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Thought for the week:
'Every cloud has a sliver lining.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for February 2024



For the terminally ill
 We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents,

Y5/6 Mass

Thank you to Miss Gibson, Mr Mulligan, Mr Barton and Mrs Coates for preparing the mass and the children for our liturgy today on the theme of *The Presentation of the Lord*. Great to see so many families and parishioners join us today.

Phonics Parent Meetings

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our Reception and Y1 phonics meetings this week. Thanks for joining us for an update/information about phonics in these year groups. For any parents that could not attend teachers will share information about the Y1 screening at parents evening in February.

Design and Technology

Y3 have enjoyed designing, making and evaluating 'Pavilions' as part of their topic on the Romans. Y4 have enjoyed designing *biscuits* in the style of Volcanoes as part of their 'Fire and Ice' Topics. Please see our website to see these marvellous creations.

SEND Review

This week we invited colleagues from BEP (Birmingham Education Partnership) to come and review our SEND provision. This went very well. Thank you to parents who returned a questionnaire on the provision for children with special needs. Well done to Mrs Attwood for all the hard work she does to support our pupils, parents and staff in her daily role.

Geography Day

Today the children spent some time looking at the aspect of 'mapping and directions' across school. Thank you to Miss Pritchard our Geography lead for organising all the fun activities. The aim was to ensure that the points of the compass are known by the children. Why not test their knowledge this weekend?

Y1 Trip

A reminder that Y1 are visiting Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens next week as part of their study on 'Seasons and Settlements'. The pupils will explore the gardens and investigate human and physical features as part of their garden studies on the day.

Measles Updates

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>

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 Month

May I know you more clearly,
 Love you more dearly,
 Follow you more nearly,
 Day by day.

Amen.



Diary Dates

Y4P Final
 Swimming lesson
 Wednesday 7th
 February

Y3/4 Mass in
 Church on Friday
 9th February at
 9.15 am

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:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Maths Star
Nursery	Emmanuel	Joson	Chidiebube
Reception	Joshua & Maranata	Wynter & Reign	Luella & Zuzanna
Year One	Zakariah & Arsema	Moyosola & Maja	Cassius & Tyquan
Year Two	Liam & Daberechukwu	Hannah H & Grayson	Mercyel & Nelson
Year Three	Darci & Kaian	Maisie & Skyla	Adam & Jaxon
Year Four	Chizaram & Isabella	Elyon & Kyrian	Rita & Raena
Year Five	Martyna & Joel	Damon & David K-E	Blossom-Anne & Samuel
Year Six	Franciszek & Elidana	Ryan & Arsema	Alex & Cleo



**Ericah, Amara, Lamek B,
Jenson and Oluwasikemi.**



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

Abigail, Siyena, Blossom-Anne, Eliyam, Anashe, Gloryanne, Kyle, Sophie, Amarachukwu & Pius.



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

Thank you to our Wellbeing Team and Mr Mulligan for organising our fantastic 'Wear a hat day' to raise awareness and funds for the Brain Tumour Charity. We have raised a total of £100.00!

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 = 98% Y1 Attendance = 94%
 Y2 Attendance = 98% Y3 Attendance = 94%
 Y4 Attendance = 98% Y5 Attendance = 97%
 Y6 Attendance = 99%

Article of the Week



Article 6—Life, survival and development



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

