# All Hallows Catholic High School Newsletter 01 December 2023

#### Dear Parents/Guardians,

School continues to be a busy place and the excitement of Advent has begun with the Advent wreath and the Christmas trees now looking lovely in the entrance hall of the school. Although the hard work in lessons continues as usual, we will be having lots of seasonal enrichment activities over the next few weeks. On Tuesday, we will be hosting a wonderful Christmas concert and markets in the school quad. We will be selling raffle tickets and we would ask you to support us in our fundraising. The PTFA have been working very hard to source some fantastic prizes and any support for the food, craft and gift stalls will be much appreciated. On Monday, the whole school will drop the timetable and undertake some curriculum enrichment. This will depend on the year group, but Year 11 in particular will be focussing on their transition to work, college and employment as they look at CV writing and apprenticeships. The newsletter is once again full of sporting success and the wonderful work of our clubs and societies in school. I hope you enjoy seeing the success of so many of our pupils in such a diverse range of activities.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper **Headteacher** 



#### **Dates for December**

#### European Aerobic Gymnastics Championships

Tia has just returned from Turkey were she has competed at the 13th European Aerobic Gymnastics Championships representing Great Britain. Tia and her team mates made history for Great Britain being the first junior group to make a major final. Not only did they make the final they finished and outstanding 4th in Europe narrowly missing out on the bronze medal by 0.1.

This is a huge achievement well done , Tia will now start training for the World Championship held in



**PTFA Fundraising** 

Please follow the link to help our PTFA with their fundraising mission. Or use the QR code provided.





18th Primary school roadshow

21st Christmas lunch

22nd Christmas Assemblies
School closes for Christmas holidays (1:30pm)

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



To our Year 7 Girls football team who were runners up in the South Ribble District 7 a side football tournament held at Leyland St Mary's on 9th November. The girls played extremely well as a team in their first ever football tournament in very cold conditions! Well done girls! Player of the tournament was GK Alannah who made some fantastic saves and kept our goal difference high which was the deciding factor in getting runners up.



#### Barnardos Lancashire Link Christmas Drop-in

This event is open to everyone regardless of which GP families are registered with.





### Winter Wheelers 2023

All STAFF, PARENTS and STUDENTS 13+ are invited to join our Winter Wheelers challenge!



Register for free at lovetoride.net/lancashire to be in with a chance of winning!

Win: A brand new electric Brompton worth £2,995

Win: A Decathlon Triban Gravel Bike

Win: Up to £500 for encouraging others!

Win: Loads of cycling goodies too, including Proviz and Decathlon gear!

Please share lovetoride.net/lancashire on all your social media platforms, parent newsletters and internal communications channels



Save money | Get outside | Win prizes We'll support you to wrap up and ride!

Love to Ride is working in partnership with Lancashire County Council to encourage cycling for fun, fitness, and transport

### Mental Elf 2023 FESTIVE FUN RUN

Be a part of the county's best festive fun run experience and support people living vith a mental health condition in Lancashire.



- · Tickets start from just £7
- · 2k, 5k and 10k elf distances
- Surprise festive boosts at every kilometer
- · Bespoke elf medal



Find out more via this QR code or visit www.lancashiremind.org.uk:

All funds raised will support better mental health support & services for people living and working in Lancashire.



ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTS:-

A Christmas Celebration



FEATURING OUR CHOIRS,

INSTRUMENTALISTS AND DANCERS.

TUESDAY 5™ DECEMBER

SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS SERVED FROM 6PM

AND DURING THE INTERVAL

CONCERT STARTS AT 7PM

Christmas stalls and food will be located in the senior dining room. Ticket price includes either a Bratwurst Sausage, seasonal drink of Gluhwein or a hot chocolate.

TICKETS £6.00







#### SOUTH RIBBLE CROSS COUNTRY

On Saturday 18th November, athletes, staff and parents from all the schools in the district arrived at Hutton Grammar School for the annual Cross Country Championships. Fighting against the mud, the pupils from All Hallows were outstanding and gave some fantastic individual performances. As a team they were unbeatable and secured the 'District Champions' title for another year for our school. A huge thank you and well done to all the pupils, who demonstrated true grit, perseverance and determination.

