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Thought for the week:
'I wait, I watch, I hope.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for November 2021



People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Dear Parents

Friday 26th November 2021

Year 3/4 Mass

Thank you to Mr Barton, Mrs Coates and Miss McInerney for preparing the children for mass today. Our readers read very well. We especially thank all our parents and parishioners for joining us too.

Confirmation

On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome Bishop David Evans to our school. The Bishop met with the pupils and talked about their preparation for Confirmation. He was very impressed with their choice of saint names and their understanding of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. We had a mass on Tuesday evening in church with 42 pupils and 6 parishioners being Confirmed. It was heart-warming to be part of this celebration and our pupils were outstanding. Thank you to all the readers, and children who helped with the offertory. Special thanks to Mr Mulligan and his Y6 team for preparing the pupils so well.

Design and Technology

The pupils in Y5 designed and made some excellent bridges. It was a technical challenge that they completed very well. Y6 created *Diorama Scenes* in a box based on their studies of Ancient Egypt. These look really effective. Our whole school ambition in D&T is to embed for all our pupils the following principles; to **ask, explore, design, make and evaluate and improve**. There are some excellent examples of this on Twitter this week.

Café Ceramica Visit

The pupils in Y5 had a lovely workshop in the hall this week. They are currently studying the *Shang Dynasty*. This is a super topic, and the pupils have really enjoyed unpicking the willow pattern and story that lies beneath it. The pupils designed and painted a ceramic tile based on the willow pattern and they will be able to take these home to enjoy in the next few weeks. Thanks to Mrs Young and Miss Gibson for organising this event.

Inspire Workshops

This week we saw Year 3 take home their Inspire packs to complete at home. We look forward to seeing your creations in school or online. Mr Barton will be visiting classes next week with certificates for children who have completed the packs.

Phonics Screening

All the pupils in Year 2 have completed their phonic screening check. Thank you to Miss Mochan for overseeing this. We will write to parents at the end of the term to inform you whether your child was successful or not. Any children that did not meet the threshold will continue to partake in a phonic intervention group weekly and be re-tested in the summer term of 2022.

Productions

As parents are aware we are sharing all performances/prayer services/ carol concerts with you via Google Classroom. Next week Year 5 will record their Class Assembly on Thursday. You will be able to watch this with your child at home via their Google Classroom account. It is lovely to see and hear classes practicing their assemblies, nativities and carol concerts. We may not be able to have live audiences this year but we can all still partake in and enjoy the achievements of our pupils safely.

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

Prayer of the Week for season of Advent

Light the Advent candle one, now the waiting has begun. We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.



Diary Dates

Y6 Visit to St Chad's Cathedral Tuesday 30th November.

Wednesday 1st December Y4 Inspire packs to go home.

Y5/6 Mass in Church on Friday 3rd December.

Blue Day (non uniform) on Friday 3rd December. £1.00 donation.

Learning Corner

Write an acrostic prayer poem for the season of Advent in your best handwriting or investigate the symbols and meanings of the Jesse Tree.

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Amara	Mikael	Rosa
Reception	Richelle & Elroi	David & Amaya	Louis & Rieon
Year One	Luca & Grace. M	Zikora & Skyla	Grace. H & Jaxon
Year Two	Jenson & Olivia	Joel & Aiden	Dhian & Sana
Year Three	Summer & Aurelia	Dubem & Teodors	Miller & Adil
Year Four	Grace. T & Grayson	Naomi & Adam	Mateusz & Tiana
Year Five	Bethany & Shae	Iqra & Sesuna	Natalie & Josiah
Year Six	Kelsie & Shayden	Isaac & Nathan	Shelly-Mai & Gabriele



Laura, Solyana, D, Deulah, Shelly-Mai,



Lacey and Triumph



Snippets of News from our
School Parliament

Our Parliament are very busy planning their future projects for this term. Thanks to Mrs Donnelly for organising Blue day next week with the ECO Council. The children have suggested that the proceeds could go towards refurbishing our recycling bins around school. A very topical suggestion. Just a little bit helps the bigger picture. Mr Mulligan and the Liturgy Team are also planning collections to support the Sanctuary at St Chad's this Christmas. The aim is to provide goods to fill boxes for Christmas, containing toiletries and woollen items such as gloves/hats/scarves. Mr Mulligan will write to parents next week with more details and information from the Liturgy Team.

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

Article of the Week



Article 2 —
No Discrimination



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

