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Thought for the week:
'Lest we forget.'

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for November 2022

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Friday 11th November 2022

Y3/4 Mass

Thank you to the Y3/4 team for organising today's mass celebrating the Feast of St Martin of Tours. Many thanks to all our families and parishioners who joined us today. The children were very reverent. The message from the Gospel today is to show generosity and compassion is to be a follower of Jesus.

Remembrance Day.

This Sunday (13th) is Remembrance Sunday, a day when we pause, reflect and consider the sacrifice that so many have made across a number of different conflicts for our country. We rang a bell at 11.00 o'clock today and observed a minute's silence to remember all those brave souls who have gone before us.

Y1/2 D&T

Key Stage One have enjoyed designing and creating hand **Puppets** over the last few weeks in Y1 and deconstructing objects and creating **Mechanical Monsters** in Y2.

Confirmation Workshops for parents

A reminder to parents of pupils in Year 6 who are making their Confirmation on Monday 21st November that there is a workshop next Wednesday in school. It is very important that you attend to support your child at this workshop and also to understand the organisation of the event. If you haven't already chosen a Confirmation name with your child please do so ASAP as we need to create name cards before the day.

Y2 Trip to Buddhist Temple

Thank you to Mr Mulligan and the Y2 Team for overseeing a wonderful trip to the Buddhist Temple this week. The children had a tour of the temple, learned about the variety of temples across the world, looked at statues and artefacts in the temple and learned some interesting facts about Buddhism. This is linked to our SMVSC curriculum where we look at other faiths and celebrate our similarities and differences.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-bullying week. Mrs Coates has arranged an assembly for the pupils in Y1-6. We are very proud to be a 'telling' school. We want our children to feel safe and know they have a voice if anyone is being unkind to them. There will be numerous activities in classes throughout the week also.

Retrieval

Mrs Coates and Miss McCarron are leading the school on 'retrieval'. We want the children in our school to 'know more and remember more'. Our retrieval practices in school are linked to memory, ensuring that the children can recall facts and information about topics they have previously studied. We will be trialling lots of different retrieval practices and there are some suggestion on google classroom if you would like to try them out. This project will help the children with revision skills in later years at KS3/4.

Reception School Places 2022-23

Parents who are seeking a Reception place for their child next academic year should visit the Birmingham Council Admissions Page and submit an online application. **The closing date for this is 15th January 2023.**

Building Project in School for Autumn Term 2022

Please take care when walking or driving up the school drive from now until the end of term as work will be taking place in the upper car park. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Parking

Could I please ask parents who park in and around the housing estate off Dovedale Road to be aware of residents' driveways. We have been contacted by some residents to ask that we park responsibly.

Help in Brum

Please find attached some information we have been asked to share with you around the rising cost of living.

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

Prayer of the Month:



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



Diary Dates

Y6Y Wednesday 16th November

Y5/6 Mass in Church Friday 18th November

After School Clubs:

Monday Y3 and Y6

Tuesday Y1 and Y6

Thursday Y2/3/4/5

Y6 Parent Confirmation Workshop for parents 9.00 am Wednesday 16th November

Learning Corner



Revisit your SMART rules and find out about the heart symbol.

Assembly	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Ava	Yulyana	Arad
Reception	Halle & Ava-Mae	Jesse & Szymon	Leo & David
Year One	Krystal & Michal	Hannah & Maximus	Jacob & Ruth
Year Two	Hanna & Grace	Zikora & Kaian	Max & Toby
Year Three	Evelyn & Ellena	Roman & Harley	Isabella & Eryk
Year Four	Summer & Eijah	Mason & Teodors	John & Owen
Year Five	Bryan & Franciszek	Kaitlyn & Oluwatimileyin	Jamel & Alex
Year Six	Iqra & Maria	Ebele & Makomborero	Zuhayra & Jordan



**Brae, Kurt, Skyler, Rita,
Kaydrah, Lucian and Makail.**



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

Aurelia, Alan, Gloryanne, Haniel, Mary, Yocabel, Roman, Isabella, Amarachukwu, Chimamanda and Valentina. G.



Snippets of news

Many thanks to Mrs Coates and the ECO Team for organising our Poetry competition. The winners are: Aria-Rose, Zakariah, Dalia, Poppy, Marnie, Jacob D, Kaian, Xavier T, Ellena, Jacob J, Eva S, Amelia, Eugenie, Chisom and Bethany.

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: 94%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 95% Y1 Attendance = 90%
Y2 Attendance = 95% Y3 Attendance = 96%
Y4 Attendance = 94% Y5 Attendance = 96%
Y6 Attendance = 94%

Article of the Week



Article 45— World Children's Day



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

