



Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

Let your light shine

Shining Lights Newsletter

July 2019

Celebrating success

Welcome to the summer edition of our Shining Lights newsletter. In a long and busy term, school has managed to continue to ensure all of our pupils have amazing opportunities to develop their talents. Hoping the sun continues to shine and wishing all our readers a restful and happy summer.

Happy Retirement, Sir!

Dear Readers,

I hope, as always, you enjoy reading about the wonderful things that have been happening in the summer term at Brownedge. As you know, I am retiring this summer and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over my 15 years as Headteacher. It has been a wonderful time for me but I am looking forward to a rest! I will miss the amazing children that come through our doors and the equally amazing staff who commit to the children each day. I wish to thank Mrs Oddie too who edits this Newsletter and who takes over next year as your new Headteacher. I know she will enjoy the same support I have relied on for my time with you. God bless and thank you.

Martin Reynolds



Krakow Trip 2019

Year 8, 9 and 10 pupils from Brownedge St.

Mary's have just returned from Krakow, Poland. We had a busy and exciting four days; visiting the Jewish district of Kazimierz, visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau, Wawel Castle, the Old Town of Krakow, the Gestapo Museum and the Galicia Museum. All pupils expressed how interesting and heart-breaking the experience of Auschwitz-Birkenau was and how they must ensure this does not happen again. We were also lucky enough to meet and talk to a survivor of the Holocaust, who happily shared her touching story with us. Brownedge pupils were so respectful to the history they experienced and have made memories that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Vocations Day

On Friday 28th June, we welcomed 13 guest speakers into school to share their calling from God on Vocations Day. We heard speakers from Preston Youth for Christ, the Christian Brothers, SVP, Caritas, CAFOD, our local parish, Rotary Club and Rach – our new Lay Chaplain, who starts here in September.

These wonderful witnesses all shared how God calls them to serve. It was a great day and both students and staff were inspired by the faith shared!



Once I asked my counsellor for advice about my vocation. I asked, 'How can I know if God is calling me and for what he is calling me?'
He answered, 'You will know by your happiness. If you are happy with the idea that God calls you to serve him and your neighbour, this will be the proof of your vocation.'

— Mother Teresa —

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Media City UK Trip

The Geography Department took 36 Year 10 students to experience first-hand the amazing regeneration of Salford Quays and the new Media City development.

Students were not only rewarded with authentic Manchester rain, but also with the opportunity to carry out field work in preparation for their GCSE examination and their Paper 3 studies in particular. This included environmental quality surveys, land use surveys, pedestrian counts and questionnaires.

The regeneration has created a world class Creative Hub, creating 27,000 jobs in the area and has attracted over 250 different media companies, including the BBC and ITV. The students particularly enjoyed how modern it all looked, as well as being able to find the new Blue Peter garden. This is what we call in geography a “super learning day”.

Mary Day

This enrichment day happened on Friday 3rd May for pupils in years 7-10. (Year 11 followed their normal classes due to the upcoming GCSE examinations!) The pupils were off timetable and followed sessions planned in science, MFL, Technology/Creative and Humanities based on the idea of Mary, our patron saint, having patience. The pupils worked in vertical groups during the day and many of the tasks required lots of challenge and teamwork in the sessions.

The day ended with a reflection with Mary being the focal point of one of our school values: Patience.



KS2 Primary Maths Challenge



On Monday 24th June, six teams of hopeful Key Stage 2 pupils attended the Maths Challenge held at our school at 6pm.

A selection of Year 10 pupils showed patience by helping coordinate the event and assisted members of staff in preparing the activities for the evening. Each Key Stage 2 team was assigned a Year 10 Captain to ensure a just competition which allowed everyone involved to enjoy themselves. All pupils and members of staff showed courage by stepping up to the challenge of participating, and the kindness of the parents and pupils was outstanding.

The winners, by only a margin of 5 points, were the students of Cuerden Church Primary School who were awarded with individual medals and certificates. It was an extremely successful evening and many thanks goes to our Year 10 pupils, primary schools, parents and the staff involved.

Prize Night 2019

On Thursday 27th June, over 100 pupils participated in our 60th Annual Prize Night. Pupils were recognised for their excellent attitude to learning and their superb achievement in the 18 subject disciplines in our curriculum. We were honoured by the presence of Mr. Brian Lee, father of our much loved Mrs Astley. Mrs Astley will be remembered by all as a former teacher who championed pupils to achieve their best. He gave a truly an inspirational speech that embodied our School Mission, 'Let your light shine'.

