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**Thought for the week:**  
**'Those who dare to fail can achieve greatly.'**

## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for October 2021



### Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Friday 15th October

Dear Parents

### St Margaret Mary Feast Day

Today we celebrated the feast day of our patron St Margaret Mary Alacoque. We began the day with Mass and it was lovely to see the church so full, special thanks to those parents that came along and to Y5/6 for leading our Liturgy. The children came to school in their own clothes and received a treat to take home with them. Mr Mulligan organised extra playtime for the children on our special day. October 16th is always a special day in our school calendar, a day when we reflect on our patron saint and on the person God is calling us to be.

### Harvest Assembly

All classes celebrated in a Harvest Assembly on Thursday, sharing prayers and giving thanks for the food we have. The children prayed for themselves and also for those children around the world who do not have the luxury of food in abundance. Many thanks to all our families for your generous donations.

### Black History Month

The pupils have spent time learning about many significant role models past and present. Recently our school community has spent time learning about iconic people such as Jesse Owen, Mary Seacole, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. Next week the focus is on influential sportsmen and women inspired by Birmingham hosting the Commonwealth Games. The children will be learning about Mo Farah, Marcus Rashford, Serena Williams, Lewis Hamilton and many more sports personalities.

### School Clubs

**There are no after school clubs until after half term. They will resume on Monday 1st November, a letter will come out next week to parents about days and themes of clubs if there are any changes.**

### School Cloud

We have sent out details about our remote parent evening slots. We are delighted to report that 60% of our parents have booked an appointment so far. All parents should have received a letter and guide explaining how to book and attend meetings. If you have any difficulties please contact Mrs Coney in the office and she can assist you or book one for you.

### Professor McGinty

It was wonderful to welcome our old friend and Time Traveller Prof McGinty back into school. Year 5 pupils attended a Workshop on the Battle of Britain and Year 4 enjoyed learning all about the Vikings. There are lots of lovely pictures on Twitter. We hope to have him return again later in the school year.

### Secondary School Forms

A reminder to parents that all forms for pupils starting Year 7 in September 2022 must be completed and submitted by the end of October. If you need any assistance with submitting your forms please contact the school office.

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

### Prayer of the Week

St Margaret  
 Mary,

Pray for us.

Amen



### Diary Dates

Parent Evening appointments available on 20th and 21st October via School Cloud.

**School closed on Friday 22nd October for Staff Training Day.**

All after school clubs resume on Monday 1st November.

### Learning Corner

Research a saint. Find out five facts about them?

What do you know about St Margaret Mary of Alacoque?

Research Patron Saints. Share your findings on Twitter.

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Achievement	Good Work
Nursery	Szymon	Mikael	Violet-Rae
Reception	Khayra & Rieon	Adonias & Tienna	Marnie & Yanet
Year One	Jeniyah & Tymon	Oscar & Skyla	Lillian & Emmanuel
Year Two	Lily-May, L & Ralphy	Daniel & Sana	Roman & Fabian
Year Three	Eliyam & Lukas	Joshua & Jacob	Kamsiyochukw & Rosie
Year Four	Kaitlyn & Katrina	Jayden & Franciszek	Natania & Daniel
Year Five	Mason & Ymad	Valentina, G & Logan	Zara & Liliana
Year Six	Hanna & Davin	Adam & Kelsie	Abiel & Julia



**Amelia, M, Adiam, Tiana, Emma, Maria N,  
Marvellous, Leo and Maksymilian.**



Snippets of News from our  
School Parliament

Well done to Daisy Ella our Eco Council lead and Mrs Donnelly. After a successful food collection to celebrate our Harvest Festival the Team managed to raise £130.00 worth of food to share with our local food banks. The children are really living out their gospel virtues in showing generosity and compassion for those less fortunate than themselves. Well done!

The School Parliament have organised a St Margaret Mary Poster Competition this week. I am looking forward to seeing all the entries. Good luck to everyone!

## 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 29 - A Right to an Education**.

**Our overall attendance : 94%**

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 92% Y1 Attendance = 94%

Y2 Attendance = 95% Y3 Attendance = 96%

Y4 Attendance = 95% Y5 Attendance = 93%

Y6 Attendance = 95%

Article of the Week



Article 16 - The  
Right to Privacy.



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

