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Thought for the week:
'He is coming!.'

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for December 2023



For persons with disabilities
 We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents

Y3/4 Mass

Thank you to Miss McInerney and the lower key stage two staff for organising our mass today. As we enter this very special season of Advent we especially remember the importance of Our Lady Mary, who said 'Yes' to God. This is a lovely season and all the children are preparing for their nativities and carol concerts. We look forward to seeing our parents and parishioners at our forthcoming events between now and Christmas.

Cafe Ceramica

We had a great workshop in school with our friends from Café Ceramica where the Y5 pupils designed a Willow themed tile, in connection with their current topic 'The Shang Dynasty'. The tiles will hopefully be returned to school before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

Foodbank Collection

The School Parliament would like to express their huge thanks for your kind donations to the foodbank today. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. We have sent all produce over to church to add to the foodbank. It is warming to know that we are helping other in our community.

Fire Service Visit

Year 4 enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service this week as part of the annual **fire and safety** awareness that the Fire Brigade offer. We had visitors from White Watch join us and share information about keeping safe and being aware of the hazards of fire, checking fire alarms in the home work, knowing what to do in the event of a fire and how to exit a home/building safely.

Think-Tank Trip

Thank you to Miss Travers and Miss Kavanagh for organising our trip to the Think Tank this week. The children enjoyed a workshop investigating different types of rocks and soils as part of their topic 'Journey to the Iron Age'. During this topic children have been learning to describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that lived are trapped within a rock and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

SMVSC

This week our pupils learned about Hanukkah. The word Hanukkah means '*dedication*' and celebrates one of the greatest miracles in Jewish history. Jewish people say the eight branches represents the eight days of the miracle and they light one candle for each night of Hanukkah.

Advice on Measles

We have been asked to advise parents about the **first signs of measles** which are: a high temperature, runny or blocked nose, sneezing, cough, red, sore, watery eyes, rash usually appears a few days after cold-like symptoms (sometimes starts around the ears before spreading to rest of the body). Further information can be found on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

Forthcoming Events

Please be aware that all forthcoming events for the remainder of term are on the website. We look forward to our Christmas Raffle that will be held on the last day of term. Make sure you purchase your raffle tickets over the next few weeks for £1.00. All donations will go towards school fund and equipment for the pupils in the spring term at playtimes.

Contacts

Mrs Coney will be sending out our termly letter with your child (also attached to this email) asking for you to update any contacts (phone numbers, email addresses) etc for our records. It is essential that we hold two contacts for each pupil in the case of an emergency.

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 8.30am and close at 8.45am.

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

**Y1/2 Mass Friday
 15th December**

**Y6Y Swimming
 Wednesday 13th
 December**

**Non uniform day on
 Monday 11th
 December £1.00 in
 aid of Birmingham
 Children's Hospital**



Light the Advent candle two, think of humble Shepherds who, filled with the wonder at the sight of the child on Christmas night.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Superstar	Good Work	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Joson	Mila	Bitanya
Reception	Luella & Zuzanna K	Milosz & Efrata	Aria-Rose & Donnie
Year One	Aseoluwa Joshua & George	Eva & David O	Sophie & Eliana
Year Two	Samyar & Grayson	Aniyah & Bella-Rose	Poppy & Shay
Year Three	Rosie & Aarieya	Bobby & Eldana	Maisie & Sinon
Year Four	Lamek & Mukt	Ralphy & Paris	Penelope & Zayan
Year Five	Amelia M & Eliyam	Amia & Mason	Anashe & Keon
Year Six	Oscar & Nadia	Ruby & Athena	Osei Amaniampong & Sophie



Ruby.



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

Chizaram, Skyler, Mielahier, Fabian, Lamek, Penelope-Pearl, Ellena, George, Evelyn, Amarachukwu and Pius.



Snippets of news about our School Parliament

Please be aware that raffle tickets are now on sale in school for our Christmas Raffle. The raffle will take place on Friday 22nd December. Please send in £1.00 for a strip of tickets. All proceeds will go towards playground equipment in the new year.

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: 94%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 94% Y1 Attendance = 95%
 Y2 Attendance = 96% Y3 Attendance = 92%
 Y4 Attendance = 90% Y5 Attendance = 99%
 Y6 Attendance = 95%

Article of the Week



Article - 10 Human Rights



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

