell copies of our Summer School Production, Billy Elliot, to cast members. Copies are available to buy at £5.00 each. If you would like a copy please send payment into school, in an envelope marked with your child's name and form indicating how many copies you would like. Envelopes should then be posted in the school post box.

FOOTBALL NEWS

Congratulations to both Year 7 football teams. They have produced strong and consistent performances throughout the three weeks of games being held at Ashton Community Science College. The third and final set of league fixtures took place on Wednesday, 21 November. Our Lady's A, once again, won all of their games, scoring 9 and conceding 0. Our Lady's B lost one, drew one and won one, scoring 1 and conceding 3 on the night. Overall the A team topped their group with 25 points, only dropping 2 points (1 draw) in 9 fixtures. The B team also topped their group with 17 points and had a healthy 7 point gap between second place. Both teams now progress to the League Finals night which will be played in mid-December. Well done to all the players involved!

RUGBY NEWS

The Year 7 rugby team travelled to Preston Grasshoppers on Thursday, 22 November in their first set of fixtures. Archbishop Temple, Corpus Christi, Broughton and Ashton Community Science College were all in attendance. The players were quite anxious and 'rusty' in the first two games. There was not much in the game against Broughton, apart from they failed to stop one very quick and agile opponent on two occasions. Tackle opportunities were present but not taken. They started the second game against Corpus Christi well but made some costly errors in crucial positions. Nevertheless, there were positives all over the pitch and they had made progress from the first game. The team started to click in the third game against Ashton. They were dominant. All players were moving forward with power and intent. They were taking tackles and forming rucks in order to keep the ball and begin another phase of attack. They were passing the ball to create space which allowed the strong runners to stride through the gaps in defence. They had their first win and were ecstatic. Their final game was against Archbishop Temple and they took their momentum into the game. They made strong and brave tackles, stopping big and powerful ABT players. They supported each other with the ball and without. After the game, they all had massive smiles on their faces. They had a taste of rugby and they absolutely loved it!

COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Cardinal Newman College

Saturday, 2 February 10.00 am -1.00 pm

Preston's College

Wednesday, 6 February 4.00 -7.30 pm

Thursday, 2 May 4.00 pm -7.30pm

Runshaw College

Wednesday, 27 February 4.00 pm -8.00 pm

Myerscough College

Saturday, 8 December 2018 - 9.45am and 12.30pm

Saturday, 9 February 2019 - 9.45am and 12.30pm

Saturday, 30 March 2019 - - 9.45am and 12.30pm

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Year 11 pupils should now be in the process of applying for colleges/apprenticeships. Applications can be partially completed and saved at any time. All the information you need to support this can be found at www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/careers/

Dates to remember

Tuesday, 4 December - CAFOD Advent Service – St Anthony's Church at 6.00 pm

Thursday, 13 December – Christmas Lunch

Friday, 21 December – school closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 7 January 2019 – school opens

Thursday, 17 January – Year 10 Parent/Carers' evening

Thursday, 31 January - Year 8 Parent/Carers' evening

Friday, 15 February 2019 – school closes for half-term

Tuesday, 26 February 2018 – school opens

Thursday, 7 March - Year 9 Parent/Carers' evening

Thursday, 21 March - Year 7 Parent/Carers' evening