During the evening, musical performances were given from musicians across the school including the School Choir, vocal duets and our EAEPs band. Congratulations to all prize winners. Commitment, determination and perseverance really does pay off!



Chaplaincy Gift Team

On Tuesday 25th June, four representatives from our Chaplaincy GIFT team went to Browndge St Mary's Church to celebrate with hundreds of other chaplaincy GIFT teams. We learnt new worship songs and dance moves, prayed, and listened to Bishop John Arnold and Sister Judith Russi. Students from other schools led us in workshops to inspire us with different ways to develop the Catholic ethos of our school.

The theme for the day was actually our school motto:
Let Your Light Shine!



Brownedge Festival 2019

We were delighted to be asked back to perform alongside Fr Colin at the Browndge Festival in May. A small group of very committed pupils attended including Chloe from Year 11, who performed original material and Year 9 students Olivia, Poppy & Nicole.

Performances were also given by both Mr Perkins and Mrs Bland. We are most grateful for the donation made to school following the success of the festival and hope to be back again next year.



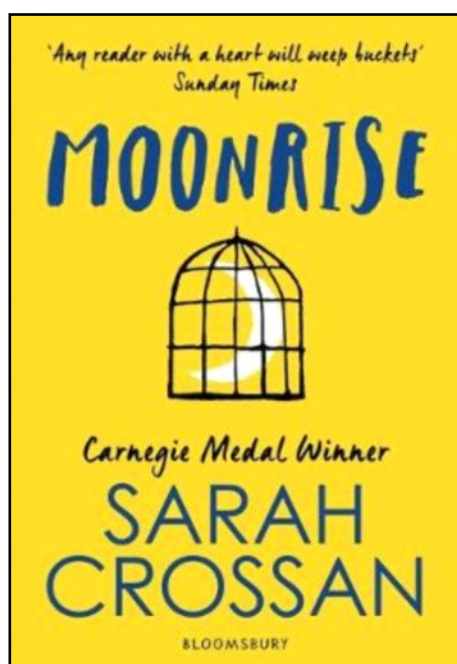
Lancashire Book of the Year

"They think I hurt someone. But I didn't. You hear? Cos people are gonna be telling you all kinds of lies. I need you to know the truth."

Lancashire Book of the Year is the longest running young people's regional book award in the country. The award remains one of the few book awards in which young people themselves judge the winning book. The award is voted for by Year 9 students in high schools around the county. Year 9 students Talyssa, Annabelle and Olivia, have been reading voraciously since last October, from a longlist of over 60 books.

The winner – Moonrise, by Sarah Crossan, was announced at UCLAN on Friday 5 July, and is guaranteed to be a page turning read by Year 9 students. It is set in America, where Ben's brother Ed is on Death Row.

Why not pop a copy onto your summer holiday reading pile?



Hay Festival 2019

Hay Festival 2019, what an experience, what a wonderful event, what fun!

We visited talks from three authors: Ade Adepitan, Michael Rosen and Marcus Sedgwick; who were all very different in their own way, but all the same: amazing. We learnt about being different and aspiring to be who you want to be with Ade. He told us that 'being different is cool' and how it relates to his book -Cyborg Cat. Michael Rosen highlighted multiple different writing techniques through his eye-grabbing storytelling, for example hyperbole.

Marcus Sedgwick told his interesting views and his historical analysis of history's most famous monsters- Frankenstein's creation and vampires, linking to his most recent book- The Monsters We Deserve.

We had the most amazing day, finished off with ice-cream! Isabel Counsell-Thomas 9D



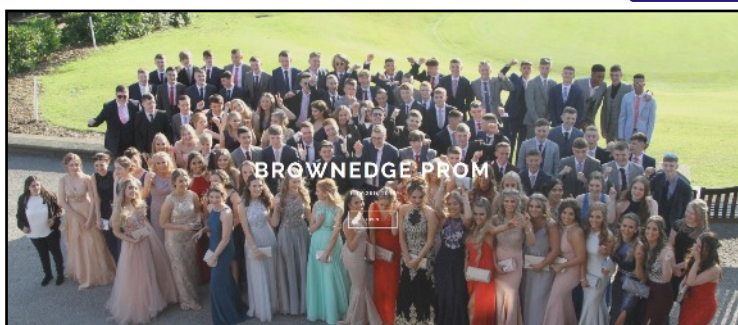
Rainbows 'Celebrate Me' Trip

Our Rainbows members enjoyed the 'Celebrate Me' trip at the end of their journey together as a group. Rainbows provides peer support for students who have suffered loss, whether it be through a bereavement or separation or similar. At the end of a 12 week course we spent a very enjoyable day at Martin Mere enjoying the flamingos and sunshine, and celebrating all the support we have given each other. We even learnt a flamingo dance and were given feathers to take away with us!

