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Thought for the week:
'Happiness is a direction,
not a place.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for March 2023



For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering..

Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents,

Y5/6 Mass

Thank you to the Year 5/6 teachers for preparing the children for mass today. The theme of the mass was to **'forgive one another'**. St Patrick's feast day teaches us about how we can follow in Jesus' footsteps and spread the word to others. We strive to teach the children daily about right and wrong decisions. We especially reflect on **forgiveness** in the season of Lent and the importance of showing **repentance**. Y6 were given the opportunity to attend Confession in church today, an important time to reflect for our oldest pupils during Lent.

Green Day

The children have carried out some work this week on St Patrick the Patron Saint of Ireland and Nigeria. Thank you to Mrs Young and the Wellbeing Committee for organising this event today. All funds raised will go towards **The Marie Cure Foundation**.

Nursery Places for September 2023

We will be writing to parents on Monday who have applied for a place in our 20 place Nursery for September. If you have a child that will be 3 years old before September 1st 2023 and would like to apply for a full time place in our Nursery, please collect an application form from the school office.

Parental Questionnaire

Many thanks for all the parents who have returned the questionnaire sent out last week. The responses were very positive. Feedback will be shared with Governors at the end of March. We work very hard to make each day in school a safe and happy learning environment for all our pupils. Many thanks to our dedicated staff and supportive parents in helping to shape our future generation.

SATs Meetings for parents

Next week Year 6 and Year 2 parents are invited to attend a meeting about the SAT's tests that children will undertake in May. All children will complete a SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and Grammar) test, reading comprehension and Maths papers. Please come along to see some sample papers and to get some tips on how to prepare your children for the tests. Year 6 parents meeting is taking place on Monday at 1.30pm and Year 2 on Tuesday at 1.30 pm in the school hall.

Sacramental Dates for Year 3 Parents

Mrs Hannon Dalby has written to all parents who need to attend the parent meeting for Y3 pupils preparing for Reconciliation. A reminder that Reconciliation for Y3 pupils will take place on Monday 27th March at 1.00 pm in the church. Holy Communion for Y3P is on Saturday 17th June at 11.00 am and Y3T Saturday 24th June at 11.00 am.

Mother's Day

May I take this opportunity to wish all our Mother's (Staff and Parents) a very happy Mother's Day and hope you all enjoy the day. Thank you to Miss Fisher who organised an assembly for our Reception Mum's today, we had a lovely afternoon in the hall sharing a few songs with our Mum's.

Summer Uniform

As you are aware the summer term is approaching. A reminder that red polo shirts and grey trousers/shorts can be worn by the boys and girls can wear red checked dresses and cardigans if they wish to.

Please Pray for

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

Today we say goodbye to Mr Connaughton our Bursar who leaves us after seven years managing the school budget and finances. Mr Connaughton has been a great support to myself in my role as Head teacher and I am delighted to share with you that he will remain in school as a Governor. We look forward to welcoming him back to visit us for many school events in the future.

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 22nd March

Y3/4 Mass in Church on Friday 24th March at 9.15am

Y2 Class Assembly for parents in school on Friday 24th March 9.00 am

Learning Corner



Why not get ready for Easter, here are some suggestions.

Spring clean your room.

Write a poem.

Decorate an egg.

Make some Easter Cards.

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Zuzanna	Eliana	Omalichachukwu
Reception	Gabriel & Amara	Jessica & Mervyn	Yemariam & Tyquan
Year One	Indya & Grayson	Elroi & Geraldine	Solyana & Jaime
Year Two	Jeniyah & Akiel	Logan & Hanna	Rosie & Tayana
Year Three	Helen & Victoria	Dhian & Elyon	Zuzanna & Ellena
Year Four	Reese & Samuel	Keon & Aurelia	Miller & Haniel
Year Five	Ned & Osei Amaniampong	Arsema & Amelia	Zofia & Karina
Year Six	Zachary & Jordan	Melael & Benita	Michelle & Liliana



**Rieon, Leah-Maria, Helen, Zayan,
Reese, Nadia, Cleo, Oluwatimileyin,
Karina, Jonathan & Gabriela.**



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

Meghan, Ebele, Sesuna, Pru, Amelia, Solyana B, Naomi, Sophie H, Elidana Valentina G and Chimamanda.



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

Our Parliament have undertaken some fantastic fundraising during the season of Lent. Well Done!

Yellow Day raised £40.00 for PE equipment in school.

World Book Day raised £218.00 for Birmingham's Children's Hospital

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 = 88% Y1 Attendance = 96%
Y2 Attendance = 99% Y3 Attendance = 91%
Y4 Attendance = 96% Y5 Attendance = 98%
Y6 Attendance = 95%

Article of the Week



Article 24—Health and health services



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

