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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 fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents

Y3/4

Many thanks to Miss Travers and the team for organising our mass today on the theme of St Elizabeth of Hungary. Fr Simon shared with us today about the importance of generosity to those less fortunate than ourselves. Even if we cannot afford to offer material goods to others we can always share kindness. Well done to all the readers in Y3 and Y4 today. It was lovely to see so many parents and parishioners join us today. Y4 also went to Confession after mass and we thank Fr Simon and Fr Leonard for their time today.

Anti Bullying Week

Thank you to Mrs Coates for organising our 'Anti-Bullying Week' in school. We shared a super assembly on Tuesday unpicking what bullying is and how it can affect people. We celebrated that we are a 'telling' school and congratulated the children for working hard every day to solve friendship issues and to allow each other to start a fresh each day. We strive to do so by living out our school Mission daily when we 'live, love, learn' together following in the footsteps of Jesus.

World Nursery Rhyme Week

It was lovely to visit Nursery and Reception this week and hear all the rhymes they have been learning in this special week. Thank you to Mrs Heslegrave for overseeing this project in school this week.

School Library

It was superb to meet and greet with some families this week who received their golden ticket to attend our library before school. Thank you to Mrs Heslegrave for all the hard work you do in school to offer everyone such a varied and wide reading diet.

Buddhist Temple Visit

Y2 had a fabulous visit to the Buddhist Temple this week. The children enjoyed visiting the temple and exploring all the treasures and symbols there. This visit was aimed to enhance their currently topic of Festivals, the children look at a variety of festivals celebrated around the world such as Bonfire Night, Hanukkah, Chinese New Year and Holi. Thank you to Miss Mochan and Miss Pritchard for organising such a worthwhile trip.

Parental Questionnaire

Many thanks for your responses over the last few weeks. I have collated the results, please see them attached to this letter.

Y1 Cannock Toy Museum

Y1 are visiting the toy museum next Wednesday as part of their topic on Toys. Please ensure you have given consent for this trip. We look forward to hearing all about the wonderful things they have seen and explored.

Y5 Class Assembly

We look forward to welcoming all our Y5 parents into school next Friday 24th November for their class assembly. It will begin in the school hall at 9.00a.

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

Y1 & Y2 Mass
Friday 24th
November at
9.15am

6Y Swimming
Wednesday 22nd
November

Y6 Confirmation
Mass 7.00pm
Tuesday 28th
November

Prayer of the Month

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



Assembly	Maths Superstar	Good Work	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Khalil	Ericah	Chidiebube
Reception	Elodie & Lewis	Teninlanimi & Eliana	Zuzanna G & Masha
Year One	Gabriel & Juanita	Mmesoma & Mervyn	Molly-Ava & Runako
Year Two	Jotham & Natalia	Edward & Jaime	Tienna & Geraldine
Year Three	Nicai & Laura	Maisie & Hanna	Oscar & Tayana
Year Four	Olivia & Paris	Rita & Kyrian	Victoria & Lily-Mae
Year Five	Subhan & Aaron	Martyna & Leon	Damon & Micaiah
Year Six	Adiam & Anthony	Ava & Laila K	Karina & Elidana



**Aseoluwa Joshua, Holly, Romy,
Logan, Rosie, Bobby, Aaricaya, Grace M,
Mukt, Amarachukwu, Siyena,
Pius and Maya.**



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

**Grace M, Laura, Akiel,
Xavier Y-S, Brae,
Hanna Z, Ajax, Darci-
Rose, Evelyn, George,
Amarachukwu and Pius.**



Snippets of news about
our School Parliament

Many thanks to Mrs Coates and the Eco Council for organising our Poetry Competition this week. We had some wonderful entries and congratulations to our winners: Harper-Lily, Teninlanimi, Mmesoma, Amara M, Michal B, Elroi, Salvador, Martyna, Mielahier, Xavier T, Siyena, Rosie W, Elizabeth and Cleo.

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: 96%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 97% Y1 Attendance = 95%
Y2 Attendance = 96% Y3 Attendance = 95%
Y4 Attendance = 94% Y5 Attendance = 96%
Y6 Attendance = 98%

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]