A new Rainbows group will begin in the next academic year. If you feel your child would benefit from this support group, please ask their Head of House for a referral.



Valedictory Dinner 2019



On Wednesday 3rd of July, Year 11 attended their Valedictory Dinner at Shaw Hill Golf Club, Chorley. The night was a great success. All of our pupils looked stunning and there were many beautiful and smart outfits. Pupils arrived in fancy cars and vehicles, with too many sports car makes and models to mention! Pupils had earned their place through good AtL and effort throughout Year 11 and places at the event were well deserved.

Mr Reynolds, Head Boy and Girl, Spencer Beattie and Beth Baldwin and Mrs Bland and Mrs Canfield (on behalf of all the Heads of House) gave their speeches reminiscing on an eventful year. A special thank you goes to Mrs Gray for organising the event and a huge well done to all who attended for their excellent behaviour.

They did us proud. It was a great way to say a final farewell to the class of 2019.

Eco Group

Pope Francis says that all life depends on clean air and water, and a stable and reliable climate. As a chemist by background and with a team of scientists and an observatory at the Vatican, **the Pope is clear that the climate emergency is the greatest threat to life our Earth has ever seen – and that it is caused by humans.** With this in mind, we have, as a school, taken a stand ourselves; in the hope of improving our stewardship and taking responsibility for the environment through our own actions in school, so that we don't just talk about stewardship, but act it out, by consciously changing our behaviours and having an impact locally.

This year we have started the journey to become an International Green Flag Award Eco-School. The programme is run by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy and internationally, it is the largest educational programme in the world, present in 67 countries and 52,000 schools. We hope to raise environmental awareness among our students and staff; and create environmental change for the benefit of future generations.

The programme focuses on ten important global issues.

We have a number of students who have courageously started to raise awareness of these issues and we hope to share our progress over the next academic year, as we follow the seven steps to Green Flag Success!



Gideons Visit

Our year 7 pupils enjoyed a visit from The Gideons who shared lots of facts and figures with us on 12th June. Stephen asked the students to guess the most important piece of equipment on his farm... his wellies! He then explained that his wellies came with an instruction manual, and how the word of God shared in the Bible can be like an instruction manual for life. All students were invited to take their own copy of the New Testament and Psalms at the end of the visit.



Year 9 Buddies



It has been a busy year for our Year 9 Buddy group - from welcoming and befriending our Year 7 pupils, helping to prepare and support both the Welcome and Form Masses, leading a Learning 4 Life session and running the lunchtime Year 7 drop-in activities, to offering a hand with home learning and revision!

This year we have had the privilege of being lunchtime prefects also. It's been a joy to see real friendships develop between our Buddies and Year 7 pupils, and even inspiring some Year 7 to become future Buddies! We say goodbye to our 'retiring' buddies as they prepare for the challenge of GCSEs in September and we welcome our new Year 8 Buddies.

We are grateful to our buddies for their dedication, kindness, courage and patience shown towards our younger friends. Our Year 8 Buddies have already introduced themselves to our prospective Year 7 for September by helping with our recent Induction Days. Great fun was had and some friendships already kindled.

"Use you God-given gifts to serve others" Peter 4:10

Football Highlights

The Year 11 football team ended their time at Brownegde with a disappointing 5-3 loss to All Hallows in the Cup semi final. The boys showed great courage and resilience by coming back from 2 goals down to lead 3-2. However, the lack of options on the bench ultimately cost them as All Hallows freshened up their side mid-way through the second half, and those fresh legs made the difference. The lads should be very proud of what they have achieved over the past 5 years. Well done.



The Year 8 football team, however, have had an excellent season, finishing second in the league and making it through to the Cup final with a hard fought win on penalties against Walton-Le-Dale. Man of the match had to be Luke Goodeve for his constant creativity. A special mention must go to Charlie Milburn, who demonstrated tremendous empathy. Rather than celebrating with the rest of the team when we had won on penalties, Charlie went straight over to Walton's pupils and staff to commiserate with them and shake their hands. What a fantastic show of sportsmanship.

