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Thought for the week:
'Fast, Pray, Give.'

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for March 2024



For the new martyrs
 We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Friday 1st March 2024

Prayer of the Month

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

Amen'.



Diary Dates

Y4M Swimming
 Wednesday 6th March
 Y3/4 Mass in Church
 Friday 8th March
 9.15 am

Rec Assembly for Mother's Day
 Friday 8th March
 2.00 pm

Gospel Virtues



Faith-filled

Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope.

Hopeful

We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up.

Dear Parents,
Y5/6 Mass

Thank you to Mr Barton, Mrs Coates, Miss Gibson and Mr Mulligan for organising our mass today. It is such a pleasure to see our oldest pupils leading our liturgy especially on the theme of St David Patron Saint of Wales. St David, was a leading figure and monk in the early Welsh Church who lived in the sixth century. He founded a monastic community living a simple life.

Professor McGinty

Y3 thoroughly enjoyed their visit from our *Time Traveller* friend Professor McGinty. They were learning all about Roman life, culture, beliefs and much more. Please check out our Twitter feed to see what they got up to.

Reading Diet

As part our *reading diet* in school we are passionate about our children learning phonics and the skills to be able to read fluently. Our school library is a fantastic resources that we use every single day. We are inviting families to come and read a story every Wednesday morning to support this love of reading for all. Please watch out for invites in the post.

Botanical Gardens

Y5 had a marvellous surprise in the post today! Botanical Gardens wrote to say how much they enjoyed our Y5 visiting the gardens last week and to tell us how polite, well behaved and knowledgeable they were on their topic of the 'Rainforest'. Well done!

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us this week. Many thanks to the staff too for all their hard work and efforts, we have reached the half way mark of the academic year, it has flown by. I was pleased to hear many positive comments from parents about progress and achievement seen in books. We look forward to seeing you again in the summer term. For those parents who missed the opportunity as well as parents of 4P we will rearrange and have a drop in opportunity later in the term.

Family Mass

Thank you to all the families, parishioners and staff who came to support our Y2 and Y5 mass at the weekend. It was lovely to see the choir who joined us on the day also. We look forward to further masses with our parish in the summer.

WhatsApp

May I remind all parents that the age rating for using this app is 16 years of age. Many children are not mature enough to cope with the content that can be placed onto these groups and apps. At St Margaret Mary we strongly urge that you do **not** allow your children to enter large groups if at all, and would advise that you are regularly supervising the use of online materials that they have access to.

Please find attached to the letter a flyer for Boldmere St Michael holiday clubs. We are not affiliated to this group, we are just sharing information with you.

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

Assembly Awards:	Maths Superstar	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Bitanya	Elda	Emily
Reception	Noh & Donnie	Imioluwa & Reign	Lena & Jessica K
Year One	Leo & Ethan	Amelia & Szymon	Jessica M & Devon
Year Two	Alfie & Jaime	Indya & Shay	Tienna & David A
Year Three	Antoni & Alisha	Brae & Salvador	Jeniyah & Thomas
Year Four	Lamek & Matt	Penelope-Pearl & Evelyn	Sana A & Joel
Year Five	Anashe & Aaron	Amia & Micaiah	Emily-Grace & Kidus
Year Six	Solyana & Nadia	Pius & Sophie	Grace T & Adam



**Chidiebube, Tyquan, George G,
Emmanuel, Kamsiyochukw, Leo,
Emily Grace & Naomi.**



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

*Zofia, Ruby, Alex,
Kyle, Isabelle, Laila M,
Pius and
Amarachukukwu.*



Snippets of news from
our School Parliament

Yellow Day organised by the Wellbeing Council has raised a whopping £130.00. Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising.

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 = 95% Y1 Attendance = 97%
Y2 Attendance = 93% Y3 Attendance = 97%
Y4 Attendance = 97% Y5 Attendance = 95%
Y6 Attendance = 94%

Article of the Week



Article 3—Best Interests of the child



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

