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

The Pope's monthly intention for April 2024



For the role of women
 We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents,

Head Teacher Message

Welcome back to our final term of the academic year. Mrs Heslegrave has departed to commence her maternity leave, her second child is due in May. We wish her the very best of luck. A reminder that as we enter the summer term children may now begin to wear summer uniform. Please see the school website for details and information about this. I have updated the website with all the forthcoming events for the rest of term. If you have any queries please contact the office.

Some parents have asked for information about term dates for next academic year. School will be holding two training days at the beginning of the school year, therefore we will not return for our new school year until Wednesday 4th September 2024. We will be working the Birmingham City Council dates next year and you can find these on the BCC website.

5/6 Mass

Thank you to all the teachers in Key Stage Two for organising our first mass of the term today. We have entered *Easter tide* and we celebrate and reflect on Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who can be trusted to guide us to the right path.

PSHE Day

Thank you to Miss Winchurch for organising our PSHE day this week. The theme was 'Relationships' - the pupils focused on friendships, dealing with difficult situations, belonging to a family, citizenship, self esteem, e-safety and mental health.

Y3&4 D&T

This week we have seen our lower key stage two pupils enjoy their D&T projects. The aim is to ensure that pupils can **design, make and evaluate** a quality product. This term Y3 made *pillows* as part of their Grand Design topic and focused on the skill of *sewing*. Y4 enjoyed designing and making *Castles* using the skill of *constructing and folding* different materials as part of their Castles and Monarchs topic. Please have a look on our Twitter feed to see some examples.

Y6 Parent meeting SATs

Mr Mulligan has written to all Year 6 parents to invite you to attend a meeting about the SATs tests that will take place during the week commencing 13th May. It is important that all children are in school and on time for the tests. The meeting for parents will take place on Thursday 25th April at 2.15 pm in the school hall.

EYFS places for September

Parents received their offer for a Reception school place this week. If you are happy with the choice you do not need to do anything. We will be writing to parents at the end of April to outline our transition plans with you. In the meantime if you have any queries please contact Mrs Cooney in the school office who deals with admissions.

A reminder that we are holding a non-uniform day on Monday 22nd April to commemorate St George's day. Please send in a £1.00.

*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

- Swimming Y5B
Wednesday 24th
April
- Y3K and Y4 Mass
in Church on Friday
26th April at
9.15 am
- Swimming Y3T
Friday 26th April
- All clubs commence
from Monday 22nd
April

Gospel Virtues



Eloquent

If you are eloquent, it means you can clearly express yourself. We want to be eloquent because we want to tell the world about our ideas, our questions and our beliefs.

Truthful

Being truthful is simply telling the truth. We should always be honest and sincere in what we say—even when we have done something wrong.

| Assembly Awards: | Maths Star of the week | Reading Star of the week | Gospel Virtues |
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| Nursery | Tommy | Emily | Sosuna |
| Reception | Luella & Amelia | Bryan & Joshua | Milosz & Emmanuel |
| Year One | Gabriel & Eden | Linda & Rosa | Amelia & Arsema |
| Year Two | Krystal & Siena | Yanet & Bella-Rose | Edward & Louis |
| Year Three | Rosie & Aarieya | Max & Jaxon | Jacob & Alisha |
| Year Four | Ta'Jae & Mukt | Fabian & Xavier | Elyon & Lily-Mae |
| Year Five | Eijah & Aaron | Denis & Richard | Grace & Summer |
| Year Six | Naomi & Elidana | Oluwatimileyin & Zofia | Elizabeth & Nadia |



**Bitanya, Jessica K, Joshua K,
Amelia E, Simon
and Bryan.**



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

Eliyam, Eva, Blossom-Anne, Abigail, Kacper, Dubem, Grace, Naomi, Amara and Pius.



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

Mrs Coates and the ECO Council will be in charge of the Foodbank Collections this term. Please support them. Our next collection will take place on Friday 26th April. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

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: 95%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 95% Y1 Attendance = 100%
Y2 Attendance = 95% Y3 Attendance = 91%
Y4 Attendance = 97% Y5 Attendance = 92%
Y6 Attendance = 95%

Article of the Week



Article 17—Access to information



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

