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Thought for the week:

'You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.'

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 29th September 2023

Dear Parents

Y3/4 Mass

Many thanks to our Lower Key Stage Two team for organising Mass today. Our Y4 readers were super today thank you for making our Liturgy so wonderful. The theme of the mass was the **Arch Angels** Gabriel, Michael and Raphael. Our monthly prayer for October will be the Guardian Angel prayer. I look forward to seeing the children learn this lovely prayer and hearing it in school next month.

EYFS Newsletters

As we end our 4th week back at school we are delighted to share that our Nursery and Reception children have settled in really well. Mrs Hannon-Dalby (EYFS Lead) and the team have put together a newsletter for EYFS parents please see attached. We hope you find these useful in providing some tips and hints about what the children have been learning and are going to learn in the next few weeks.

Yom Kippur

Our children have been learning about Yom Kippur this week in their SMVSC lessons, it means *Day of Atonement*. It is the most sacred and solemn day in the Jewish calendar. Yom Kippur is a day to reflect on the past year and ask God's forgiveness for any sins. Jewish people do not work or go to school on this day.

Design and Technology

Y3 and Y4 have enjoyed investigating Pneumatic toy building and designing and Y4 next week will be designing and building a torch as part of their science topic which investigates electrical circuits.

Rights Respecting

Thank you to Mr Barton for holding our assembly on the theme of the Children's' Rights Agenda. We are hoping to gain the Silver Rights Respecting Award this year and are keen to ensure our children understand them and apply them in their daily lives.

Year 2

We enjoyed a visit from 'One Day Creative' who hosted a workshop for our pupils on the *Great Fire of London*. The children learned about interesting facts; role played, acted, danced and took part in a quiz to help them retrieve what they had learned. It was a super workshop and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed it.

Flu Vaccination

Yesterday we sent out the Flu Vaccination letters to parents. The School Nurse Team will be visiting school on Thursday 9th November to administer to all pupils in REC to Year 6. We have also attached a PowerPoint with information relating to flu symptoms for your information. Please complete the form and return it to school at your earliest convenience.

Art Day

Miss Travers our Art Lead in school arranged a super day for classes to focus on different artists. All classes have had the opportunity to study an artist or style in detail. Please see Twitter for some examples. The children looked at the works of; Georgia O'Keefe, Kadinsky, Banksy and many more. The aim was to give the children opportunities to investigate different artists and styles of art.

Google Classroom

Google classroom log ins will come home today with children. Please log on and activate your child's account. Homework will move to Google Classroom from next week. Any issues please ring the school office.

Parents Evening

Please see letter attached regarding the Parents Evening appointments to be held in October. Appointments are booked on a first come first served basis. We look forward to welcoming you into school in a few weeks to discuss with you how your child has settled in to their new year group.

Transition for REC places 2024

A letter is attached for the attention of any parents who have a child due to start Reception Class in September 2024. The letter attached is from Birmingham City Council. The window for Reception applications opens on 1st October and closes on 15th January 2024.

Parking

As you aware the parking around school is limited as well as in our neighbouring roads. We continue to ask that all drivers are considerate of each other when parking, dropping off or collecting.

Please keep the Gamuchi family in your prayers and we think of the Bank's family at this sad 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

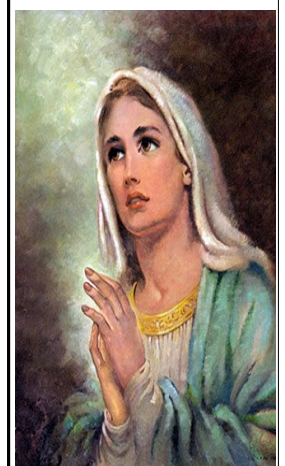
Y6G Swimming
Wednesday
4th October

Y5/6 Mass
Friday
6th October at 9.15

Professor McGinty in school to visit
Y4 Vikings and Y5 Battle of Britain

Y3 Trip to Packwood House Thursday 5th October

Prayer of the Month
Hail Mary



Assembly	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Harper-Lily	Ericah	Bitanya
Reception	Michal & Isla	Inioluwa & Eliana	Zoya & Emmanuel
Year One	Nancy-Lou & George	Halle & Juanita	Cassius & Maja
Year Two	Jaime & Amaya	Geraldine & Ethan	Bella-Rose & Indya
Year Three	Hanna & Jacob	Skyla & Grace	Sinon & Jeniyah
Year Four	Mielahier & Isabella	Rita & Leah-Maria	Nathan & Daniel
Year Five	Amia & Siyena	Anashe & John	Emily-Grace & Summer
Year Six	Alex & Tiana	Simon & Eugenie	Ocean & Athena



**Aria-Rose, Eva. A, Arsema. T,
Siena and Grace T.**



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

*Alisha, Derick,
Xavier Y-S, Aarieya,
Oscar F, Naomi, Brae,
Isla H, Evelyn, George,
Amara and Pius.*



Snippets of news about
our School Parliament

Lots of exciting events planned for the term ahead by our Parliament. We will be holding litter picks, designing our Christmas cards, celebrating World Mental Health day, Blue Day and many more. Check out the website for dates.

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

Article of the Week



Article 2—Non
Discrimination



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