Our Year 7 football squad took part in the District football finals up at UCLAN on Friday 17th May 2019. After receiving the group list upon arrival, the lads knew it was going to be a very tough group, but they relished the challenge. Despite not progressing to the knockout stages, every single member of the squad demonstrated tremendous work ethic and resilience to make every single fixture difficult for the opposition. Special mention must go to Liam Kilbane for scoring one of the best goals of the tournament from a spectacular free kick!

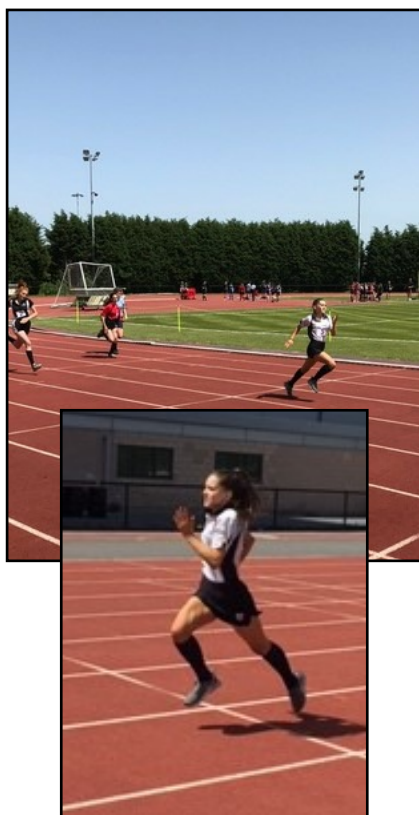
Interhouse Rounders

The Year 8 interhouse rounders competition ran over two after school sessions and proved popular with both boys and girls. This brought an element of friendly competition with some outstanding performances. Bosco pupil, Alexander Monk, wowed us with his huge hits out of the Astroturf facility, whilst Abigail Aspinall of Drexel, showcased her fast bowling skills!



The competition demonstrated real teamwork and it was great to see boys and girls working together. The most successful team, winning all of their matches, was Kolbe. Well done to all Kolbe representatives!

South Ribble District Athletics Championships



On Friday 28th June, Brownedge St Mary's took over 50 pupils to compete in the District athletics championships at Robin Park. Four of our pupils matched the weather, producing some outstanding performances. Riley Lambert became District Champion in the Long Jump. Robin Kelly became District Champion in the 1500m. Zoe Brown became District Champion in the Long Jump and Lucy Dolphin powered to victory in the 200m, again becoming District Champion in the process.

Some other notable performances included :

Martina Marciello who finished 2nd in the Javelin

Lucy Dolphin finished 2nd in the 300m

Niamh Hopla finished 2nd in the 800m

Esther Ince finished 2nd in the Discus

Oliver McGrail finished 2nd in the Triple Jump

Emily Knell finished 2nd in the 1500m

Amelia Barnes finished 2nd in the Discus.

Well done to all. You demonstrated fantastic courage and resilience. With all this individual success flowing in, Team Brownedge produced a brilliant performance overall finishing 3rd out of all 11 district schools; a fantastic achievement and one of the school's best performances for some time.

We have twelve months to prepare and train for next year's championships. Let's see if we can break into the top two schools.

Sports Leaders

It's been a busy year for the sports leaders at Brownedge this year with, pupils leading from Years 8, 9 and 10 in a variety of primary sporting events including Athletics, Rugby, Tennis, Football, Netball and Cricket. The pupils have undertaken various roles within leadership, such as planning and running events, officiating, and scoring and basic organisation of primary pupils. We are looking forward to plenty more sports leadership opportunities in the next academic year, so why not get involved?



ACT Project

In English over the past 5 months we have been working on a very important project called ACT. It is an active citizenship project run in conjunction with Young Citizens and the British Council.

We have raised awareness of the importance of equality and how we treat people with different ages, genders and races within our community and our country. Many groups have put together videos and filming projects that have been shared across the Internet. We have contacted charities so that we can learn more about the importance of challenging the hate that people face for standing out from other people.

