



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School



Friday, 21 June 2019

Our prayer theme next week: Corpus Christi

This week our theme is Corpus Christi, it means the Body of Christ. We reflect upon the great gift we receive each week at Mass but also upon how we all make up the Body of Christ. We all have our part to play. In our Gospel Jesus multiplies the loaves and fish, he feeds everyone, we are all one body in Christ.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the gift of yourself each time we are at Mass. Help us understand this mystery. Help us to know how we are all the body of Christ and appreciate everything you have given to us.

Amen.

VE DAY 2020

The 75th anniversary of VE Day which takes place on 8 May 2020 has been highlighted in the news over the past couple of weeks. It has been reported that the Bank Holiday is moving from Monday, 4 May 2020 to Friday, 8 May 2020. We have been informed by Lancashire County Council that no change should be made to our holiday pattern until they have received confirmation from the DfE. Further information will follow when we have an update from Lancashire County Council.

UNIFORM

We would be very grateful if Year 11 parents could donate any clean, good quality uniform, especially longer skirts, shorts or ties. Any items can be left at reception and we use this uniform as . Many thanks for any donations

WELLBEING WEEK

Next week is our final wellbeing week where the focus will be the fifth strand of the Five Ways to Wellbeing and the theme of the week is 'give'. In form time pupils will discuss with each other and their Form Tutors how giving and helping others actually supports their own well being and makes us feel good about ourselves.

SPELLING BEE

On Tuesday, 18 June Our Lady's hosted another successful Spelling Bee competition for Years 7 and 8. Exciting heats, which had taken place during English lessons before half-term, had resulted in producing fourteen finalists to compete for the honour of being the Our Lady's Spelling Bee 2019. The calibre of spellers in both years was outstanding and our host Mr Kulbacki had to resort to "sudden death" spellings to eliminate contestants. Eventually after many nail-biting moments both year groups produced winners for the top three places. A huge congratulation to the following pupils:

Year 7: 3rd - Glory Samuel; 2nd - Matthew Innes; 1st - Allegra Marino

Year 8: 3rd - Lauren Tait; 2nd - Jacob Beardsworth; 1st - Olivia Leach.

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Over the past week all 99 of our G.C.S.E Geography students have visited a number of sites along the River Wyre as part of their Unit 3 Physical fieldwork topic. The students investigated if the River Wyre matched the Bradshaw model. They worked in small groups to conduct experiments to see the changes to the width, depth, velocity, gradient and bed load shape. These findings will be presented, analysed and evaluated back in class. We also looked visited Garstang to look at the hard and soft management methods which have been put in place to manage the risk of flooding.

CRICKET RESULTS

Both the Year 8 and Year 9 team had games this week with Year 8 playing against Broughton on Wednesday, 19 June and Year 9 against Eden Boys' School on Thursday, 20 June. Although both results did not go our way there was some excellent cricket played by each year group. The familiar trend between each age group was their shot selection when batting. Many top end batsmen were selecting risky shots against accurate bowling which was all too often resulting in being bowled out. Max Smith was the stand out performance of the week, captaining the Year 8 team in the absence of Adam Ball and hitting a delightful 28 runs before retiring. His quick thinking allowed him to pick up single runs from defensive shots while he punished less accurate bowling, hitting 5 boundaries. Alfie Campbell, also of Year 8, bowled exceptionally well, keeping a good line and length and putting pressure on the opposition's batsmen. The Year 9 team struggled against a good Eden Boys' School, eventually losing by 50 runs, unable to reach the high total of 101 set by Eden in their innings. The strength in depth from the opponents was a little too much for the middle and tail end batsmen from Our Lady's and our wickets fell quite quickly. Both teams enjoyed themselves but we're disappointed with their losses but now look forward to next week's fixtures.

REWARDS TRIP – BLACKPOOL PLEASURE BEACH

Our Rewards Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach will be on Friday, 12 July. Please be aware that the deadline for the return of completed medical forms and payment is **Friday, 28 June**. To avoid disappointment please ensure all necessary and documentation is returned by this date.

Dates to remember

Thursday, 27 June – New Parents' Evening
Monday, 1 July – Year 6 induction day
Friday, 12 July – Rewards Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Tuesday, 16 July – Whole School Mass
Friday, 19 July – School closes for the end of term
Tuesday, 3 September – School opens for Year 7 pupils
Wednesday, 4 September – School opens for all pupils
Friday, 4 October – INSET day school closed for all pupils
Friday, 18 October – school closes for half-term
Monday, 28 October – school opens