

# All Hallows

## Catholic High School

# Newsletter

9th February 2023



### Dear Parents/Guardians,

Well, what a week for our school to shine! Over 200 pupils across the school have taken part in what we believe is the first ever school production of Frozen the Musical. With a sell out every night, everyone will agree what a fantastic opportunity this has been for our pupils to showcase their gifts and talents. Particular thanks must go to Mrs Colclough and Miss Johnston from the Performing Arts Department, along with all the other members of staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure the show's success.

This week has also seen our Year 7s visit the Liverpool Catholic and Anglican Cathedrals as part of the RE Department's enrichment programme. The pupils had a fantastic day and their behaviour was a credit to the school. Thanks again to all the staff who have helped plan and run the visit.

Last weekend saw an amazing turnout to Witton Park for the Lancashire Schools Cross Country Championships. It was a gruelling course through lots of sticky mud and pupils competed across the age groups. There were some great results in all years, with particular success for Poppi Watson and Daniel Smith in Year 11 and Sam Ridgeway in Year 8 who have all achieved a place in the Lancashire squad. They will be heading to the National Schools Cross Country Championships in March. Good luck!

Finally, it has been a very busy week, with Ofsted arriving early Wednesday morning and whilst we are not yet aware of the outcome, we would like to thank all pupils, parents, staff and governors for their contributions and hard work to support our school this week. It has been a tremendous team effort! We wish you all a restful half term.

**A reminder, school is closed tomorrow 10/02/2023 for the start of half term break.**

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper  
Headteacher



### Frozen JR

As we await the last showing of Frozen this evening. We cannot sing Mrs Colclough's and Miss Johnston's praises enough along with the stellar cast, helpers and production team for putting on a fantastic visual spectacular.

We even had the local press in to do a lovely write up of the show.

More photos to follow after half term.

To read the article from the local press, please follow this link. [Frozen Article](#)



### Royal Society Young People's Book Prize Judging 2023

We were extremely lucky this year to have been accepted to take part in the judging of 6 STEM based books as part of the Royal Society's Prizes for 2023. A group of pupils from across Years 7, 8 & 9 all joined together to read each of the books on a weekly basis. They were able to share their experiences of reading the book, what they liked or did not like, the facts or stories that they gained knowledge from and much more. They were able to take part in activities linked to the books which included things like writing a poem and creating art work ideas from microscopic bacteria pictures.

The books that the pupils were able to read were Beetles for Breakfast, and other weird and wonderful ways to save the planet, Fantastically Great Women Scientists and their Stories, Fourteen Wolves, How was that Built?, If the World were 100 People and Microbe Wars. Judging took place in which the book voted as top was How Was That Built? closely followed by Beetles for Breakfast. These books will now be available to pupils to borrow from the library after half term.

"Growing together in the spirit of Christ's love"

# KEY EVENTS

★ **Return Date Reminder** – School is back, on Monday 20th February after half term break.

★ **Year 8 Parents/Options Evening** – Please will parents/guardians of our Year 9 cohort observe our combined event for Options and Parents Evening, which is to be held on 23/02. With the Options presentation to be held in the Arts Theatre.

## **Knitting/Crochet Appeal.**

We have had an amazing response to our knitting and crochet appeal. A big thank you to all knitting club members, staff, parents, families and community crafters who are continuing to contribute squares for our knitting group charity project. The current count is 21 squares and various mittens and wrist warmers, which is amazing! Please keep sending in your squares next half term. Here are some examples so far!

For those who aren't familiar with this appeal, we have chosen this amazing charity, "Knit a Square" (website underneath) who provides blankets for orphans in South Africa to embark on our first big project. A blanket requires approx 35 squares and as we can't do it all by ourselves that's why we are looking to you for support.

Instructions on how to knit the squares (measurements etc.) are on the website. We are collecting your wonderful creations up until Easter, which can be handed into the languages office.

*all welcome!*

Knitting Club at All Hallows meet on Tuesdays at 1 pm in room 19 (the upstairs languages area). Some of us are total beginners and some have come with a little bit of experience.