By Anna Cawley 8K



Young Foyles Poetry Society Competition

What are poems made of? Can poems tell a story? This year the national Poetry Society launched their annual competition for 11-17 year olds to create original, engaging poems on any topic, at any length. Our pupils across Year 7, 8 and 9 have had the fantastic opportunity to take part during their English lessons, competing in Houses to be the winner. After reading and talking about previous, winning poems, pupils used this inspiration to write their own, personal poetry. The challenge was to express a view, idea or experience of their choice. The quality and calibre of writing was outstanding, but what impressed the judges the most was the courage so many pupils exhibited to 'speak out' with their poetic voice.

Don't Say You Know Me by Molly Kilbane (8K)

Don't say you know me,
When you only know my name.
Don't say you know me,
When you've only seen my face.
You've not seen the wild world I live,
that's deep inside.
You haven't climbed my organs.
Run down my back.
Don't mark me with footprints,
If you plan to leave early.
Don't mark me with footprints,
Just to say you know me.
As it's pretty clear you don't.

After a difficult shortlisting and Top 5 selection being chosen by Mr Reynolds, the results were in.

1st place: Molly Kilbane, with her poem 'Don't Say You Know Me.' (8K)

2nd Place: Phoebe Burns, with her poem 'Climb.' (7R)

3rd Place: Ben Hawkyard, with his poem 'Broken Stone' (9R)

4th Place: Logan Stokes, with his poem '65 Roses.' (9T)

5th Place: Joshua Derbyshire, with his poem 'Someone Different.' (9K)

Well done to all entrants! The next step is to see if they can find success in the national competition too...!

St Vincent De Paul Party

The Youth St Vincent De Paul were invited to assist with the Brownedge St Mary's Parish Annual SVP Summer Party.

Six of our members attended on June 6th, accompanied by our Lay Chaplain, Carmel, and Mrs White. The pupils gave a very warm welcome to the senior citizens at the party, helped with the raffle and bingo, and served food. A huge vote of thanks for Jonathan Rigby 10T who has been helping out with both Christmas and summer parties for the past four years.

He has been a very popular helper at these events and will be greatly missed as he prepares for his GCSEs in Year 11.



Year 9 Interhouse Rounders

Year 9 took advantage of the fine weather we had during the recent exam week and took part in an inter-house rounders competition. As always, the competition was fierce and each house clearly wanted to win. However, despite all this, the competition was played in the right spirit, with all houses demonstrating kindness and respect for each other.

In a very close run competition, the final results were as follows:

Kolbe- 5 Points

Drexel- 3 Points

Bosco- 1 Point



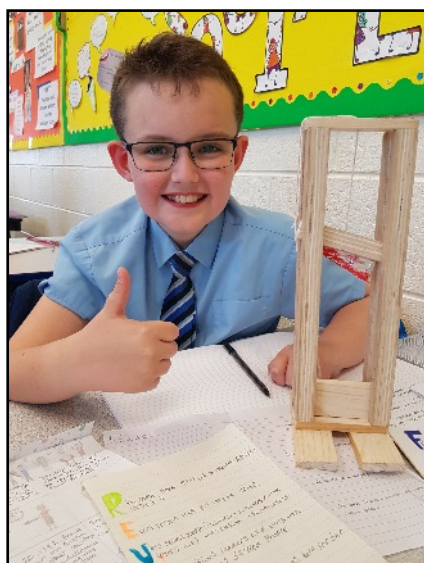
Teresa- 4 Points (rounders difference)

Romero- 2 Points (rounders difference)

History Challenge

The Mission Statement of Brownedge St Mary's expresses that pupils will be given opportunities to use their unique talents gifted to them by God, where we expect high aspirations in an environment where they enjoy learning, and are challenged through new and engaging learning.

This was very clearly seen when I challenged Year 7 students to make guillotines for their new topic on The French Revolution. The students were very eager to show off their skills; as you can see in the photo, Rorey Leamey was very happy with his structure. As a result I now have an awesome display in my room!



Wimbledon 2019

On Thursday 4th July Mrs Higham and Mr Watkinson set off at 5 am in the school minibus to travel to SW19.

Eleven pupils and staff had centre court and No2 court tickets, and were lucky enough to see Johanna Konta, Rafael Nadal and Nick Kyrgios on Centre Court, Roger Federer warming up on Court no 9 and then Andy Murray's doubles first set from Henman Hill.

It was a long day, and a lot of travelling but worth it for the memories.