#### **RUGBY UNION**

This term has seen All Hallows develop a strong link with Tarleton Junior Rugby Union Club, allowing us to access top level coaching for all our Key Stage 3 boys. This has been a fantastic success and we have seen the boys' confidence and skills improve rapidly.

#### **BASKETBALL**

We have been extremely fortunate this year to be able to continue to grow our links with Myerscough College Basketball Academy, who are working with us to develop Basketball here at All Hallows. They have been able to send coaches into school to help deliver specialist sessions to some of our Key Stage 3 classes

#### **FOOTBALL**

So far this year we have had boys and girls from years 7 – 11 representing All Hallows and getting involved in competitive fixtures. The Year 7 boys and girls are through to the next round of the Lancashire Cup and the Year 8s are currently top of the South Ribble League. The Year 9s are due to play Mooreland in the Lancashire Cup and the Year 10s will play Lostock Hall. Finally the Year 11 boys are due to host Fisher Moore in the second round.

#### Nasal Flu Vaccination



The nurses will be on site on the following day to catch up on the nasal flu vaccination.

## Cycling to School

With the days becoming darker and as your child cycles to and from school, may you please remind them of the use visible equipment eg: a front/rear light added to their bike or wearing of any reflective gear.



#### South Ribble District Competition

Well done to the girls below who played in the South Ribble District Competition on a very cold Tuesday night this week! The girls battled hard and played well finishing with 2 wins and coming 5th overall. Well done girls!

Please find below a link to Lancashire Mind's, Self-Harm Parenting

The course is Co-produced with CYP professionals and parents, our self-harm parenting workshop aims to support parents and carers whose children or young people self-injure. The course runs 6-8pm and is virtual. Parents self-register for the course.

<u>Self Harm Parenting Workshop - virtual - Lancashire Mind (arlo.co)</u>



#### **Year 7 Girls Football**

The Year 7 girls football team won against Lytham in the second round of the Lancashire Cup on Wednesday 22nd November. It was a close game, where after full time the score was 1-1. Five players bravely chose to take penalties but after some great shots and some superb saves we went into sudden death. By the 8th penalty we had scored the winning shot - well done girls on being through to the next round. Player of the game was GK Alannah, who made some 'worldly' saves.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE QUAD O5 DEC 23 6PM

BRATWURST SAUSAGES MARKET STALLS

IF YOU OR KNOW OF ANYONE INTERESTED
IN HAVING A STALL FOR THIS EVENT,
PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

THE PTFA WILL ALSO BE RUNNING THEIR
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. IF ANYONE
OR ANY COMPANIES WOULD BE ABLE TO
DONATE A PRIZE FOR THE RAFFLE THEN
THIS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.
THE PTFA UNDERTAKE GREAT WORK TO
RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL.
PLEASE DO SUPPORT THEM IF YOU CAN.



<u>Children and Family Wellbeing Service</u>

## What's on guide



South Ribble CFW All our groups are free

Sept-Dec 2023



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The geography department at All Hallows are relaunching their Instagram page!

Competition: Design a logo for the page and you could be in with a chance of winning a SUBWAY voucher.



Current Logo

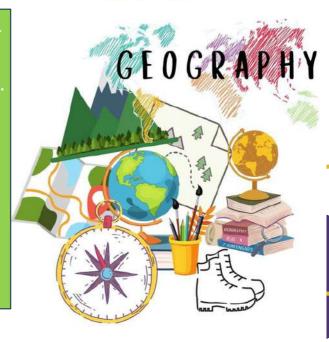


Collect an entry form from your geography teacher or the geography office (next to Rm 5).

Entries should be returned to the geography office by 15th December 2023

Open to ALL years

Reward points for entries!





