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Thought for the week:

'No one is perfect, that is why pencils have erasers.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for February 2024



For the terminally ill
 We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents,

Y3/4 Mass

Thank you to Miss Parkes, Miss McInerney, Miss Travers and Miss Kavanagh for preparing the mass and the children for our liturgy today on the theme of **St Scholastica**: Scholastica and her brother Benedict lived during the sixth century in Italy. Both she and her brother dedicated their lives to God. Benedict started a religious order that is still in existence today — the Benedictines.

Internet Safety Day

Thank you to Mrs Coates for organising our assembly this week on the topic of Internet Safety. Mrs Coates discussed the **SMART** rules and shared many tips and safety aspects that the children should be aware of when online. It was really reassuring to know that our pupils know how to stay safe not only online but in using the trusted adults in school too.

Swimming

Well done to all the boys and girls in Y4M who have gained skills in swimming this term. Mr Barton our PE lead will be organising badges and certificates for all the pupils. Year 4M will commence their swimming lessons after half term. Please ensure that a swimming costume/trunks and a towel are sent in weekly.

SMVSC

Today all the children in school have been learning about the '**Chinese New Year**' in classes. We enter the year of the Dragon. The two-week festival marks the beginning of a new Lunar year – and a new animal in the Chinese zodiac to represent the next 12 months. Billions of people in China and around the world will celebrate, often wearing red clothes, decorating their homes with red lanterns and taking part in traditional dragon dances. Happy New Year!

Class Newsletters

Please find attached your child's class newsletters for this term as well as the whole school half termly newsletter from Mrs Coates about staying safe online. We would urge that parents read the attached with their children to discuss their learning and awareness of the topics raised.

Measles Updates

As you are aware there is a rise in cases of Measles in the West Midlands and Birmingham. We have previously sent out a information for parents. If your child has not been vaccinated I would urge you to read the guidance. Also, should you need any information about Measles please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-dont-let-your-child-catch-it-flyer-for-schools/measles-information-for-schools-and-healthcare-centres>

Please remember we are a non jewellery school earrings, bracelets and necklaces must not be worn in school.

A reminder to all parents that school is closed on Monday 19th February for a staff Training Day. Spring term continues at the usual time on Tuesday 20th February.

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

Prayer of the Month

May I know you
 more clearly,
 Love you more
 dearly,
 Follow you more
 nearly,
 Day by day.

Amen.



Diary Dates

Y4M Swimming
 Wednesday 21st
 February

Y1/2 Mass in
 Church on Friday
 23rd February at
 9.15 am

Parents Evening
 Monday 26th and
 Tuesday 27th
 February 2024

Gospel Virtues



Faith-filled

Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope.

Hopeful

We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Superstar	Good Work	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Emily	Filip	Dream
Reception	Milosz & Oma	Aria-Rose & Eliana	Bryan & Kruz
Year One	Sophie & David S	Leo & Violet	Amara & Yemariam
Year Two	Michael & Joshua	Krystal & Marnie	Holly & Bella-Rose
Year Three	Logan & Derick	Ajax & Toby	Lillian & Hanna
Year Four	Mielahier & Paris	Ralphy & Leah-Maria	Olivia & Roman
Year Five	Lukas & Leon	Mary & Richard	Jacob & Kaydrah
Year Six	Daniel & Hope	Adiam & Beula	Elizabeth & Zofia



**Noh, Hazel, Jeremie, Michael,
Jacob D, Fabian, Marcel, Joel,
Samuel, Olivia and Isabelle.**



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

*Derick, Grace M, Kaian,
Hanna Z, Max, Rosie D,
Mya, Jacob D, Evelyn,
George, Cheryl
and Pius.*



Snippets of news from
our School Parliament

*Looking forward to more charity work during Lent. The Parliament will be visiting
classes after half term to share their plans for the next term.*

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 28 - A Right to an Education.**

Our overall attendance: 96%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 98% Y1 Attendance = 94%
Y2 Attendance = 96% Y3 Attendance = 92%
Y4 Attendance = 97% Y5 Attendance = 98%
Y6 Attendance = 95%

Article of the Week



Article 9—Keeping families together



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