School Games Bronze Mark Award for 2018-19

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

Year 8 Girls Lancashire School Games Indoor Athletics Finalists

Year 7 Girls South Ribble Tennis Winners

Year 8 Girls South Ribble Tennis Winners

South Ribble Schools' Gymnastics Medal Winners

Northwest Schools' Trampolining Finalists

South Ribble Schools Trampolining Medal Winners

South Ribble X Country Team Members

English Schools X Country Competitors

English Schools Athletics

South Ribble Year 8 Girls Athletics 2nd

South Ribble Year 9 Girls Athletics 3rd

South Ribble Year 8 Boys Athletics 3rd

South Ribble Year 8 Football Runners Up

South Ribble U16 Girls Athletics 3rd



With a total of over 200 young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



More Mary Day Madness

Students participated with enthusiasm during Mary Day in the History Department where pupils had to work as a team to build a cup structure.

"Easy," they said ..."just one thing though, ..."you can't touch the cups with your hands"!

Students set to, putting elastic bands together, lots of commands and instructions followed, and I have to say I did occasionally 'hamper' the students. Great fun, lots of laughter, team work, and mentally challenging.

Our students really lived out our Gospel Values.

Miss Hall

The Time is Now - CAFOD

On 26th June, an excited CAFOD group travelled to London with other schools from the dioceses of Lancaster and Salford to take part in 'The Time is Now', the largest mass lobby of Parliament that has ever taken place. People of all faiths and none came together to ask the government to protect the earth, our common home. Our



group questioned MPs and researchers who had been brought to constituency groups in rickshaws. We

thoroughly enjoyed the whole day, which ended with Mass celebrated by our own Bishop John Arnold.



Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*: "Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded."

Year 6 Induction Days

On the 3rd and 4th July we welcomed our new Year 7 on their induction days. Great fun was had by all in a series of workshops that shared our school values, high expectations and introduced the pupils to our

Gospel Values and House pastoral system.

Over the two days, pupils took part in various growth

mindset sessions that taught them about the power of **YET!** The intention of this was to set the scene for how we want them to embrace challenge, and be resilient and determined in their attitudes once they join us in September. The pupils definitely rose to the challenge!



Hockey Representational Honours

Phoebe Bolton 7K entered U12 County trials for 4 sessions in January which were held at Garstang High School. Having showed off her superb hockey skills, she gained a place in the Lancashire hockey squad and played in a tournament as left wing against other North West teams, scoring 3 goals. Lancashire came 3rd.

More recently, after many weeks of academy training and then selection, Phoebe was chosen to represent Tensworth (Northwest) in their development team at Nottingham. She earned a place in a squad of 18, made up of girls from all around the north west. This competition was scouted by British Lions, and from the 54 girls in the tournament, four of the Tensworth team went on to be offered British Lions places. The team came 4th.

Phoebe is looking forward to going for trials again for County in September.



We are on the web!

Website: www.st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk

Twitter: @BrownedgeStMary



Any news? Send it to Mrs Oddie
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Sports Day 2019

We had a beautiful day for sports day this year, and the pupils rose to the occasion in behaviour, attitude and performance. The field events went ahead in the morning for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, and the track events were held in the afternoon, with the whole of the school outside spectating. Several Year 10 pupils helped with the officiating, recording, timekeeping and stewarding and did so very efficiently. The results are given below for each House and House points have been awarded for the end of term trophy. A special thank you to Year 10 girls who face painted to raise money for charity, and to Mrs Stockton selling ice creams and drinks. Their efforts raised £102 for St Catherine's Hospice.

	Bosco	Drexel	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa
Track	68	82	90	67	86
Field	116	110	119	125	138
Total	184	192	209	192	224
	5th	3rd	2nd	3rd	1st



South Ribble Tennis Tournaments

These tournaments were held at Browndedge, with All Hallows and Lostock Hall also being involved.

The Year 8 team, consisting of Robyn Kelly, Abi Aspinall, Ella Temperini and Phoebe Henderson (Year 7), won all their singles matches and are District Champions. The team were asked to participate in the County final, but unfortunately it clashed with the District Athletics Championships and so were unable to compete. The girls played brilliantly and deserved to be District winners.



Amy Knight Garcia, Gabbi Michalakakos, Nadi Mura and Lucy Ingleson played in the Year 7 girls team in a singles competition. All four girls won all their matches, and are District Year 7 winners. Well done, all!

Happy summer to you all

School reopens on

Wednesday 4th September 2019

8.50 am for our new Year 7 and 10.00 am for Year 8-11