<https://knit-a-square.com/knit-a-square-south-africa/>



## **New 714 Bus Route – Reminder**

### **RETIMING OF SERVICE 714**

### **LOSTOCK HALL – PENWORTHAM ALL HALLOWS RCHS**

Revised timetable below:

LOSTOCK HALL Irongate	0810
LOSTOCK HALL British Legion	0815
PENWORTHAM Bridge Inn	0825
PENWORTHAM All Hallows R.C.H.S.	0835

**Passengers are advised to be at their stop 5 minutes before the bus is due and signal clearly to the driver by putting their hand out.**

## **Reporting a child's absence due to an illness**

When reporting a child's absence, we kindly request that the school office is rung in the first instance and a voice mail left. If you are unable to speak to a member of the office staff, or if you are unable to get through, you may send an email to [enquiries@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk) stating your child's name, form and a reason for their absence. Please note that a daily call is required to inform us of your child's absence/sickness, unless provisions have been put into place with their Head of Year.



## **Primary Road Show**

As we celebrate the NSPCC's Number Day 2023, we dressed up for digits and brought in additional donations. Mrs Walsh and Mrs Salisbury also came in during the morning for a Maths Roadshow in which we took part in different maths related challenges. They varied from working out your height to calculating the area of each others feet! We extremely enjoyed their visit and hope they'll come again soon!

## **All Hallows on Social Media**

We are now active on social media, and our handles for the following two platforms are:



**@AllHallowsCHS**



**@allhallowschs**





## Year 9 Savio House Retreats.

Over the last two weeks three groups of Year 9 pupils have been on retreat to Savio House. The theme of their retreat is water, encouraging them to look under the surface of their lives and look deeper at four areas, home, school, friends and God. During the first day they took part in a number of icebreakers, getting to know each other better and the team of volunteers at Savio House. The first day also included a walk up to White Nancy and the final session was a reflective Well drawing session inviting the group to think about the sunshine and rain cloud moments in their lives. The evening concluded with time in small groups to share with each other these moments and night prayer. Day two was a packed day which started with a meditation morning prayer before going back into small groups to prepare for their reconciliation service, completing an examination of conscience. The reconciliation service in the afternoon was a reflective and emotional time, where the whole group prayed for each other and reflected on their own relationship with God. Everyone in the group was offered an opportunity to receive either the Sacrament of Confession or a blessing. The afternoon and evening of day 2 was the celebration part of our retreat, taking part in group games and preparing for the highlight of the retreat, our retreat Mass. The Mass included dance, drama, music and art work all prepared by our Year 9 pupils. All three of the Masses were a true celebration of what it means to be young and of thanksgiving. The day concluded with a karaoke disco enjoyed by all, including the staff, night prayer and again time to journal about the day. Day three, the final day of retreat brought together the whole of our retreat, in small groups they affirmed each other, writing positive and true things about one another and the retreat concluded with a beautiful time of prayer preparing us to go back to our normal lives by asking each of us to think about what we had enjoyed about the retreat, what we have learnt about ourselves and what we are going to take back with us.

One Year 9 pupil said that following the retreat she "felt different and had come back to school with a different approach, felt happier and positive."

Thank you to Savio House for leading us through three fantastic retreats and thank you to all of our Year 9 pupils who attended for your enthusiasm and your joy.

- ★ Spirograph Sets – If you have any that are no longer of any use, the Art Department would kindly and greatly receive these donations.
- ★ AH Vacancies – We currently have some vacancies that have become available, if you or know someone who may be interested, please contact the corresponding person. Alternatively, for more information please see our website.

<https://www.allhallows.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/vacancies/>

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## Savio House

### Medication In School

Please may we remind parents/carers of allowing their child to have medication on them that has not been authorised/agreed with by the school. There has been a number of cases where children are carrying paracetamol on them, we strongly discourage this as there is a health and safety risk that we need to take into consideration. If your child needs to have medication in school we would be more than happy to accommodate this. In order to do so a form will need to be requested at reception.