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Thought for the week:
'Choose to be optimistic, it feels better.'



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 18th November 2022

Mass

Thank you to the Y5/6 team for organising today's mass with school, parents and parish. The children were very reverent and are great ambassadors and role models for our younger children. This weekend we celebrate the feast of *Christ the King*. On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*,

Confirmation Workshops for parents

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the workshop. The children are ready for their next Sacramental step and I am confident they will make us all proud on Monday evening. A reminder that pupils are to wear their school uniform and arrive with their Sponsors at church for 6.15 pm. All family members are asked to arrive at church from 6.40 onwards. **Mass will start promptly at 7.00pm.**

Trip

Y1 visited Cannock Toy Museum this week as part of their topic of 'Homes and Toys'. The children had a fantastic day out learning about toys from the past. They thoroughly enjoyed a Punch and Judy show and found out lots of interesting facts about the past.

Professor McGinty

Y6 had the pleasure of seeing our 'Time Traveller' friend Professor McGinty. The pupils learned about the River Nile, the origins of Egypt and how people used to live in those ancient times. Please see the pictures on our Twitter feed for all the exciting things that the children experienced.

D&T Week

Lower Key Stage Two completed their Design and Technology projects this week. Y3 made *Static Electric Games* and Y4 created *Book Sleeves* using the skill of sewing. The quality of this subject has improved enormously in our school over the last few years thanks to Mrs Attwood and Miss Parkes our D&T Coordinators.

Anti-Bullying Week

Many thanks to Mrs Coates for organising an assembly for the whole school during anti-bullying week. We are proud to be a 'telling' school and work really hard to resolve issues with children, identify issues early and ensuring that all our pupils feel safe. We particularly focused on the dangers online and urged the children to revise their SMART rules.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure that you contact school if your child is absent for any reason. If your child is absent from school for 3 or more days we may undertake a home school visit to carry out a safe and well check. May I also ask that parents ensure children arrive at the gate on time. The school gates are open between 8.30 and 8.45 am. When children arrive after this time, they are late for lessons and it also delays the adults supervising the gates getting to their classes. Many thanks in advance for your continued support.

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.

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 Swimming
Wednesday 23rd
November

Y1/2 Mass in Church
Friday 25th November

After School Clubs:
Monday Y3 and Y6
Tuesday Y1 and Y6
Thursday Y2/3/4/5

Y6 Confirmation Mass
in Church on Monday
21st November 7.00 pm

Learning Corner



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

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Reign	Noh	Joshua
Reception	Moyosola & Violet-Rae	Leo & Tyquan	Cassius & Runako
Year One	Alfie & Bella-Rose	Elroi & Adari	Solyana & Daberechukwu
Year Two	Grace H & Mya	Bobby & Laura	Maisie & Hanna
Year Three	James & Penelope-Pearl	Lily-May & Jasmine	Matt & Kamsiyochukw
Year Four	Blossom-Anne & Denis	Chidubem & Subhan	Olivia & Nathan
Year Five	Sophie & Naomi	Zofia & Daniel	Jayden & Amelie
Year Six	Valentina G & Ugonna	Muhammad & Oliwia	Caleb & Meghan



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

Meghan, Brodie-Leigh, Chisom, Ymad, Leila, Ocean, Ruby, Sophie, Beulah, Valentina and Chimamanda.

Holly, Romy, Logan B, Rosie D, Bobby,

Aariya, Grace, Amayah, Thomas,

Muki, Amarachukwu, Siyena, Maya, Pius & Caleb.



Snippets of news from
our School Parliament

Mrs Young has organised our non-uniform day for November Birthday's to take place on Thursday 24th November.

In the run up to Christmas the Parliament will be organising some more fun activities.

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: 91%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 82% Y1 Attendance = 98%
Y2 Attendance = 90% Y3 Attendance = 96%
Y4 Attendance = 92% Y5 Attendance = 88%
Y6 Attendance = 90%

Article of the Week



Article 23 —
International Day of People
with Disabilities



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