Last week we were delighted to be one of 250 schools across the country to receive 8kg of free mussels to cook with. As part of the 'Fish Hero in Schools' programme, Offshore Shellfish have donated 2,000kg of fantastic rope-grown mussels to help ensure that pupils get the chance to prepare, cook and taste fish before they leave school. Our Year 10's really got stuck in and made delicious bowls of Thai Green Chilli Mussels and we were even able to conduct some sensory testing out on the corridors and in the dining room where pupils from different year groups got the chance to talk to us about what we had been doing and taste the mussels themselves. They were a big hit! It has been a fantastic experience, providing new food life skills to the pupils and a great learning experience for them working with a product we would not normally use. Thanks again to the Food Teachers Centre, Offshore Shellfish, DFDS delivery group and everyone else involved! Fingers crossed we will be lucky enough to experience more fish opportunities in the future.

#### South Ribble Leisure

South Ribble Leisure centres, Leyland Leisure Centre, Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre, South Ribble Tennis and Fitness Centre and Penwortham Leisure Centre. Pride themselves on providing great value access to sport and leisure in the area, where students and young people can enjoy the facilities at incredible prices! Please follow the links to find out more.

- Memberships or Pay-As-You-Go
- FREE TRIAL! Tennis Lessons at South Ribble Tennis Centre
- NEW CLASS! Les Mills Born to Move at Penwortham Leisure Centre















#### **U16 South Ribble District**

Congratulations to Year 10 and 11 girls who were undefeated and overall winners in the U16 South Ribble District 7 a side football competition held at Leyland St Mary's on Tuesday. Well done Girls!



#### **Year 8 Castlerigg Retreat 1**

Last weekend 41 pupils accompanied by 6 members of staff enjoyed a weekend at Castlerigg Manor on retreat. The theme of the retreat was the Holy Spirit, encouraging us all to learn more about God's spirit and how the Holy Spirit guides and inspires our lives in the same way it did the first disciples. The pupils has a great time exploring the theme through different games and activities. We explored the glorious Lake District with a walk up Castlehead and time in Keswick town. The times of prayer and reflection were a great way to remind us why we were there and open our hearts to what God wanted to do for us over that weekend. We celebrated our retreat experience with a wonderful Mass, celebrated by the Castlerigg chaplain, and made sure we raised the roof with our song of the year, Build Your Kingdom.

Thank you to all of the Y8 pupils who threw themselves into the retreat experience and made it such a great weekend for each other and the staff involved. A big thank you also goes to all the staff who gave their weekend to accompany the group. We look forward to taking the second half of Y8 on retreat to Castlerigg in January.



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#### **Year 7 Netball**

Well done to all three of the Year 7 Netball teams who played their first ever matches on Tuesday 28th November. Each team played two games, winning 5 and drawing 1. The girls all played extremely well and should all be proud of their performance. Special mention goes to Maggie H, Eva S, Halle R, Amelia W and Eden N who received 'player of the match' from Priory.



#### GCHQ's National Language Competition 2023

Ten Year 9 students took part this month in GCHQ's National Language Competition 2023. Pupils were put into teams and had to have a go at 'capturing the flag' to win points by breaking codes in a series of puzzles, on an online platform. There was fierce competition all week with around 2000 teams from more than 600 schools across the UK putting their language skills to the test and battling it out for the top spots on the national leaderboard. It was a closely fought race right up to the very end with pupils pulling out all the stops to crack the codes and solve the language puzzles! Although we didn't make it to the podium, we are extremely proud of our students who took part and spent most of the competition week up in Languages!

#### **Christmas Card Competiton**

Our Christmas Card winner for 2023 is Shivam S in Year 9. This will be made into the school's Christmas card

#### **Treasure Hunter Winners**

Treasure hunt results are in! The winners will be receiving their goodies next week.

**Year 7:** 1st Rylan C 2nd Hallie M

Year 8: 1st Josiah B & Daniel F 2nd Mollie & Kia M 3rd Michell R

**Year 9:** 1st Phoebe M 2nd Bella W 3rd Emelia R & Joseph F

Year 10: 1st Lewis S

**Year 11:** 1st Alicia B 2nd Kaitlin L & Eryn H 3rd Harini Ram Prasath



#### **Interform Competition**

Well done to all the Year 9's who took part in their interform competition on Wednesday night. A great night of football had by all with 9 John crowned as overall winners. Many thanks to Ellis, Joe and Alfie from Year 11 who were our leaders and referees on the night.

