



Our Lady's Catholic High School



Friday, 8 July 2022

The theme for next week is The Good Samaritan. (Luke 10: 25-37)

Jesus asked, 'Which of these three proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?'

'The one who took pity on him' the man replied. Jesus said, 'Go, and do the same.'

In Jesus' day, the Jews would not associate with Samaritans. A Jewish congregation would not see a Samaritan as *good*. Jesus challenges his followers in this parable, as the Samaritan makes the *good* choice. We are simply challenged to show compassion and love to everyone - to treat each other as our neighbour – regardless of religion, race, status...etc. This may be difficult at times, but this is our calling as people of faith.

Jesus, friend and brother,

You know what it is like to be hungry and thirsty.

You know the plight of the stranger who is made unwelcome.

You know the suffering of all who have lost everything.

We pray that we may always show love for our neighbour and draw closer to you.

Amen. (Tony Singleton/CAFOD)

THE HIVE

The Hive is a morning nurture group that is facilitated by Mrs Brown and runs weekly within school as part of the continued support from the Pastoral Department. We were thrilled to be able to offer a workshop by Mr Alan Mainwaring who is part of Preston & District Beekeepers Association. The talk was very informative and allowed the pupils to ask some very relevant and interesting questions that help us to understand how bees contribute to all our lives, the community and how they work together to enable a thriving environment. All the pupils had the opportunity to make their own beeswax candle. We are hoping to arrange further taster sessions that will allow the pupils to participate in working with the bees and their hives. All the pupils behaved impeccably; we were very proud of them.

REFUGEE WEEK 2022

As a School of Sanctuary, Our Lady's Catholic High School welcomed Escape2Safety from the Global Link Development Education Centre in Lancaster. They offered a unique interactive exhibition which enabled pupils to experience a little of what it is like to be a refugee seeking asylum in Britain. The exhibition aims to take pupils on a journey to simulate aspects of the modern refugee experience. It gave an opportunity for pupils to think for themselves and discuss important issues around protected characteristics, equality and diversity. Please take time to watch the two short video clips below which provide a taster of the experience.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_P9huLYmS0



[Refugee animation | CAFOD](#)

Resources for teachers: <https://cafod.org.uk/schools>

Can't use Youtube? Right click and "save as" to download and save this animation:

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/films-for-schools/01-](https://s3.amazonaws.com/films-for-schools/01-RefugeeCrisis-CAFOD.mov)

[RefugeeCrisis-CAFOD.mov](#) --- This compelling animation from Catholic aid agency, CAFOD, encourages children and young people to reflect on journeys made in history

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwCtWfwYlkw>



[THE BOX - A multi-award winning animated short film](#)
<https://www.instagram.com/theartofmerve> - The Box, the animated story of one of the millions of war children, got screened on over 240 film festivals in 52 different countries and won 44 awards worldwide. It's based on the happy life of a kid which alters instantly with the sudden war and pushes him in a state of struggle. The war changes not ...
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CAFOD Prayer for Refugees - God our refuge, you share the journey with migrants and refugees, lightening their footsteps with hope. For you, Lord, are close to the broken-hearted. Pour out your Spirit upon world leaders. May they see the tragedies of our human family, and be moved to respond with wisdom, compassion and courage. Open our eyes and hearts to the God-given dignity of all your people. Move us to welcome our neighbours, and so bear witness to your love.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH PRACTICE EXPEDITION

Over the weekend 1 – 3 July, 60 of our Year 9 pupils completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice expedition. On Friday, half of the group were dropped off in Garstang and completed a guided walk to Guys Farm campsite, via Nicky Nook. On the walk they had the chance to practice their map reading skills under expert guidance, all whilst carrying their food, clothes, stoves and tents on their backs! Once at camp, they put up their tents, cooked their food and kept in high spirits despite the torrential rain! In the morning, they completed a circular walk from the camp with staff checkpointing the route along the way. On Saturday afternoon the second group of pupils were dropped at Guys farm and completed a guided walk from Guys, camped and then completed their solo walk on the Sunday back to Garstang via Nicky Nook. All pupils showed excellent resilience, teamwork and the ability to remain positive even when lost in the countryside! All is in preparation for their assessment weekend that will take place in September.

AUTHOR VISIT

On Monday, 18 July the visit from author, Paul Dowswell, (postponed from 22 June) will take place. He will be sharing the knowledge on which some of his books are based, and how he conducts his historical research. All pupils from Year 7 to 10 will be attending his talks. We ask that a voluntary donation of £1 per pupil is made through SCOPay before the event.

More information about the author can be found at <https://pauldowswell.com/>

MARAFIKI GARDENERS' PLANT AND CHOC-ICE SALE

Yesterday our Marafiki gardeners set up shop in the Marafiki Garden. Staff and pupils were invited to come and buy some of the plants we had been growing or had been donated. Both staff and pupils left with a variety of plants including pumpkins, strawberries, dahlia plants and many, many more. There were lots of happy customers! Other pupils sold choc ices and ice lollies to pupils. So far, we have raised £168.00 with a few more plants yet to be sold. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Marafiki garden this year.

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

If you can tell your science teacher the answers to the questions you can earn a point.

A new specialist laboratory has been opened at Nottingham University that will allow DNA from ancient and environmental samples to be analysed. Would you like to work in such a facility? Read the article and answer the following question.

Question 1: What is switched on at night to stop contamination and make sure the lab stays clean?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-61881479>



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Podcast

Dragonflies are believed to be one of the first insects to have inhabited the earth - 300 million years ago. Their agility has also led to the design of new spy drones.

Question 2: How many known species of dragonfly are there?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0bbqvk7>

Video

Although farming is a labour intensive industry, there are still technological applications being applied to help reduce costs.

Question 3: What task is the droid (robot) performing in the video?

https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-shropshire-61842724?ns_mchannel=social&ns_source=twitter&ns_campaign=bbc_live&ns_linkname=61842724%26Robot%20farming%3A%20%27Something%20none%20of%20us%20have%20seen%27%262022-06-17T11%3A53%3A53.000Z&ns_fee=0&pinned_post_locator=urn:bbc:cps:curie:asset:d9293af5-69f5-47d2-b111-a120cf9197ff&pinned_post_asset_id=61842724&pinned_post_type=share

Home Research

Do you have an older relative who uses a hearing aid? It helps them to hear what you are saying.

Question 4: Most hearing aids work by a three-stage process - research and find out what that is.

Dates to remember

Friday, 15 July – Rewards Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Thursday, 21 July – School closes for the Summer Holidays at 12.45 pm

Friday, 2 September – School opens for Year 7 and 11 only

Monday, 5 September – School opens for all pupils

Friday, 9 September – Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Assessment Weekend

Friday, 7 October – INSET day school closed for all pupils

Friday, 21 October – school closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 31 October – school opens