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Thought for the week:
'Fast, Pray, Give.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for March 2024



For the new martyrs
 We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents,
Y3/4 Mass

Thank you to Miss McInerney for organising our mass today. The theme of the mass was 'Ask and you shall receive'. In this season of Lent we are reflecting on the journey Jesus took to the cross. Sometimes we don't always get what we want in life however we can be sure that God is always with us.

Topics

Years 1-6 began their new topics this week; *Paddington Bear, Flower Power, Grand Designs, Castles and Monarchs, Ancient Greece and Earth and Space*. A hard copy of the overviews for the topic ahead have been sent home with your child. Take time to investigate the different skills and knowledge the children will be practising and learning and possibly do some wider reading (as part of their reading diet) around the topics.

Trip to Baddesley Clinton

As part of their 'Flower Power' topic Y2 visited Baddesley this week to investigate flowers, habitats and insects. They had a lovely time and this has whetted their appetite for the topic ahead. Thank you to Miss Pritchard for organising and overseeing the trip.

World Book Day

Thank you to Mrs Hesgrave, our English lead, for organising our lovely day. The words chosen by many of the characters we observed this week were very varied. Everyone looked super and we all enjoyed discussing each others characters and learning new vocabulary! The children enjoyed a plethora of books this week.

Aston Hall Visit

Y3 had a super time visiting Aston Hall in Birmingham. Their topic of Grand Designs allows them to look at designers such as John Thorpe who created the Hall and worked with Sir Holte who went on to live there. The Hall is a focus for sketching and investigating the Georgian period in Birmingham and beyond. Watch out on Twitter for some wonderful photographs of the day.

Healthy Schools Award

We are really proud of our healthy school award, however lately we are seeing very unhealthy snacks being brought into school. Please do not send in **chocolate bars, croissants, crisps and biscuits** for snack. We offer fresh fruit everyday to all children in school and would urge that only healthy snacks are eaten at playtime. Many thanks in advance for your help with this matter.

Reception Places September 2024

Parents will receive information about their child's school place for Reception Class on 16th April either via email or letter. If you made a late application you may not get your first choice. Feel free to ring and discuss this if you have any queries.

WhatsApp

May I remind all parents that the age rating for using this app is 16 years of age. Many children are not mature enough to cope with the content that can be placed onto these groups and apps. At St Margaret Mary we strongly urge that you do **not** allow your children to enter large groups if at all, and would advise that you are regularly supervising the use of online materials that they have access to.

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

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 13th
 March

Y1/2 Mass
 in Church
 Friday 15th March
 9.15 am

Brass Concerts
Friday 15th March
 Y4—9.00 am
 Y5—9.30 am
 Y6—10.15 am

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 Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Essa	Chidiebube	Daniela
Reception	Inioluwa & Amelia	Brooke & Eliana	Elodie & Joshua
Year One	Joshua & David S	Cassius & Ava-Mae	Molly-Ava & Rogue
Year Two	Liam & Nelson	Amaya & Adari	Mercyel & Richelle
Year Three	Martyna & Toby	Brae & Xavier	Efrata & Kurt
Year Four	Sana N & Zayan	Skyler & Zuzanna	Fabian & Raeena
Year Five	Lukas & Olivia	Grace S & Blossom-Anne	Liliana & Joshua
Year Six	Katrina & Makail	Isabelle & Cian	Ruby & Grayson



Reese, Cleo & Nadia.



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

Melehier, Fabian, Isabella, Evelyn, Skyler, Sana N, Lamek, Jacob D, Adam S, Pius and Amarachukwu.



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

Thank you to Mrs Hannon-Dalby and the Liturgy Team for organising 'Sparkle Day' in school. Funds raised today are £120.00!! This Charity supports children with Disabilities and I am really proud of our children for choosing and supporting this great cause.

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

Article of the Week



Article 8— Identity



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

