



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 17 September 2021

The theme for next week is Discipleship (Mark 9: 30-37)

'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me' (Mark 9:37)

In order to follow Christ, we must first accept him. In the Gospel, the Disciples are arguing about who is the greatest. Christ makes it clear to them that, in order to follow Christ, they must make themselves vulnerable, like little children. They must forget about power and prestige. We too must do the same. When we make ourselves vulnerable, we can readily welcome the powerless, the weak and those in need and we become true disciples. We become our true selves as God intended.

Dear Lord

Help me to recognise you in everyone I meet.

Give me the courage to be my true and unique self, as God intended.

Amen.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Would all parents be reminded of the vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the Governing Body of this school. All parents who are eligible are welcome to apply for this post and should complete the nomination form which was sent out via Schoolcoms. Completed forms should be addressed to Mr Ranson, who is the Returning Officer in this election, and returned to school by the deadline of Monday, 20 September 2021 at 12 noon.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Sunday, 26 September is the European Day of Languages, and we will be celebrating in school during the week Monday, 20 to Friday, 24, September. Pupils from Year 7-11 may take part in a challenge by creating a flag or a landmark from a country in Europe. Pupils could build, paint, design or bake something. Once complete please take a photograph and send it to Mrs Crossley at ecr@olchs.lancs.sch.uk All emails must be received by 3.30 pm on Friday, 24 September and the winners will be announced on Monday, 27 September 2021.

AUTHOR VISIT

On Friday, 10 September, our Year 7 pupils enjoyed a virtual author visit and writing workshop with Natasha Farrant, the author of this year's transition book 'Voyage of the Sparrowhawk'. Natasha shared top writing tips, her writing inspiration and gave us an insight into what life as an author is really like. Our Year 7 pupils asked a variety of thoughtful and imaginative questions which Natasha was extremely impressed with. They represented our school brilliantly!

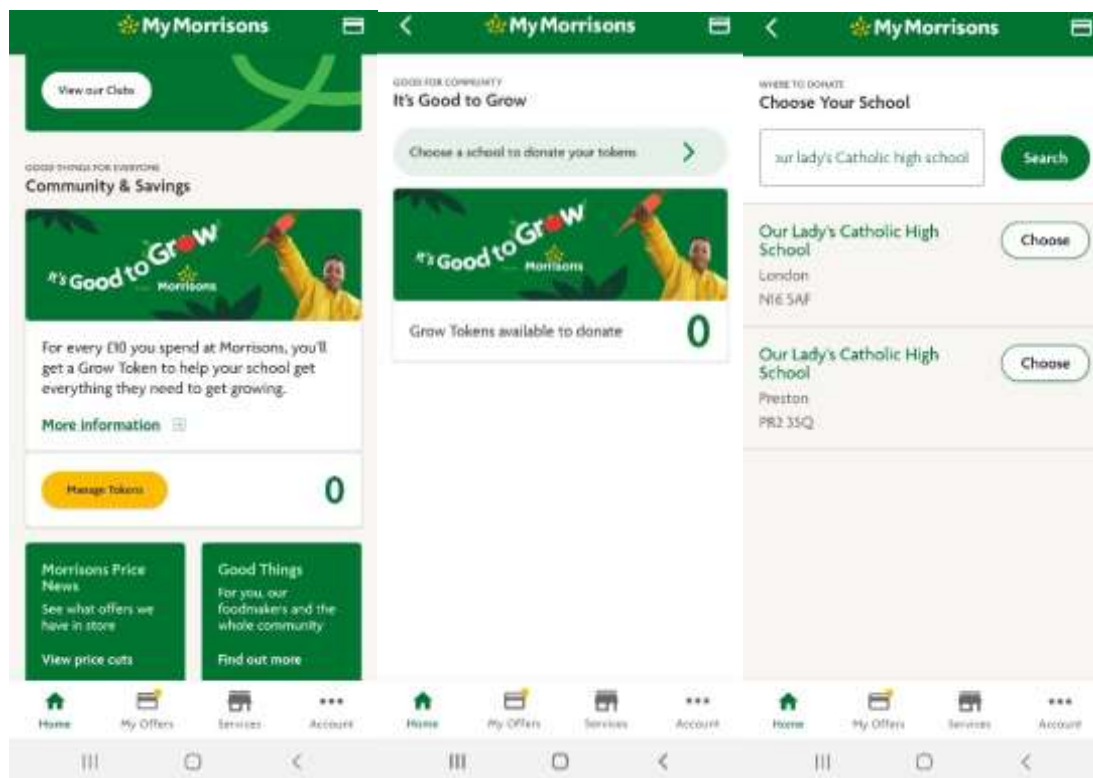
OPEN EVENING

Open Evening will take place on Thursday, 7 October 6.00 pm until 8.30 pm. School will finish on that day at 12.45 pm to allow for preparations for the evening. Year 7 pupils will act as guides on the evening and need parental permission to take part. Pupils in Years 8-11 who help out on the evening need permission from the department in which they will be helping, along with parental permission. Parental letters will be issued in the coming weeks and these need to be signed and return to school before may pupil can take part. All visitors are encouraged to wear face coverings on the evening and where possible take a Lateral Flow test beforehand.

MORRISONS GOOD TO GROW VOUCHERS – HOW TO DONATE

To donate your vouchers, log into the MyMorrisons app or go to <https://my.morrisons.com/more/#/> (your card should be registered to an email). Different devices may vary but scroll down to Community and savings – Good to Grow and click manage tokens. Type in Our Lady's Catholic High School and choose Preston. Every time you spend £10 you get a token. It may take a few hours to go into your account. When you have tokens, click donate and that will add it to our school's total. We currently have 8 tokens and 2 donators registered so far! The things that school

can purchase look amazing so please donate if you can. Please see the instructions below for set up and if any you have any problems Morrisons are happy to help on 0345 322 0000.



SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

This week, the US space agency scientists were so excited by the Martian rock sampled by their Perseverance rover they got the robot to take a second sample. Find out about this rock in the link below:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-58539880?ns_mchannel=social&ns_source=twitter&ns_campaign=bbc_live&ns_linkname=58539880&Rover%20rock%20cores%20were%20%27highest%20priority%20samples%27&2021-09-12T18:36:22.326Z&ns_fee=0&pinned_post_locator=urn:bbc:cps:curie:asset:fa1a37c3-2e26-4b50-a36f-c08db28f523f&pinned_post_asset_id=58539880&pinned_post_type=share

Could you be going into space on holiday soon? Find out about the first all amateur space crew enjoying views of Earth.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-58594365>

Podcast of the week

This week's podcast from The Life Scientific features Helen Scales a marine biologist talking about her reach and explorations of the deep ocean.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000vwqh>

PRACTICALS FROM HOME

The power of compressed air. Challenge your friends and family to stab a potato with a straw and watch their amazement as you succeed where they failed.

Dates to remember

Thursday, 7 October – Open Evening, school closes for pupils at 12.45 pm

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