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Thought for the week:
'Happiness is not a destination, it is a way of life.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for January 2024



For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church
 Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents

Y3/4 Mass

Thank you to Miss Parkes, Miss McInerney, Miss Travers and Miss Kavanagh for preparing the mass and the children for our liturgy today. The theme of the mass was St Walstan; he is known for his kindness and humility. He is an excellent example of a 'Good Samaritan' who offered his life to God in serving him and helping people who had nothing.

School Trip

Y2 enjoyed their trip to Selly Manor as part of their Tudor study this term. The children had a lovely tour and performed in some Tudor role play. They have returned with some super facts and knowledge. Please see photos from the trip on our Twitter (X) feed.

Y3 Sacramental Dates

Please be aware there will be parent workshops that we ask parents to attend prior to Reconciliation and Holy Communion. These dates along with the Sacramental dates can be found on our website.

Reception Intake September 2024

As you will be aware the window for applying to Birmingham City Council for a place in Reception September 2024 closed this week. Parents will receive via email or letter the offer of a school place on April 16th 2024. If you have applied to St Margaret Mary School and your child is a baptised Catholic please ensure you have completed a Supplementary form and provided proof of baptism. Any queries please feel free to call the office.

PCSO Visit

PC Purcell and PCSO Hodgson visited us in school today. They are based at Erdington Station and popped in to assure us they are regularly in and around our school community. I would like to thank them for their time and response to any concerns or queries we raise.

Book Drive

Thank you to Mrs Hesgrave and a group of Y6 pupils who came up with the wonderful idea for our book drive today. We are passionate about our 'Reading Diet' in school and are thrilled with the response today. Thank you!

Measles Update

As you are aware there is a rise in cases of Measles in the West Midlands and Birmingham. We have previously sent out information for parents. If your child has not been vaccinated I would urge you to read the guidance. Also, should you need any information about Measles please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-dont-let-your-child-catch-it-flyer-for-schools/measles-information-for-schools-and-healthcare-centres>

PE Kits

A reminder children may bring in footwear (pumps/trainers) for PE but must come to school in shoes. PE days; EYFS and Y2 on Monday, Y1 and Y3 Tuesdays, Wednesday Y4, Thursday Y5 and Y6.

Please remember we are a non jewellery school, earrings, bracelets and necklaces must not be worn in school.

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

Prayer of the Week
for season of
Advent

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen



Diary Dates

Y4P Swimming
 Wednesday 24th
 January.

Y1/2 Mass in Church
 on Friday 26th January
 at 9.15 am

Inspire Workshops for
 Year 1-6 commence on
 Monday 22nd—Thursday
 25th January (see dates
 and times on website)

Parents Evening Monday
 26th and Tuesday 27th
 February 2024

Gospel Virtues



Compassionate:

We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people who are in difficulty, whether they are near to us or far away.

Loving:

We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern for other people by our actions and by our words.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Superstar	Good Work	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Ericah	Daniela	Mila
Reception	Elodie & Sam	Teninlanimi & Maranata	Zuzanna & Donnie
Year One	Mikael & Rosa	Linda & Annabel	Amelia E & Eden
Year Two	Alfie & Louis	Elroi & Geraldine	Amaya & Jaime
Year Three	Oscar & Xavier Y-S	Bobby & Tyanah	Naomi & Jaxon
Year Four	Frida & Ariela	Nathan M & Evelyn	Olivia & Xavier T
Year Five	Haniel & Patrick	Liliana & Siyena	Rosie & Olivia
Year Six	Mateusz & Jessica	David B & Natania	Naomi & Kyle



**Lu'Zari, Neriah, Efrate T, Patrick I,
Emerson, Rosa, Yanet, Edward,
Sinon and Nathan M.**



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

Mukt, Joel, Isabella, Lily-May, Paris, Roman, Matt, Marcel, Evelyn, Leah-Maria, Amarachukwu and Pius.



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

Congratulations to our Times Table Rockstar Winners:

Patrick I, Violet-Rae M, Ethan W, Nelson L, Derick J, Oscar F, Lamek B, Matt C, Anthony B, Adil K, Nadia W and Alex B. Upper KS2 Winner Y6Y, Lower KS2 Winner Y4P and KS1 Winner Y2P.

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 = 86% Y1 Attendance = 97%
Y2 Attendance = 98% Y3 Attendance = 93%
Y4 Attendance = 96% Y5 Attendance = 95%
Y6 Attendance = 97%

Article of the Week



Article 41—Making Rights Happen



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

