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NEWSLETTER – NO 8 18 July 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Just a final newsletter before we finish for the holidays. It has been another busy school year! Are there any other?! I hope you have enjoyed being part of our thriving school family. School has been alive with a huge range of activities which the children have enjoyed.

GOODBYE – ‘God be with you’

Our Year Six children will leave Our Lady of Grace today. They have made many memories to cherish here and we wish them well on their new adventures ahead. They are always welcome back to school and forever remain part of our school family. Good luck and God bless! Keep in touch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

Our First Holy Communion children have had a wonderful time celebrating the completion of the Sacramental Programme with their party at school. Congratulations to all!

GOVERNORS

Congratulations to Mrs Welbourne who continues to be the Parent Governor following the recent nomination process. It is very generous to volunteer to give time and energy to this important role. Thank you to Mrs Welbourne for her continued commitment to serve the Governing Body.

SOLAR PANELS – CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

We have been successful in working with the diocesan property team to obtain additional funding to install some solar panels to generate electricity in the future. This supports our Bishop’s vision of sustainability in response to Pope Francis’ teachings.

UKRAINIAN CHILDREN’S SOCIAL CLUB STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Families who might be interested in their children (aged 7-16 years) joining a Ukrainian social club will be emailed further information in dual languages. There will be a range of indoor activities and support from qualified teachers in completing homework. Refreshments will be provided and all staff are DBS checked.

SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports (Reception to Year Six) have been sent via email containing details of your child’s new class teacher.

GABRIEL'S CUP – IT CAME HOME!

England may not have won the European Cup Final 2024 but in the same week something very special was happening in Prestwich... see the sports report below by our junior journalists.

On the 10th of July 2024, as the clock struck 1.30pm, the Gabriel cup began. Competing in this competition, were 5 schools. The Gabriel cup took place in Parrenthorn High School, where all teams met on the field. After a long wait, the competition began. The first activity was throwing. This activity required having strong arms so you could throw the ball really far. The girls started first and we came 3rd, a good start. Then it was the boys turn and we didn't win a medal but still did well. After that, we did the 50m sprint and 75m sprint. Each sprint had a boy's race and a girl's race. We carried on performing and won some gold medals. This maximised our chance of winning the cup. Then was the 100m sprint and the 200m sprint. We knew that others schools looked confident and tried to put us off before our races, but we didn't let that distract us. We did a spectacular performance and we all cheered when our team finished the races. We ended up having a lot of gold and silver medals. Now was the 800m sprint. Since this sprint would last a long time, they made the boys and girls race together but there would be six medals, three for the boys and three for the girls. You have to run 4 laps around the field since one lap equals 200m. After warming up and taking deep breaths we lined up on the starting line and waited for the whistle to blow. The whistle blew and we all darted to the inside lane, there was a lot of shoving and kicking but some of our runners managed to squeeze past the mayhem. The laps went by quick and everyone seemed tired. Then, when it was the last lap, people began speeding but our runners managed to not get overtaken. Finally, our runners crossed the line and everyone cheered. Our boy runner came 2nd and so did our girl runner. Now, the race that everyone wanted to see began. The relay. Our girls did the first relay and we all waited, desperately wanting a good position so we had an even higher chance of winning. After a close relay, we finished 2nd, a good position. Now it was up to the boys. If they could do the same like the girls, that could end up being vital part to this competition. It was an awesome race and we finished 2nd {this was really good}. Now, it was the announcements of who wins the trophy. There was the merit trophy, boys relay trophy, girls relay trophy and the Gabriel cup. The first trophy was the merit trophy and it was for the team with the highest points and least people. We sadly didn't win it but we listened out for the other announcements. Next was the boys and girls relay trophy. We listened out for which schools won it but it still wasn't us. Finally, the trophy that we all waited for was being announced. The gap between the first and second position was 1 point! Before we announced it, we clapped to the people helping out to do all this. Then it was announced. The winners of the Gabriel cup 2024 was ... Our Lady of Grace! Everyone from Our Lady of Grace jumped in the air and ran to collect our trophy. It was a heart-warming sight for all of the runners and throwers from Our Lady of Grace. After taking pictures and thanking people for coming we were told it was now finished. That means Our Lady of Grace are the 2024 Gabriel cup winners.

Year 6 Boy

NEW CLASSES

Children have met their new September Class Teachers this week.
September Nursery and Reception details were shared at the recent welcome meeting.

SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday 25th September 2024

Parents with children in Y1-Y6 are invited to a ‘Meet the teacher’ session at 4pm.
Details to follow in September.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

If you are eligible for the Free School Meal Vouchers over the Summer holidays a text has been sent to you directly.

FIRST DAY BACK IN SEPTEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

All classes in Y1-Y6 are to line up on the playgrounds where class teachers will collect their pupils as follows:

Y1 & Y2 – Line up with their class on the playground with multi-coloured perimeter fence seen from Willow Road

Y3 to Y6 – Line up with their class on the playground with stage/tyres

In the event of bad weather further guidance will be provided.

(The children in F1 & F2 – Nursery & Reception - going into the Early Years Centre in September were provided with separate information at the Welcome Evening)

FINALLY

It was lovely to see so many at the Year 6 Leavers Mass this morning. The children make us all very proud with their respect and high standards in God’s house.

Thank you to all the staff and governors for their hard work, dedication and commitment to our community. We finish today Thursday 18th July at 2pm. Many thanks for all your support this academic year. We look forward to opening our gates again on Wednesday 4th September 2024.
Happy holidays!

Yours sincerely

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“Our Lady of Grace is an outstanding Catholic Primary School” - RE Inspection - June 2017

“Pupils enjoy belonging to this school community” - Ofsted Inspection - March 2023

