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Thought for the week:
'Be the reason someone smiles today.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for October 2022



Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents

Y5/6 Mass

Many thanks to our UKS2 pupils for leading us at mass today. We continue to keep our Y6 pupils in our prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation next month. Theme of mass today was about the Harvest.

Y3 Class Assembly

Many thanks to Miss Parkes, Miss Travers and the Y3 team for preparing our first class assembly of the year. It was wonderful to see and hear about all the exciting learning that has taken place so far this year. We work really hard to make our curriculum memorable for the children. Y3 were very articulate today about all the facts that they have learned from their topic 'Gardens', along with their learning in RE.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday this week we celebrated 'Harvest' led by Mrs Coates and the ECO team. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations. We gathered together to celebrate God's wonderful earth and the food we are lucky enough to have. All donations will be sent to St Chad's Sanctuary to support their foodbank. Our pupils are really proud to help others and this an excellent example of us living out our gospel virtue 'Compassion' by sharing what we have.

RSE Week

Thank you to Mr Barton for organising our RSE week. The children worked hard on investigating and building upon their emotional resilience. We try to give them ideas how to think positively and look after their physical and mental wellbeing.

Y6 Mc Swimmers

Congratulations to all our Year 6 swimmers for their efforts this half term. The goal is to reach 25m by the end of Key Stage 2. All children have earned a badge and will be bringing these home this week. This is a very important skill to have and I would encourage families to continue to build on the skills that the children have acquired.

Diwali

The children in all year groups have spent time this week learning about the feast of Diwali. Thank you to Mr Barton for organising this in school. As part of our (SMVSC) Spiritual, Moral, Vocational, Social and Cultural teaching programme we learn about other faiths and festivals across the academic year. We had some lovely art work from home shared in classes today too.

Class Newsletters

Please find attached the newsletters created by each class this half term. It is a celebration of talents, an opportunity to share information and have a look at the jokes, they are quite good!

Year 7 Applications 2022-2023

As you are aware, if you are a parent of a pupil in Year 6 you have until **31st October 2022** to complete your school applications.

Reception School Places 2022-23

Parents who are seeking a Reception place for their child next academic year should visit the Birmingham Council Admissions Page and submit an online application. **The closing date for this is 15th January 2023.**

Building Project in School for Autumn Term 2022

Please take care when walking or driving up the school drive from now until the end of term as work will be taking place in the upper car park. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Staff Training Day

A reminder to all parents that there is a training day on Monday 31st October. Therefore Autumn 2 term will commence on Tuesday 1st November at the usual time.

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

Prayer of the Month:



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



Diary Dates

Y6Y Swimming
Wednesday 2nd November

Y5/6 Mass in Church
Friday 4th November

After School Clubs:
Monday Y3 and Y6
Tuesday Y1 and Y6
Thursday Y2/3/4/5

Teacher Training Day
School Closed on
Monday 31st October

Learning Corner



Remember to create an Autumn Poem for our ECO council competition.

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Masha	Elliot	Liam
Reception	Jesse & Tyquan	Aaliyah & Arsema	Molly-Ava & Eliana
Year One	Krystal & Romy	Jeremie & Jonjo	Jotham & Adonias
Year Two	Zikora & Xavier	Brae & Eldana	Antoni & Thomas
Year Three	Lamek & Isabella	Kamsiyochukw & Dhian	Ta'Jae & Zuzanna
Year Four	Chidubem & Keira	Summer & Liliana	R'miyo & Lamech
Year Five	Beulah & Ocean	Elidana & Pius	Nadia & Maura
Year Six	Michelle & Ava-Rae	Naziah & Zion	Bethany & Esrom



**Zuzanna, Eliana, Gabriel, Leo,
Maksymilian, Jaxon, Ariela, George, Summer,
Tiana, Adiam, Emma, Zuhayra,
Lillian & Meghan.**



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

**Brodie-Leigh, Sesuna, Zara
Meghan, Leila, Ocean, Ruby,
Beulah, Sophie, Maya,
Valentina G and
Chimamanda.**



Snippets of news this week

Thank you to the **ECO Team for our wonderful Harvest Assembly this week.**

Well done to the ECO team for collecting all the tins and donations . All items have been collected by The Sanctuary foodbank today, and they are very grateful to everyone at SMM for supporting them.

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: 97%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 94% Y1 Attendance = 99%
Y2 Attendance = 99% Y3 Attendance = 95%
Y4 Attendance = 97% Y5 Attendance = 97%
Y6 Attendance = 97%

Article of the Week



Article 37—Law and Justice



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

