



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 7 May 2021

The theme for next week is **Choosing to Love (John 15: 9 – 13)**

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13)

Imagine an interview. You have to be 'chosen' before you can accept the job. You have to be chosen first. With God, we are already chosen. He has chosen to love us, and we only need to accept. Can you accept? Can you remain in God's love? Choosing to love is giving ourselves to others, even when it hurts. Like the surgeon who operates for 7 hours without rest to save a patient's life – the surgeon loves until it hurts. God is not expecting the impossible. We can only do our best to love in this way and know that God is cheering us on.

A Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.

Amen.

YOUNG GEOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2021 COMPETITION

The Young Geographer of the Year competition is run by The Royal Geographical Society in partnership with Geographical and is supported by Esri UK, Ordnance Survey, Stanfords and Philip's.

Remapping our lives

For this year's Young Geographer of the Year competition, we are asking young people to create an annotated map which reveals how their lives have been shaped by the Covid pandemic. We are interested to see maps which illustrate and describe:

- Which local human and physical features they and their family used during the pandemic
- Why some places were especially important to young people
- The places they couldn't visit and why
- If the pandemic has led to them experiencing any new places in their local area
- How the pandemic changed their geographical understanding of their local area
- Any links which 'stretch' their maps to other places which were also important to them during the pandemic

Students should produce an A3 size entry. This can be handmade or done on PowerPoint, Word, Publisher or PDF. Students should enter the Key Stage category they will be in on **30 June 2021**.

Key Stage 3 criteria

Describe four or more geographical features on their map using annotated images or diagrams

Key Stage 4 criteria

Describe at least six geographical features using annotated images, data and diagrams

The deadline for receipt of all entries is Thursday, 1 July and should be handed to your Geography Teacher. More information can be found at <https://www.rgs.org/schools/competitions/young-geographer-of-the-year/2021-competition/>

INDIA APPEAL

We are currently raising money for the British Asian Trust and would be very grateful if you could offer support. This is an urgent appeal to help people in India suffering from Covid 19 who are desperately short of oxygen. Please give if you can. Thank you if you have already donated. The following link gives details of the charity [Home - British Asian Trust](#) Online payments can be received through Scopay and the account is called 'India Oxygen Appeal'. Many thanks, Sarah (Lay Chaplain)

ROYAL MARINES TEST OUT JET SUIT

We have all seen the television programmes where people fly around using jet packs and this has been achieved by special effects. This week the BBC has reported on a real life jet pack being tested by the Royal Marines. Watch to the video to see Newton's Third Law in action and click on the link to find out more about the principles behind the law.

Video: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-56979994>

Newton's Third Law: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zgv797h/revision/6>

SURFACE TENSION

This week's practical from home is looking at surface tension. As we head towards spring you may see insects on the pond outside reception but how do they stay on the surface of the water? Have a look at the practical to find out and try it for yourself.

Dates to remember

Friday, 28 May – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 7 June – School opens

Monday, 5 July – Year 6 transition day

Thursday,

Friday, 16 July – School closes for summer at 12.45 pm

Thursday, 2 September – Year 7 and 11 pupils return to school



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Friday, 3 September – all pupils return to school