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Thought for the week:
'A half truth is a whole lie.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for September 2023



For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents

Y3/4 Mass

Thank you to Miss McInerney, Miss Parkes, Miss Travers and Miss Kavanagh for organising our mass today on the theme of 'The Holy Cross'. It was great to see our new Y4 leading and being the best examples for our new Y3 pupils in mass. Thank you to all our friends in the parish and parents for joining us today.

Roald Dahl Day

Thank you to Mrs Heslegrave, our English Lead, for organising our first event of the year. We had a fabulous turn out of Roald Dahl characters and all classes enjoyed texts and films this week celebrating this great author. Thank you to everyone for making such a good effort, please check out our Twitter Feed to see all the different classes and characters.

After School Clubs

All our clubs commenced this week, we have had a good turn out. Reminder to parents to let the office know if you want your child to attend please.

Milk/Juice/Dinners

A reminder that lunches in Nursery are paid for by parents and school provide milk. In Reception parents pay for milk and receive a free school dinner. We are unable to provide milk to children if and when their milk balance reaches £15.00, similarly for school dinners. We ask that parents ensure payments are made weekly to avoid large debts accruing. Children in Y5 and Y6 can choose an apple juice option twice a week if they so wish. This will be charged to ParentPay if a child requests juice.

Y6 -7 Transition

We are in the season of Open Evenings. Many secondary schools in the month of September host an Open Evening visit to help parents of the current Y5/6 pupils determine which school they would like to attend in their Year 7. Please see attached a flyer for Cardinal Wiseman and I believe if you visit St Edmund Campion's website you will see details of their Open Evening taking place in the next week or so. I am inviting any parents who need advice or guidance on filling in the Birmingham City Council application form for Year 7 to join me on Monday 25th September at 2.00 pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The pupils in Year 6 are preparing themselves this term for Confirmation. This will take place on Tuesday 28th November at 7.00 pm in Church with Bishop David. We will write to parents later in the term regarding dates for workshops and meetings. It is mandatory for parents workshops in preparation for Confirmation.

Forthcoming Events

Please be aware all forthcoming events are now on the website and a copy attached. We will continue to send out texts and reminders as events take place. Please ensure we have your up-to-date contacts; phone and email addresses. **Please be aware that parents evening will take place on Tuesday 17th/Wednesday 18th October in the School hall for all parents.**

Welcome Mass

As we have done so for the past few years our first family mass is dedicated to our newest year groups (Nursery and Reception). We look forward to seeing you at mass on Sunday at St Margaret Mary Church at 9.30am to celebrate joining our school community.

Please keep the Gamuchi family in your prayers and anyone else that is unwell at this time.

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

Gospel Virtues
Autumn 1 Term

Grateful &
Generous

Pupils are growing to be **grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

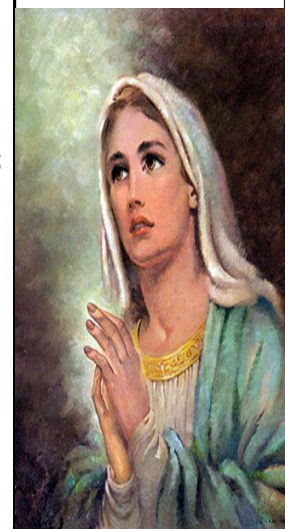
Diary Dates

Y6G Swimming
Wednesday 20th
September

Y1/2 Mass
9.15am
Friday 22nd
September

Y1 Trip to
Transport
Museum
Thursday 21st
September

Prayer of the Month



Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Mila	Tommy	Aloysius
Reception	Noh & Liam	Elodie & Joshua	Milosz & Arad
Year One	Mmesoma & Eden	Yemariam & Eliana	Sophie & Szymon
Year Two	Rieon & Nelson	Hannah & Daberechukwu	Solyanna & Marnie
Year Three	Brae & Mya	Zikora & Aarieya	Martyna & Toby
Year Four	Elyon & Zayan	Olivia & Jenson	Victoria & Sahara
Year Five	Kacper G & Chidubem	Mary & Patrick	Jacob & Amara
Year Six	Ruby & Jamel	Nana & Nadia	Ryan & Elidana



**Reighn, Amelia F, Rogue,
Sophie, Daniela and Emily.**



Snippets of news about
our School Parliament

Mr Barton will be arranging for the Parliaments to meet next week. The School Council will be holding their first food bank collection next Friday 22nd September.

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 = 96% Y1 Attendance = 100%
Y2 Attendance = 96% Y3 Attendance = 95%
Y4 Attendance = 99% Y5 Attendance = 96%
Y6 Attendance = 93%

Article of the Week



Article 1 - Making Rights Happen



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

