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Thought for the week: 'The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up.'



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents.

Thank you to Mrs Coates, Miss Gibson, Miss McCarron and Mrs Young for organising our mass today on the theme of the 'Ascension. This week we have celebrated this special feast day where Jesus returned to his Father in Heaven. We are now at the end of Eastertide and are preparing for the feast of Pentecost where the Holy Trinity is revealed and God 'unfolds to enfold us'.

SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests)
Year Two continue to undertake their tests, well done to all the pupils. We will have completed all the tests by the end of next week. Please ensure that your child is in school everyday to undertake the tests. Year 6 results will not be published until July and we will send them home with end of year reports at the end of the academic year.

Nursery had a very special visitor in school this week. The pupils are learning about mini-beasts and met a variety of species during the visit. We had a Snake, Tarantula, Chinchilla and lots of mini-beasts crawling and slithering all over the hall! They had a great time. Please see our Twitter feed to see all the activities.

Y2 Kingsbury Water Park visit

Thank you to Mrs Heslegrave, Key Stage One Coordinator, for organising and overseeing the Y2 trip to Kingsbury Water Park as part of their topic on *Habitats*. The children had fun exploring the park, hunting and investigating different types of species, they were also blessed with great weather.

Rosary Prayer Project

Mrs Hannon-Dalby our RE Lead, with Mr Mulligan and the Liturgy Team organised our lovely annual May Procession. During the month of May the pupils are invited to say the Hail Mary prayer and our older children have been saying a decade of the Rosary to celebrate Our Lady. Thank you to everyone who donated flowers for the procession. Please see our twitter feed for some lovely photos of the event.

<u>Phonics and Times Table Screening Checks</u>
During the month of June pupils in Year 1 undertake a phonic screening check, some pupils in Y2 retake the check and all pupils in Y4 undertake a Times Tables check. It is important that all pupils are in school every day, particularly in these year groups, to enable the screenings to take place. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school. Mr Mulligan, Maths Lead, will be writing to parents about the Maths Check in Y4.

Forthcoming Trips

Year 4 are visiting the Black Country Museum next week as part of their study on Birmingham. This is a great resource for seeing how we used to live and work in the past. I am sure they will have a great day and learn lots of interesting facts.

<u>Parents Evening</u>
A reminder that we hold our final parents evening for this academic year on Monday 22nd May and Tuesday 23rd May. If you need an appointment please contact the office.

Dinner Money Debts

Please could I ask that parents check their ParentPay accounts. We regularly send out letters and texts to inform you that there is a bill outstanding. I would be grateful if you could clear any outstanding balances at your earliest convenience, or begin to pay a weekly contribution between now and the end of term to clear the debt. Many thanks in advance.

Academic Term Dates

I am meeting with Fr Simon next week to discuss the academic term dates for next year and I will ensure they are sent home next week with the final newsletter for this half term.

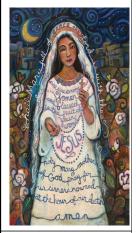
Summer Term information

A reminder that pupils may wear summer uniform now. If the weather improves as we move through the year please do not send sun cream into school, apply it at home. The children can bring (plastic) sunglasses and hats to school this term

Please pray for all our pupils and especially for the Gibson, Chinyere, Saunders and McLoughlin families.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation. Mrs. I Loque

Prayer of the Month Hail Mary



Diary Dates

After school clubs:

No clubs will take place on Mon/Tues due to Parents **Evening**

Thursday - Y1/3/5

Y4M Swimming Wednesday 24th May

Y2 School mass on Friday 26th May 9.15am in church

Learning Corner



We ask Mary to intercede for us as we pray the Rosary.

Assembly	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Elliot	Arad	Yulyanna
Reception	Jessica & Mervyn	Yemariam & Rogue	Jesse & Maja
Year One	Michael & Daberechukwu	Poppy & Louis	Elroi & Ruth
Year Two	Max & Kaian	Darci-Rose & Skyla	Antoni & Kurt
Year Three	Raeena & Mielahier	Paris & George	Xavier & Skyler
Year Four	David C & Denis	Summer & Neeve	R'miyo & Aurelia
Year Five	Hope & Osei Amaniampong	Sophie & Amelia D	Zofia & Dominik
Year Six	Valentina G & Sesuna	Mason & Liliana	Ebele & Noah



Aaliyah, Eden, Adari, Max, Darci-Rose, Adam S, Ajax, Raeena, Kyrian, Mielahier, Joel, Richard S, Micaiah, Liliana W, Hope, Kyle, Amelia D and Ugonna. Many thanks to our Altar Servers, Readers and Offertory helpers in Mass today.

Maya, Leila, Elidana, Beulah, Ebele, Sesuna, Pru, Sophie, Natania, Valentina G and Chimamanda,



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

Thank you to the Wellbeing Council for organising such a colourful day in school. We have raised an amazing £165.00 for their chosen charity, Cancer Research.

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: 97%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 98% Y1 Attendance = 97% Y2 Attendance = 99% Y3 Attendance = 98%

Y4 Attendance = 96% Y5 Attendance = 95%

Y6 Attendance = 96%



Article 15— Freedom of Association

Good attendance at St Margaret Mary means being in school at least 95% of the time [180-190 days] Odays absence 10 days absence 29 days absence 29 days absence 10 days absence 29 days absence 10 days abse