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Thought for the week:
'We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for September 2021



An Environmentally Sustainable Life

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Friday 17th September

Dear Parents

Another week into our school term, it is lovely to feel that *normality* is slowly returning. We are all still getting used to our new routines, the children are coming into school and feeling positive and excited about learning. Thank you to all the families that joined us at our Family Mass last Sunday. It was wonderful to see our new families joining the parish and thank you to everyone from our school community that could attend.

Covid-19

As you are aware all restrictions have been lifted, numbers are still rising for positive cases locally and nationally. We continue to be vigilant in school and in our daily handwashing and respiration hygiene. If your child has any symptoms of a high temperature, headache or cough please take advice from 111.

Roald Dahl Day

Thank you to Miss McCarron for organising some fun activities across school on Monday to celebrate the works of *Roald Dahl*. Teachers have posted some pictures on our website/Twitter feed.

School clubs

These began on Monday. Many thanks to all the staff for supporting our pupils after school. The children in Y1-6 have enjoyed them immensely (D&T/Science/PE /Spanish/Art and many more). Please make sure school has received the consent slip for the relevant club that your child is attending.

PCSO Visit

Tracy Baker our (Police Community Support Officer) visited school today to discuss some workshops she would like to do with the pupils and parents. We will keep you informed of any future workshops as they occur.

Mass and class awards

Today Y3/4 held their first mass of the academic year in Church. Thank you to our parents that joined us today. It is an important year for our Year 3 pupils this year who will be making their Reconciliation and Holy Communion later in the academic year. Year 4 who received their Sacraments last term will be great role models for our Year 3 children.

All the classes attended a CAFOD Assembly online yesterday with the theme of 'Go Green'. Pope Francis encourages us all to look after our 'Common Home' and stand up for the Earth. We will be celebrating a school Harvest Festival in the coming weeks and will keep you informed about food collections and donations.

SMVSC

As part of our Spiritual, Moral, Vocational, Social and Cultural Curriculum the pupils in school learned about *Yom Kippur* this week. This is the holiest day of the Jewish year and marks a time for atonement through fasting and prayer.

Marvellous Me

Thank you to Mrs Coates who has been trouble shooting our Marvellous me programme. We will be returning to normal next week and staff have been reminded to send rewards home via this app for weekly spellings from Monday. If you need any assistance please contact the office.

Homework

Next week we launch again **Google Classroom** which is an online tool for school and home to facilitate for homework and learning. Mrs Coates will be writing to everyone on Monday explaining how to access and return homework via this route. Again if you have any queries next week please do not hesitate to ring the school office and we will assist you as best we can.

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

Prayer of the Week

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

Amen



Diary Dates

St Edmund Campion are holding an open evening for Y6 parents on 21st September. Mr Grant Head teacher will be giving talks at 6.30 and 7.30 pm. Please see their website for further details.

Pupils in Y6 will receive a visit/talk from Cardinal Wiseman School. They will visit the pupils on 23rd September during the school day.

Learning Corner

All Children in Reception to Year 2 will have received their Maths **Numbots** logins.

All pupils in Y3-6 will have received their **Times Tables Rock Stars** logins. We hope you enjoy using these programmes to support learning at home. Any queries contact the school office.

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Achievement	Good Work
Nursery	Violet-Rae	Yemariam	Szymon
Reception	Joshua & Bella Rose & Hannah H	Adari & Jotham	Sarah & Yanet
Year One	Laura K & Max C	Akiel & Lillian K	Grace M & Isla
Year Two	Leah-Maria & Victoria	Sahara & Nathan M	Mukt & Crystal
Year Three	Summer & Haniel	Olivia & Neeve	Joel & Emily-Grace
Year Four	Jayden A & Alex	Naomi G & Zofia	Amelie & Kyle
Year Five	Zuhayra & Ugonna	Caiden & Marko	Zara & Liliana S
Year Six	Isaac & Triumph	Cleo & Alicja	Daisy-Ella & Damian



Rogue, Eryk and Akorede.



Snippets of News from our School Parliament

All our pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 have now joined a council. We are looking forward to selecting a Head for each of the areas; School Council, Eco Team, Wellbeing Team and Liturgy Leads.

The Councils will each have a notice board on the playground to keep the school up-to-date with all their exciting news. We will let you know when they have arrived and are in place.

Our first Parliamentary event is coming up shortly. The **School Council** will be organising a foodbank collection on Friday 24th September.

Attendance:

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 29 - A Right to an Education](#).

Our overall attendance : 94%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 84% Y1 Attendance = 94%
 Y2 Attendance = 97% Y3 Attendance = 98%
 Y4 Attendance = 93% Y5 Attendance = 97%
 Y6 Attendance = 94%

Article of the Week



Article 13—Freedom of Expression



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

