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Thought for the week:

'Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you will start to see positive results'.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for October 2024



For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parents,

EYFS Welcome Mass

Thank you to Mrs Marks and all the team in Reception for overseeing our wonderful mass today. Fr Gerry Lennon joined us today to welcome all our children and their families into our school community. Fr Lennon blessed the children's gift of a beautiful Rosary to aid them in their prayer journey. We especially ask our Lady to look over us all, in this, Her special month of October. It was great to see so many of our families join us, the children were impeccable. Well Reception!

Design and Technology

This week Year 5 enjoyed designing and making vegetable pizzas following their learning on vegetables grown in gardens during WWII. Year 6 enjoyed learning the skills of designing and making a Coronation Robe as part of their topic on Government and Monarchy. Year 6 also visited the Council House in Birmingham and enjoyed a tour of the facility and debating chamber.

Science Week

This week our leader Miss Gibson invited classes to create a mnemonic about the planets. A mnemonic is a sentence or phrase that can help you remember things, like the order of the planets in our solar system. Check out our website to see what the children produced.

Confirmation Workshop

Thank you to Mr Mulligan for organising our presentation and to all the families and sponsors that attended our meeting on Wednesday in preparation for the Confirmation Mass on Wednesday 16th October to take place in church at 7.00 pm. A reminder that Sponsors and pupils should arrive in church by 6.15 pm.

Reception Inspire Workshop

Many thanks to Mrs Marks our EYFS lead for overseeing our first Inspire Workshop this year. We had a tremendous turnout thank you to all the parents that were able to attend. They enjoyed sharing a story with their visitors, as part of our Reading Diet, then enjoyed a whole class story, 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and worked on self portraits and writing their name. A lovely morning was had by all!

Year 7 School Applications 2025

Applications are now open for current Year 6 children to apply to transfer to secondary school in September 2025. Parents/carers can apply up to **11.59 pm on 31 October 2024**. Applications received after the closing date are treated as 'late applications' and less likely to be offered one of their preferred schools. Information to support parent/carers can be found on the council website: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/secondary_school_year_7_admissions/1

We recommend that parents/carers use all of their six preferences to maximise their chances of getting a place at one of the schools that they prefer. If you live in Birmingham, please submit your child's application before the final closing date of **31 October 2024** via the following link <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php> If you live outside of Birmingham, please contact the local authority which you pay your Council Tax to regarding how to apply for your child's secondary school place.

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



Diary Dates

Swimming Y3C and Y3K

Wednesday 16th October

Mass in Church
 Friday 18th October
 Y1/2 parents at 9.15am

Clubs end on 18th October and resume on November 4th

Book Fayre in school from Monday 21st October after school every day till Thursday

Gospel Virtues



Curious - Being

inquisitive about God's creation, asking questions, and exploring the world around us. **Active** - Working to make the world a better place by making the right choices.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the Week	Reading Star of the Week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Tobenna	Zinachimdindu	Yorsalem
Reception	Aleshay & Daniela	Dua & Tommy	Essa & Johnny
Year One	Elodie & Arad	Teninlanimi & Joshua	Aronas & Ava
Year Two	Mikael & Haben	Eva & Devon	Cassius & George
Year Three	Solyana & David	Jeremie & Adonias	Holly & Wiktorja
Year Four	Xavier & Lillian	Tayana & Grace E	Eldana & Jeniyah
Year Five	Ellena & Xavier	Sana A & Roman	Olivia & Jayden
Year Six	Abigail, Adil & Antony	Samuel, Rosie & Damon	Aaron, Amelia & Richard



**Hidayah, Yostina, Jennifer,
Khalil, Yulyana Y, Katalaya,
Jasmine, Eva S, Grace S & Hanie!**



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

*Abigail A, Aloysius,
Frida and
Amarachukwu.*



Thank you to Mr Mulligan and the wellbeing Council for organising our Wear Yellow Day this week in aid of Young Minds. We raised £182.00 for this amazing charity.

Snippets of news from
our School Parliament

A big **THANK YOU** from the Sanctuary in Birmingham City Centre for our donations of Pasta. Next time we will be collecting donations of Rice.

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 = 97% Y1 Attendance = 99%
Y2 Attendance = 98% Y3 Attendance = 96%
Y4 Attendance = 93% Y5 Attendance = 98%
Y6 Attendance = 97%

Congratulations to Year 5L on their 100% attendance this week!

Article of the Week



Article 4—Making Rights Happen



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

