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Thought for the week:

'Things are never quite as bad when you have a friend.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for October 2023



'We can rediscover a symphonic Church, in which each person is able to sing with his or her own voice, welcoming the voices of others as a gift to manifest in the harmony of the whole that the Holy Spirit composes.'

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents

Y1/2 Mass

We had a lovely mass this morning with Year 1 and 2 dedicated to our Patron St Margaret Mary. It was delightful to see our youngest members of our school reading and presenting the offertory in mass. The liturgy was so enlivened by the responses and singing from the children. Well done! Thank you to the Key Stage 1 staff for preparing the children so well.

Fruit Juice

We have trialled offering our oldest pupils in Y5/6 the opportunity to purchase an apple juice carton twice weekly. This has been a great success and the Parliament feel we should now trial offering this to KS2 (Y3-6). After half term on a Tuesday and Thursday children can choose the option of a juice drink this will be charged to you ParentPay account. A carton costs 33p. Please ensure that all monies are paid promptly at the end of each week.

Inspire Workshops

We had a terrific turnout overall for all our Inspire workshops. It is a super opportunity for parents to join their child and share learning about topics and events on the curriculum. The focus this term was RE. Many thanks to all the teachers for making the workshops so creative, we get a lot of positive feedback and try to act on that feedback when planning the future sessions. We look forward to welcoming our Reception parents on Monday afternoon for our final workshop of the term.

Non Uniform Day

Thank you for your support this week. We are hosting a free non uniform day on Monday 16th October to celebrate our Patron Feast Day. We are inviting children to wear something red and look forward to celebrating together on Monday.

Cauliflower Cards

Thank you to Miss Travers our Art Coordinator for organising our Christmas Cards. (It is around the corner!) The children have designed their cards and they have been sent home. If you do wish to purchase any card packs please ensure you return everything (as explained in the accompanying letter) by Monday 23 October. If you have any queries please contact the office.

Y1 Eye Tests

All children in Year 1 will be screened next week. The school nurse will be visiting meeting with pupils. Please make sure if you do not wish for your child's eyes to be tested you have returned the necessary paperwork to school.

Sacrament of Confirmation

A reminder to parents that Confirmation for any Y6 pupil who is Catholic will take place in the church on Tuesday 28th November at 7.00 pm. Mrs Hannon-Dalby our RE lead will be writing to parents next week to share dates for workshops that parents must attend. Please take some time to think about the Confirmation name your child will chose for this Sacrament. A reminder also that every child needs a Sponsor, preferably their God Parent. Sponsors must be Catholic and 18 years and over. If you need to discuss this please feel free to contact me at school.

Transition for REC places 2024 and Year 7 Pupils 2024

A reminder to parents of pupils starting Reception in September 2024 that the window has opened for applications and closes in January 2024. Parents with pupils currently in Y6 have until October 31st this month to submit their application to Birmingham City Council online. If you need any assistance please contact the school office.

Punctuality

Please can I ask that pupils arrive on time and enter through the playground gates. It is unsettling for staff and pupils when children arrive late. This also has an impact on the office staff and their morning duties.

The gates are open promptly at 8.30 and close at 8.45.

Hope Suite Tutoring Clubs are not cancelled next week for Y5/6 but all other after school clubs will not take place.

We pray for the Banks family at this sad time.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation.
 Mrs J Logue

Gospel Virtues
Autumn 1 Term

Grateful & Generous

Pupils are growing to be **grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

Diary Dates

Y6G Swimming
Wednesday 18th
October

Y5/6 Mass
Friday 20th October
at 9.15am

Parents Evening
Meetings in School
Hall Tuesday/Weds
17/18th October

Non Uniform Day
Wear Something Red
16/10/23

Prayer of the Month
Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.



Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Elda	Natan	Joson
Reception	Emmanuel & Neriah	Zuzanna G & April	Maranata & Joshua
Year One	Jesse & David O	Zakariah & Rosa	Linda & Arsema
Year Two	Michael & Wiktoria	Orla & Adari	Jotham & Louis
Year Three	Ajax & Eldana	Logab & Akiel	Naomi & Alisha
Year Four	Skylar & Joel	George & Zuzanna K	Aiden & Kyrian
Year Five	Gloryanne & Kacper O	Owen & Blossom-Anne	Denis & Richard
Year Six	Solyana & Natania	Franciszek & Grayson	Amelie & Hope



**Khaliil, Katalaya, Omalichachukwu,
Grace E, Jasmine, Grace, S, Eva, Haniel,
Laila, Abigail T & Jamel.**

*Many thanks to our
Altar Servers, Readers
and Offertory helpers in
Mass today.*

*Hannah, Joshua R,
Yanet, Jotham, Ruth,
Nelson, Mercyel, Bella-
Rose, Poppy, Wiktoria,
Amara and Pius.*



Snippets of news about
our School Parliament

World Mental Health Day was celebrated in school this week. Thank you to the Wellbeing team for organising our non-uniform day. We will be donating £50.00 to the Charity Mind and purchasing books for the library with the remaining funds. Many thanks for your continued support.

Attendance Notice Board

It is vital that your child is on time and in school every day, unless there is a medical reason for them not being here. If your child is off school and we haven't seen them, you may receive a visit from myself, Mr Mulligan or Mr Barton as part of our Safe and Well checks. Please remember that our children have a right to an education - this is laid out in UNICEF's Article 29 - A Right to an Education.

Our overall attendance: 95%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 97% Y1 Attendance = 93%
Y2 Attendance = 95% Y3 Attendance = 93%
Y4 Attendance = 97% Y5 Attendance = 96%
Y6 Attendance = 97%

Article of the Week



Article 2—Black History Month



Good attendance at St Margaret Mary means being in school at least 95% of the time [180-190 days]

