



# Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 10 September 2021

## **The theme for next week is Faith in Action (James 2: 14 – 18)**

If one of you needs clothes and has not enough food to live on, and you say to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities, then what good is that?

Each of us has the power to make a difference in the world. Not surprisingly, we can become overwhelmed by the enormity of problems we face as a society today. It's hard to know where to begin to make an impact on our community and on our world. Saint Teresa said, 'Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you'.

**Dear Lord**

**Help us to be compassionate and loving.**

**Help us to open our eyes to all who suffer poverty, injustice or pain, no matter who they are.**

**Amen**

## **ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2022**

The process of applying for high school places for September 2022 has now begun for Year 6 pupils. Parents wishing to choose Our Lady's should apply online by following the link below or via the link on the school website.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

Parents should ensure that preferences are selected in the correct order as Lancashire County Council always aim to offer places in order of preference. Please be aware that it is necessary to apply even if a brother or sister is already at Our Lady's and it is imperative that all applications are received **before the deadline of 31 October 2021**.

In addition to the Lancashire application process, we ask that a Supplementary Information Form is completed if you wish to be considered on faith grounds. The online form is available for completion on the school website [www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk) on the admissions page. To provide a baptismal certificate or faith reference please email [ptt@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ptt@olchs.lancs.sch.uk). We no longer accept paper copies of the Supplementary Form.

## **CYCLING TO SCHOOL**

If your child wishes to cycle to school they must have a cycling contract. Contracts can be accessed by following the link below. Pupils must always abide by the highway code and ride safely. Cycling helmets are compulsory. Parents are asked to read the contract with their child to ensure they fully understand the actions and responsibilities they should demonstrate whilst cycling to and from school

<https://forms.gle/nbdQVQ4BRzmJPBWS7>

## **MARAFIKI GARDENING NEWS - MORRISONS "IT'S GOOD TO GROW" SCHEME**

Morrisons are currently offering FREE gardening equipment for schools. For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help schools get everything they need to get growing. Our Lady's Catholic High School has registered to receive these vouchers. If you do shop at Morrisons, please could you kindly donate your vouchers to the Marafiki Gardening Club so we can continue to develop our garden. There are no vouchers to collect it is all done through the My Morrisons App.

### **ROAD CLOSURE**

Please find attached information relating to a road closure on Whittingham Lane, Broughton, along with a diversion map, which may affect some journeys to school. The road closure takes place from Monday, 13 September until the end of October.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

There is currently a quantity of lost property, including PE kits, winter coats and shoes which have been left unclaimed. Parents may wish to come and look for missing items, we ask that you telephone reception beforehand and make an appointment. Items will be stored until the October half-term break and if they are not claimed after this time, they will be sent to local charity shops or for recycling.

### **SCIENCE IN THE NEWS**

Find out about what is happening to the biodiversity under the surface of the ocean and how tuna are starting to recover after being fished to the edge of extinction. Click on the link below to find out more.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-58441142>

So now you know what is happening to the biodiversity of the oceans how can we reduce our impact on the environment. Find out about these innovative new solar farms in the Swiss alps making the most of the natural environment. Click the link to find out more.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-58320618?ns\\_mchannel=social&ns\\_source=twitter&ns\\_campaign=bbc\\_live&ns\\_linkname=58320618%26The%20world%E2%80%99s%20highest%20alpine%20solar%20farm%262021-08-24T23%3A01%3A16.765Z&ns\\_fee=0&pinned\\_post\\_locator=urn:bbc:cps:curie:asset:41c935e4-a928-4399-a47a-4f5121eba4c3&pinned\\_post\\_asset\\_id=58320618&pinned\\_post\\_type=share](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-58320618?ns_mchannel=social&ns_source=twitter&ns_campaign=bbc_live&ns_linkname=58320618%26The%20world%E2%80%99s%20highest%20alpine%20solar%20farm%262021-08-24T23%3A01%3A16.765Z&ns_fee=0&pinned_post_locator=urn:bbc:cps:curie:asset:41c935e4-a928-4399-a47a-4f5121eba4c3&pinned_post_asset_id=58320618&pinned_post_type=share)

### **SCIENCE PODCASTS**

An exciting new addition to the Newsletter this week are science podcasts. All you need is a BBC log in (they are free to make). Listen to Prof Jim Al-Khalili on The Life Scientific interviewing scientists about their careers and contributions to science. This week is all about how the body reacts to extreme temperature, ever gone swimming and the water takes your breath away? Find out all about it via this link

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000w9t5>

### **PRACTICAL FROM HOME**

This week's practical from home uses two interesting phenomena. These are immiscible liquids which are those which don't mix for example water and oil, and density. The less dense substance rises though the more dense material. Make a lava lamp and see these in action with this week's practical from home.

#### **Dates to remember**

Friday, 8 October – INSET day school closed for all pupils

Friday, 22 October – School closes for half-term

Monday, 1 November – School opens

Thursday, 16 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Wednesday, 5 January – School opens for the Spring Term