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**Thought for the week:**

*'Tough times never last, but tough people do.'*

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for February 2023**



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

Friday 17th February 2023

Dear Parents,

**Y5/6Mass**

Thanks to Mr Mulligan, Miss McCarron, Mrs Young, Mrs Coates and Miss Gibson for organising our mass on the theme of 'Store up riches in Heaven'. The message from the mass is about not coveting material things in our lives but to store up treasure in our own lives by doing good deeds and following Jesus.

**Swimming**

Year 5C have now completed their swimming lessons. Well done to all the pupils who participated. Mrs Williams our PE Coordinator will be organising badges for all the pupils to take home this week. A reminder that Y5G will commence swimming next half term.

**Café Ceramica**

Year 1 attended a super workshop in the hall yesterday. The ladies from the pottery shop visited and gave the pupils an opportunity to decorate a tile with seasonal pictures. This fits in with the learning the children are undertaking at the moment around the topic 'Seasons and Settlements'. The tiles will be fired and returned to school for the children to take home after the half term holiday.

**Visit to Cardinal Wiseman**

Year 5 enjoyed a trip out to Cardinal Wiseman School yesterday to see them perform the musical 'Shrek'. Everyone had a lovely time and enjoyed visiting our feeder school.

**Brass Concerts**

We held a wonderful concert in school today for parents of Years 4/5/6. The children performed beautifully and it was wonderful to see parents in school to see how well the children play. Thank you to Mr Ali our Brass Teacher for preparing the children for today's concert.

**Class Newsletters**

Another topic completed in school this academic year. The children will be bringing home their class newsletter this week to share with you information about all the things they have learned this half term. Thank you to Mrs Coates for designing a new layout, they look fab.

**Industrial Teacher Strikes**

Please be aware that there are 3 further dates that could effect school and closures to classes. As before we will only be open to Nursery, Year 1 and Year 4. I will write to you as soon as I can about closures when we return on 27th February. **In the meantime please note 1st March, 15th and 16th March are dates on which school or year groups may be closed again.**

**Ash Wednesday**

As you are aware Lent begins in the half term. The children are bringing home their Lenten calendars today in preparation for Ash Wednesday next week. Please look at the church website for details on masses next week.

**Sacramental Dates for Year 3 Parents**

A reminder that Reconciliation for Y3 pupils will take place on Monday 27th March. 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

**Y5G Swimming on Wednesday 1st March**

3/4 Mass in Church on  
 Friday 3rd March 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 Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Maths Star
Nursery	Michal	Joshua	Katalaya
Reception	Mikael & Maja	Mmesoma & Runako	Amelia & Szymon
Year One	Solyana & Khayra	Poppy & Grayson	Jacob & Ruth
Year Two	Jeniyah & Skyla	Maisie & Esme	Antoni & Aarieya
Year Three	Daniel & Ta'Jae	Ariela & Lily-Mae	Xavier & Victoria
Year Four	Abigail & Kacper G	Anthony & Amia	Mason & Yocabel
Year Five	Eliza & Bryan	Ruby & Kyle	Isabella & Beulah
Year Six	Zara & Sesuna	Nathan & Maria	Muhammad & Zion



**Moyosola, George G, Michael H, Adonias, Jacob D, Victora G, Kamsiyochukw, Olivia O, Eliyam, Samuel, Damon, Isabelle M, Osei, Valentina G, Logan H and Sesuna.**



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

*Rozlia, Meghan, Sesuna, Ebele, Amelia, Naomi, Solyana B, Sophie, Natania, Valentina and Chimamanda.*



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

*The Eco Council & Mrs Coates are planning a Spring Poetry Competition after half term. A flyer will be coming home with information today. Prize for every class. Looking forward to seeing your entries when we return after the holidays.*

## 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.

Article of the Week



**Our overall attendance: 95%**

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 95%    Y1 Attendance = 91%  
 Y2 Attendance = 98%    Y3 Attendance = 96%  
 Y4 Attendance = 96%    Y5 Attendance = 94%  
 Y6 Attendance = 92%

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]

