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**Thought for the week:**  
**'Never forget the difference you make.'**

## ***The Pope's Monthly Intentions for November 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 4th November 2022

Dear Parents

### **Y5/6 Mass**

Many thanks to Miss McCarron, Mrs Young, Mr Mulligan, Mrs Coates and Miss Gibson and the 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. As we enter the month of November we celebrate and remember all those who have gone to their heavenly home.

### **Blessing of Graves**

There will be blessing of graves in our local parishes during the month of November; at the Abbey Church this will take place on Sunday 6th November. The service will begin in the Church at 1.00pm. Blessings at Oscott College graveyard will take place on Saturday 5th November at 3.00pm. New Hall 6th November at 2.30pm. Sutton Rectory Road 20th November at 2.30pm

### **PSHE Week**

Many thanks to Miss Winchurch for organising our day on the theme of 'Celebrating Difference'. This fits in nicely with our school motto of being a 'telling school'. In this topic the children have spent time in class discussing friendships, learning skills for making new friends, examining when friendships breakdown and how to fix them and what bullying is and how we should tackle it. In our school we encourage the children to 'tell' so that we know what is bothering them and we can help them to resolve any issues quickly. Mrs Coates will be organising activities in school for each class this month around the anti-bullying theme. We also work tirelessly to educate our pupils on the SMART rules.

### **Attendance Winners**

Well done to Mr Barton's class Y4B. They are the best attending class in school this half term. It is really important that all children are in school every day. Our attendance figure was 96% for the first part of this term. Families who fall below 90% enter the Persistent Absence Category and this means that your child's attendance is tracked regularly. At the end of the Autumn term there will be a non-uniform day for the best class and a few treats!

### **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**

We are half way through converting the Caretaker's House into a library. We are really looking forward to using this space after Christmas for classes, workshops, reading drop ins etc. 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.

### **Parental Questionnaire**

Many thanks for completing and returning the questionnaire sent out this week. Could I please ask that if you haven't yet returned your views that we would be grateful to have them by Monday 7th November. I will collate the findings and share them with you in the near future.

### **Bonfire Night**

If you are intending to attend or hold any celebrations this weekend for Bonfire Night please see the attached safety poster for your information. I hope you all enjoy the weekend and stay safe.

*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 Wednesday 9th  
 November**

**Y3/4 Mass in Church  
 Friday 11th November**

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

**Y6 Parent Confirmation  
 Workshop for parents  
 9.00 am Tuesday 8th  
 November**

### **Learning Corner**



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

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Maranata	Aria-Rose	Elliot
Reception	Eden & Robert	Molly-Ava & Amara	Zakariah & Tyquan
Year One	Calliah & David	Amaya & Shay	Ethan and Maksymilian
Year Two	Alicja & Skyla	Ajax & Jaxon	Naomi & Alisha
Year Three	Raeena & Elyon	Daniel & George	Paris & Lily-Mae
Year Four	R'miyo & Martyna	Antony & Owen	Kidus & Neeve
Year Five	Natania & Leila M	Prosper & Isabelle	Antony & Pius
Year Six	Pru & Ymad	Ava & Ayaan	Brodie-Leigh & Lewis



**Alisha, Blossom-Anne, Denis,  
Yat Kit, Ebelechukwu, Shay W and  
Ava-Rae.**

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

Zara, Meghan, Sesuna, Pru, Leila, Ocean, Ruby, Elidana, and Beulah.



Snippets of news about Autumn Competition

**Mrs Coates and the ECO team are looking forward to reading all the Autumn Poems that are due in next week for our Completion.**

**There will be a prize for the best entry in every class. Watch this space!**

## 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 = 93%      Y1 Attendance = 99%  
Y2 Attendance = 95%      Y3 Attendance = 96%  
Y4 Attendance = 98%      Y5 Attendance = 91%  
Y6 Attendance = 96%

Article of the Week



Article 19—Protection



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

