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Thought for the week:
'Hail Mary.'

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for May 2024



For the formation of religious and seminarians
 We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents,

Year 1 & 2 Mass

Many thanks to the team for organising our mass today the theme was 'The name of Jesus'. We have been thinking about our actions in school this week and how, as followers of Jesus, our kind words and deeds reflect our discipleship.

Multi Skills

Thank you to Mr Barton our PE Lead for organising our Multiskills events this week for Year 1 & 2. They enjoyed their inter-house competitions and we look forward to hosting more for KS2 after half term. A reminder that Multiskills is different to our Sports Day, the latter we invite parents to.

Music Provision

Miss Sohal our music teacher from the Music Service has left us and we welcome our new teacher Miss Lin. The children will continue to have brass lessons every Friday in Y4-6.

Design and Technology

This week we have seen Y5 create *Pop Up* books and Y6, as part of their Earth and Space Topic, created *Moon Buggies* using axles and wheels. We are really proud of all the hard work that goes in to our design curriculum in each topic and the children are excellent at articulating the process of 'design, make and evaluate'. Well done everyone!

Islamic Exhibition

Y5 had a great visit to the Exhibition that has been set up in Birmingham. As part of our SMVSC curriculum we visit many different places of worship or places of information to learn more about our diverse culture that we belong to. The exhibition aims to help educate people about Islam, to dispel some of the myths and to bring a better understanding of Islam to people residing in the United Kingdom. The children had a super visit.

EYFS Newsletters

Please find our latest newsletter attached for parents of children in Nursery and Reception. The aim of the newsletters is to continue to inform you about topics being taught and information about books and stories children are experiencing as part of their *reading diet* in school.

Parent Questionnaires

Many thanks to all our parents who completed and returned a questionnaire. It is lovely to see how positive they remain. Could I ask if you haven't already completed one could you send it in on Monday so we can collate the feedback and share it with your next week.

May Procession

Next week we are holding our annual May Procession on Wednesday. Please send in a flower, plant or even make a paper flower to offer if you have time. Mrs Hannon-Dalby will be overseeing our Processions and all offerings will be displayed in school and in the church.

SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests)

As Y6 parents are aware it is SAT's week from **Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May**. It is very important that all pupils are in school that week and are on time. Please ensure the children all have breakfast before they come to school. Pupils in Y2 will complete their end of key stage assessment throughout the month of May, it is equally important that all Y2 pupils attend school every day. This year formal testing in Y2 is not being undertaken. However, we still have to assess standards at the end of Key Stage 1 and report them to the authority and parents later in the term.

Attendance

We are pleased with our average weekly attendance figures and feel proud that we have children who regularly attend and arrive on time. Please can I urge all parents to be punctual and ensure that **holidays are not taken during term time**. I will be writing to some parents in the coming weeks to arrange a meeting about attendance concerns. If in the meantime you wish to discuss any concerns you have about your child's attendance please contact me. Birmingham City Council will be fining parents in all schools from September who take term time leave.

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



Diary Dates

Swimming Y5B
 Wednesday 8th May

Y5/6 Mass in
 Church on Friday
 10th May at 9.15 am

Swimming Y3T
 Friday 10th May

Bank Holiday
Monday 6th May
SCHOOL CLOSED

Gospel Virtues



Eloquent

If you are eloquent, it means you can clearly express yourself. We want to be eloquent because we want to tell the world about our ideas, our questions and our beliefs.

Truthful

Being truthful is simply telling the truth. We should always be honest and sincere in what we say—even when we have done something wrong.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the Week	Reading Star of the Week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Ericah	Mila	Bitanya
Reception	Yulyana & Arad	Bryan & Jessica	Noh & Ava
Year One	Patrick & Anaabel	Andreas & Runako	Aaliyah & Violet-Rae
Year Two	Jotham & Adonias	Jeremie & Maksymilian	Poppy & Grayson
Year Three	Maisie & Grace M	Max & Kaian	Brae & Sinon
Year Four	Lily-Mae & Helen	Mielahier & Raeena	Geroge & Dhian
Year Five	Lukas & Olivia	Mary & Abigail	Jacob & Amarachukwu
Year Six	Ocean & Sophie	David & Jessica	Daniel & Kyle

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

Mercyel, Maksymilian, Krystal, Ethan D, Joshua R, Grayson D, Romy, Jotham, Eva A, Annabel, Amarachukwu and Pius.



Yemariam, Mya, Eyuai, Roman, Mary, Yocabel, Jacob J and Adam K.



Snippets of news from our Liturgy Team

Our Liturgy Team will be encouraging children to say a decade of the Rosary in our new playground Prayer Space during the month of May.

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: 92%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 96% Y1 Attendance = 90%
 Y2 Attendance = 91% Y3 Attendance = 93%
 Y4 Attendance = 96% Y5 Attendance = 86%
 Y6 Attendance = 95%

Article of the Week



Article 27—Physical, Social and Mental needs



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

