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Thought for the week:
'God is coming!.'

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Prayer of the Week
for season of
Advent

Light the Advent candle one, now the waiting has begun. We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for December 2022



Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation. .

Friday 2nd December 2022

Advent

We marked the season of Advent in our school assembly on Monday. The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, such as Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Y3 Think Tank Trip

Thank you to Mrs Hannon-Dalby and the staff in Y3 for overseeing our trip to the Think-tank this week. The pupils have been studying *rocks and soils* in Science and this trip enabled them to investigate and find out facts about this and other scientific ideas and concepts. The pupils had a great day.

Y3/4 Mass

Thank you to Mr Barton and the Y3/4 teachers for organising our lovely mass today. As we enter the season of Advent we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. It is a lovely season and the children have begun work on this topic in RE. It was super to see all our parents and parishioners support our pupils at mass today. Year 4 remained in church today and received Confession after mass.

Sursum Corda Pilgrimage Day

St Margaret Mary's school works closely with 8 other Catholic Primary Schools in Birmingham. This group of school is named Sursum Corda meaning '*lift up your hearts*'. We were delighted to host pupils from Christ the King school on Thursday to share a prayer service with them on the theme of Advent, friendship and peace. Some of our Liturgy leaders went out to Corpus Christi school to undertake the same activity. They had a wonderful time meeting other pupils. If you would like to see what they got up to you will find some pictures on Twitter; search for - *sursumcordapilgrimage*.

Y4 Music Visit

Miss McInerney organised a visit from the Music Service for Year 4 this week. The children listened to music and discussed their moods and responses to the different styles of music heard. The outcome of the visit was that the children created an advert for *Birmingham* as they have been studying *Music and Media* this term. Birmingham is at the heart of our curriculum as it is rich in history, science, music, arts and technology.

Y5 Class Assembly

Well done to all our Year 5 pupils who portrayed a wonderful tapestry of learning. They shared with us at their class assembly, all the topics and subjects that they have studied this academic year, WW2, Shang Dynasty, Forces, D&T designing and building bridges, creative writing, favourite authors, dance, and much more. An excellent assembly Y5!

Forthcoming Events

As you are aware all the events for the remaining weeks of Autumn term have been sent out to you. We will endeavour to remind you via text of events as they occur. We are looking forward to the Nativities performed by Nursery, Reception, Y2 and Year 4 along with the Carol Concerts for Y1, Y3, Y5 and Y6.

Sacramental Dates

Please place the following dates in your diary if you have a child in Y3 who will be making their Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. All Children will make their **Reconciliation on Monday 27th March at 1.00 pm in the Church**. Dates for Holy Communion **Year 3P Miss Parkes' class will make their Holy Communion on Saturday 17th June at 11.00 am and Year 3T Miss Travers' class will make their Holy Communion on Saturday 24th June at 11.00 am.**

Dates for workshops will be sent out to parent early in the Spring Term.

Building Project in School for Autumn Term 2022

Please take care when walking or driving up the school drive from now until the end of term as work will be taking place in the upper car park. Many thanks in advance for your support.

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

Diary Dates

Y6Y Final Swim on
Wednesday 7th
December

Y5/6 Family Mass in
Church Friday 9th
December at 9.15 am

After School Clubs:
Monday Y3 and Y6
Tuesday Y1 and Y6
Thursday Y2/3/4/5

Family Mass for pupils,
parents and staff on
Sunday 4th December.
Please join us at the



Learning Corner

Create a prayer for
Advent and place it
in your Holy
Corner.

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Maths Star
Nursery	Zuzana	Katalaya	Aronas
Reception	Amelia & Dalia	Mikael & Robert	Eva & David
Year One	Edward & Jamie	Holly & David	Jeremie & Joshua
Year Two	Sinon & Liliana	Akiel & Adam	Salvador & Jacob
Year Three	Sana & Lily-Mae	Rita & Daniel	Nathan & Mukt
Year Four	Abigail & Rosie	Antony & Amelia	Mason & Jacob
Year Five	Eliza & Beula	Naomi & Eugenie	Isabelle & Rico
Year Six	Noah & Z'Naya	Violet & Emma	Valentina & Zac



Chimamanda

&

Juanita



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

Amara, Chimamander, Valentina, Matt, Isabella, Joel, Eva, Richard, Elyon, Eryk, Ellena & Jenson



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

Thank you to the Parliament for organising Blue Day. We raised £240.00 and these funds will help us to buy raffle prizes for the Christmas raffle and other resources in school. Many thanks for your support. Raffle tickets will go on sale next week.

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 = 93% Y1 Attendance = 94%
 Y2 Attendance = 94% Y3 Attendance = 99%
 Y4 Attendance = 98% Y5 Attendance = 98%
 Y6 Attendance = 91%

Article of the Week



Article 27—Adequate standard of living



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

