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Thought for the week:

'Everyone you meet has something to teach you.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for January 2022



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 28th January 2022

School Mass

Many thanks to Mr Barton, Mrs Coates, Miss McInerney and Miss Travers for preparing the children for mass today. It is the feast day of St Thomas Aquinas his famous quote was, "love follows knowledge". It is lovely to see our Y3 and Y4 children growing in their love and knowledge of the liturgy. Also a thank you to our parents and parishioners for joining us at mass today.

Design and Technology

Year five and six were busy this week researching, exploring, designing, making and evaluating. Year five are designing and creating stuffed animals linked to their **Rainforest** topic and Year six made fruit pizzas. A very exciting week for upper key stage two. Look on our school Twitter page to see the amazing end results.

Music Service

Mr Ali and Mrs Prentice were not in school today. Music lessons and signing will resume as normal next week.

Prayer of the Month

Every Wednesday at 2.30 we all join together to say a shared prayer wherever we are in school. The prayer this month is the **Guardian Angel prayer**. Please share it with your child at home. It gives the school community a moment to unite in collective prayer together.

Professor McGinty—Time Traveller

It was wonderful to see our old friend in school again. Year 2 and Year 3 enjoyed a super workshop travelling with him back in time to visit the Tudor and Roman eras. Thank you to Mrs Young our History Coordinator for organising this exciting event.

School Trips

We will begin to resume trips again later in the year (Summer Term) and Mrs Coney will be writing to parents in the near future about when these will take place.

COVID –19

We have probably seen the most disruption to our school this week due to staff absences. It is not ideal and I am very happy to see our Nursery and Reception classes return this week. Well done for all the learning that has been completed at home remotely via our google classroom. Let's hope that we can move forward now and resume our normal routines once again.

Sacramental Dates

Mr Barton will be writing to all families after half term about workshop dates and further information about the Sacramental Programme for Y3. A reminder to parents that the Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will take place in church on **Friday 1st April** and **Holy Communion** on **Saturday 11th June**.

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

Prayer of the Month:

Angel of God my guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light and guard and rule and guide.

Amen



Diary Dates

Y4C Swimming on Wednesday 2nd February

After school Clubs:

Monday—Y3 Y4
Tuesday—Y1 Y6
Thursday—Y2 Y5 Y6
Y1/2 Mass in church on Friday 4th February at 9.15 am

Learning Corner:

Find a puzzle— jigsaw, word searches, brain teasers or Sudoku, puzzles put our minds to work.

Studies have found that when we work on a jigsaw puzzle, we use both sides of the brain.

Spending time daily working on puzzles improves memory, cognitive function, and problem-solving skills.

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Achievement	Good Work
Nursery	Mikael	Mervyn	Nancy-Lou
Reception	Edward & Natalia	Hannah & Grayson	Tienna & Romy
Year One	Zikora & Mya	Max & Esme	Antoni & Kurt
Year Two	Kamsy & Jenson	George & Evelyn	Jasmine & Helen
Year Three	Reese & Grace	Joshua & Yocabel	Siyena & Leo
Year Four	Isabelle & Hope	Eliza & Bryan	Alex & Grayson
Year Five	Zion & Chimamanda	Violet & Z'naya	Rasharn & Nathan
Year Six	Naomi & Vanessa	Daniel & Ethan	Julia & Abiel



Jenson, Lamek, Renee, Faith and



Amara



Snippets of News from our
School Parliament

Mr Barton will be writing to all pupils next week to share with everyone what projects the Parliament will be undertaking this term. We are looking forward to many days of fundraising, fun and fact finding!

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 = 93% Y1 Attendance = 97%
 Y2 Attendance = 91% Y3 Attendance = 96%
 Y4 Attendance = 96% Y5 Attendance = 98%
 Y6 Attendance = 99%

Article of the Week



Article 143—
Freedom of Expression



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

