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Thought for the week:

'Everyone you meet has something to teach you.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for February 2023



For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents,

Y1/2 Mass

Thanks to Miss Pritchard, Miss Mochan, Miss Winchurch and Mrs Jones for organising our lovely mass today on the theme of 'Our Lady of Lourdes'. Father Simon shared the story of Bernadette with the children during his homily today and reminded them of the grotto to Our Lady outside church.

Y5/6 Assembly

Mr Mulligan shared a liturgy with our eldest pupils today on the theme of 'Our Lady of Lourdes'. Our Lady of Lourdes was the title she was given after she visited Bernadette Soubirous, a fourteen-year-old girl in 1858. Bernadette saw a lovely lady dressed in white who had a blue sash around her waist and a rose on each foot. She was beautiful and Bernadette prayed the rosary with this lady before she disappeared. The lady asked her to come back again. The lady appeared to Bernadette a total of eighteen times. When a spring miraculously appeared after one of the visions, many who doubted her began to believe. Those who bathed in the spring were often cured of serious sickness or disability. Eventually, the lady identified herself: "I am the Immaculate Conception," she told Bernadette. It was then that people realized for sure that it was Mary, the mother of God, appearing to Bernadette.

Inspire Workshops

Many thanks to Miss Parkes and Miss McInerney for organising and overseeing our Maths Inspire Workshops this week. The children enjoyed their time learning with parents, it was great to see such a high turnout of staff.

Parents Evening

Many thanks to all our parents who were able to attend this week. For those of you that were unable to make it we will try and find an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher. Please ring and request an appointment.

Safer Internet Day

Mrs Coates oversaw our Safer Internet Day this week. All our pupils from Nursery to Year 6 have been refreshing their knowledge about staying safe on line. Quiz the pupils on their SMART rules this week and see if they can recall their meaning. (S = Safe, M = Meeting, A = Accepting, R = Reliable T= Tell.)

Industrial Teacher Strikes

Please be aware that there are 3 further dates that could effect school and closures to classes. As soon as I am aware of any closures I will write to you immediately. **For your diaries please note 1st March, 15th and 16th March are dates on which school or year groups may be closed again.**

Sacramental Dates for Year 3 Parents

A reminder that Reconciliation for Y3 pupils will take place on Monday 27th March and Holy Communion for Y3P is on Saturday 17th June at 11.00 am and Y3T Saturday 24th June at 11.00 am.

Please Pray for

We ask you to keep our school and parish community in your prayers and we especially think of the Meron, Williams, and Iriabe families at this time.

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

All After school

clubs:

Monday— Y1 and Y6
 Tuesday— Y2 and Y5
 Thursday—Y3, Y4 & Y5

Y5C Swimming on
Wednesday 15th
February

Y5/6 Mass in Church
 on Friday 17th
 February at 9.15 am

February Birthdays
 non uniform day
 28/2/23

Learning Corner



Spring Term One
Winners

Y6Y
Y4B
Y2P

Well done to those
classes who won the first
competition!

Assembly	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Maranata	Liam	Arad
Reception	Cassius & Violet-Rae	Eden C & David O	Halle & Eden B
Year One	Mercyel & Joshua	Orla & Richelle	Yanet & Geraldine
Year Two	Isla & Eldana	Bobby & Emmanuel	Grace H & Sinon
Year Three	Sahara & Frida	Zayan & Jasmine	Jayden & Elyon
Year Four	John & Martyna	Eliyam & Samuel	Amarachukwu & Aurelia
Year Five	Sophie & David	Rico & Grace T	Grace M & Elizabeth
Year Six	Richard & Valentina S	Brodie-Leigh & Zion	Ava & Shalom



**Noh, Jeremie, Marcel, Joel,
Fabian, Chisom, Makomborero
and Lewis**

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

Kaian, Isla, Naomi, Ruth, Jotham, Akiel, Xavier, Brae, Wiktorija, Hannah, Ugonna, Jordan and Chimamanda.



Snippets of news from
our School Parliament

The Eco Council and Mrs Coates are planning a Spring Poetry Competition after half term. They will be sending out a flyer next week with information. Prize for every class.

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: 96%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 97% Y1 Attendance = 95%
Y2 Attendance = 97% Y3 Attendance = 97%
Y4 Attendance = 98% Y5 Attendance = 96%
Y6 Attendance = 95%

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]

