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Thought for the week:
'Lest we Forget.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for November 2023



For the Pope
 We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents

Y5/6 Mass

Thank you to Miss Gibson, Mr Mulligan, Mrs Coates and Mr Barton for organising the mass today. The theme of the mass was '**Remembrance**', we prayed for all those who have gone to their heavenly home and gave thanks for the sacrifices made by many during the past. We keep also those people who are still living in the midst of conflict today in our thoughts.

Open Day

We were delighted to receive our visitors on Monday for our Open afternoon. A reminder to parents that the window for applications closes in January. If you have a child that is due to commence in Reception next September 2024 please ensure you have applied via the Birmingham City Council website.

PSHE

This week our pupils worked on '**celebrating our differences**' as part of our Jigsaw curriculum. This unit from the Jigsaw scheme solely emphasises the importance of valuing and respecting ourselves and others. Children will start to recognise and appreciate differences among themselves and others by understanding this is what makes us special and unique.

Y6 Workshop

Thank you to all our parents and visitors who joined us on Tuesday for our Confirmation Workshop. The Y6 team are busy preparing our oldest pupils for their final Sacrament of Confirmation. A reminder to parents to let us know as soon as possible what Saints name your child has chosen and the Sponsor details that we require before the day. We will send forms out again next week if we have not received a response by Wednesday.

D&T Day

Thank you to Miss Parkes for organising our Design and Technology day this week. Our creative curriculum is based on Birmingham. Classes were asked to look at designers such as Vivienne Westwood, Thomas Burberry and Sir James Dyson.

Y4 Class Assembly

It was lovely to see so many parents join us for assembly today. Year 4 shared with us lots of skills and knowledge they have acquired in their first topic this year it was lovely to see so many visitors join us today. The children took us all on a whistle stop tour of all the skills and knowledge that they have acquired so far this year whilst studying the Vikings. Well done Y4!

Y4/5/6 Instruments

Next week the pupils will be taking instruments home with them every Friday. Please ensure that instruments are returned to school on a Thursday in preparation for lessons each week.

Uniform Swap Shop

We are trialling a swap shop for uniform. If you have any old/spare uniform that you wish to donate to school we will endeavour to return the favour by sending items that would fit your child back to you. (depending on stock).

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.

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

Gospel Virtues
Autumn 2 Term

Attentive and Discerning

Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

Diary Dates

**Y3/4 Mass Friday
 17th November
 9.15am in Church**

**Year 4 Confessions
 in Church after mass**

**Y6Y Swimming
 Wednesday 15th
 November**

**Y6 Confirmation
 Mass in Church
 Tuesday 28th
 November
 7.00 pm**

Prayer of the Month

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Natan	Essa	Harper-Lily
Reception	Imioluwa & Katalaya	Lena & Masha	Brooke & Omalichachukwu
Year One	Patrick & Annabel	Linda & Eden	Jessica & David
Year Two	Amaya & Richelle	Rieon & Romy	Hannah & Joshua
Year Three	Ajax & Thomas	Bobby & Jaxon	Isla & Eldana
Year Four	Sana & Zayan	Fabien & Joel	George & Sahara
Year Five	Liliana & Eva	Rosie & Lucian	Neeve & Chidubem
Year Six	Franciszek & Prosper	Naomi & Kyle	Ryan & Natania



**Teninlanimi, Brae, Kurt, Skyler,
Rita, Kaydrah, Lucian
and Makail.**



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

***Solyana, Isabelle, Lei-
la M, Beulah,
Gloryanne, Siyena,
Eva, Amara & Pius.***



Snippets of news about
our School Parliament

Week Beginning 13th November we will be hosing Anti Bullying Week activities. Mrs Coates will share an assembly with the whole school. We pride ourselves on being a 'telling' school. If you are not happy about someone or something always report it to your teacher or on the gate in the morning/afternoon. We will continue to live our Mission: 'Live, Love and Learn Together.'

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: 97%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

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

Article of the Week



Article 2 & 30 — Anti Bullying Week



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

