

All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

03 November 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back and I hope you and your families enjoyed a lovely half term. I was lucky enough to have a few days in Spain and enjoyed the last of the summer sunshine. On Wednesday, we celebrated our school Feast Day and all year groups experienced a wonderful Mass in the Sports Hall to celebrate our Catholic Saints. Their inspiration was reflected on during Mass, but we were also encouraged to strive to be present day saints and let our saintly qualities shine in the way we live our lives. A special thank you must go to Father Michael and Father Ian who celebrated with us on what for them is a very busy day.

The Halloween disco which was held on Monday was also a great success and raised lots of money for our PTFA. The PTFA are meeting this Tuesday in school at 6:30pm and I would encourage any parents who wish to get involved to come along. We have a lot of fantastic plans going forward and all the help we can muster would be appreciated.

Finally, can I encourage all our community including parents, grandparents, past pupils and friends of our school to follow us on social media. We have a growing following and it is a great way for us to share the life and events of All Hallows. Our Instagram handle is **allhallowsschs**

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper
Headteacher



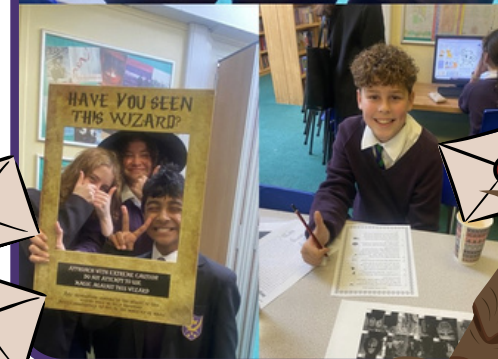
Harry Potter Book Day

Pupils in Years 7-9 were invited to join the English department to celebrate 'Harry Potter Book Day'. Pupils enjoyed a range of activities including: quizzes, word searches, artistic creations, jigsaw building and a photo booth. Pupils also enjoyed winning prizes, eating Harry Potter themed snacks and drinking 'butter beer' juice. A number of Y10 and Y11 pupils helped to make the event a success. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

England Hockey Talent

Congratulations

to Ruth Worthington in Year 11 who has once again been selected to take part in the England Hockey Talent Academy this year! Well done Ruth!



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

As part of our continuing links with LUSoM, there are a number of taster sessions and lectures, both online and on the campus that are available for pupils in KS3 and KS4. For more information please visit the following [link](#)

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Use of Fireworks

As we approach bonfire season, please find some useful information from the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. [For more information, please use this link.](#)

After School Cricket Club

We have a new club starting on Thursdays after school. Lancashire Cricket Coach Stuart Naden will be offering cricket coaching sessions every Thursday after school for girls. All years welcome. **The club will finish at 4:15pm.** Please see Synergy for more information or see Mrs Preston in PE.

GCSE Chinese

Congratulations to Evelyn in Year 11 who has recently achieved a Grade 8 in GCSE Chinese. This is a phenomenal achievement, especially as she has studied for this qualification in her own time and even sat the exam a year early! The qualification includes several different components, including a challenging speaking examination. Well done Evelyn!

Fireworks, The Law and You



Fireworks can only be purchased from registered sellers for private use between:

15th October – 10th November
26th December – 31st December
3 days before Diwali or Chinese New Year

It is illegal to sell fireworks or sparklers to anyone under 18

It is illegal for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in public

If you are caught with fireworks in public you could be given an on the spot fine of £80

It is an offence to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am

It is also an offence to obstruct emergency workers

If you are caught committing any of these offences you could be given an on the spot fine or be taken to court where you can be given a heavier fine or prison sentence.

THINK ABOUT IT.



Firework Code



Always supervise young children

Light sparklers one at a time

Keep pets indoors

Keep them in a closed box

Follow all instructions carefully

Stand well back

DO's & Don'ts

Never return to a lit firework

Don't give sparklers to under 5's

Don't set fireworks off after 11pm

Never put them in your pocket

Never throw them

For more information visit:
www.lancfirerescue.org.uk/bonfires-and-fireworks.aspx

Change Talks Blog

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Change Talks latest blog post focuses on a topic that many parents can relate to – helping your children manage their anger. Parenting can be a challenging journey, and we understand that dealing with your kids' anger can be overwhelming at times. In their third Change Talks blog, they have gathered valuable insights, expert advice, and practical strategies to assist parents like you in navigating this terrain.

This blog can be a valuable resource for parents looking to create a more harmonious and understanding family environment. [You can read the full blog post by clicking on this link.](#)

European Aerobic Gymnastics Championships

Tia has been selected to represent Great Britain as part of team GB in the upcoming European aerobic gymnastics championships in Turkey.

The selection has come from an outstanding performance all year and then the final trials process last month.

This is an amazing achievement! Well done Tia, and good luck!

WELL
DONE



Irish Dancing Success

Congratulations to Ronan and Erin, both in Year 9, who competed in the Irish dancing competition in October and won their rounds.

Happy All Saints (All Hallows) Day!

On Wednesday we celebrated our school feast day, the Solemnity of All Saints.

All Saints Day is a very special and important celebration in the Church's calendar, a day when we celebrate all of the saints in heaven, those named by the Church and those who aren't.

We celebrated our feast day with two prayerful and lively Masses which all our pupils participated in beautifully. It was wonderful to be able to come together as a school community and celebrate with such joy.

During our Mass we were reminded that we are all Children of God and by living out the Beatitudes how we too can become saints. During our offertory procession we thought about those who we have known who are now with God in heaven, the Saints of All Hallows. Thank you to all the families who sent in pictures of loved ones to be included in our Mass. At the end of Mass everyone was sent out with saintly dares to complete as part of our feast day celebrations and were reminded of the words of Pope Benedict who said: "Dare to be glowing saints, in whose eyes and hearts the love of Christ beams and who thus bring light to the world." Our pupils certainly lit up our school and raised the roof with their songs of praise. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the Masses and a special thanks to Fr Ian (from St Teresa's and Mary Magdalene's, Penwortham) and Fr Michael (from St Oswald's Longton) for celebrating our Masses for us.

To get a feel for the joy experienced at our Masses yesterday visit our social media.



Happy All Saints Day!



You are invited to St Mary's Catholic High School and All Hallows Catholic High School

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WEDNESDAY 22ND
NOVEMBER 2023



FROM 4.00PM
UNTIL 6.00 PM



CRABTREE AVE,
PENWORTHAM, PR1 0LN



Organised and
hosted by:



Local colleges and training providers will also be
attending to answer any questions.

River Calder Field Trip

On Monday 16th October Year 11 geography pupils made their way to the River Calder to investigate changes in the river. Pupils measured aspects like width, depth and bedload. They then visited the flood defenses at both Garstang and St Michael's to support their GCSE coursework. The weather was kind to us and pupils seemed to enjoy the experience.

