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**Thought for the week:**  
**'Kindness always comes back'**

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for March 2023**



**For victims of abuse**  
 We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering..

Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents,

**Y3/4 Mass**

Thank you to Mr Barton, Miss McInerney, Miss Parkes and Miss Travers for organising today's mass around the theme; 'Ask and you shall receive.' As we worship in the season of Lent the mass tells us today that we can ask God for whatever we need and He will always hear us and listen to us. Many thanks to our parents and parish for their continued support.

**Y5/6 Collective Worship**

Mr Mulligan spoke with all the pupils in Year 5 and 6 today about the meaning of Lent. Together, they looked at the symbols of Lent and learned about the significance of the season where we *fast, pray and give alms*.

**PSHE Day**

Thank you to Miss Winchurch for organising our 'Healthy Me' PSHE Day in school this week. The children learned about many aspects of a healthy lifestyle: a good diet to ensure we get the correct nutrients and vitamins to stay healthy, exercise to keep our bodies flexible and lean and emotional health keeping ourselves and our mindfulness positive.

**World Book Day**

Thank you to Mrs Hesgrave our English Lead who organised World Book Day. This year we tried something different and it was a great success. We raised a total of £219.00 which we intend to donate to **The Birmingham Children's Hospital**. We chose this charity because one of our Year 5 pupils has been there since December and they have looked after him and cared for him so well. A big thank you to everyone who has donated.

**Yellow Day**

Today we celebrated St David's day. The children have carried out some work this week on St David, the Patron Saint of Wales. Thank you to Mrs Young and the Wellbeing Committee for organising this event today. All funds raised will go towards summer PE equipment.

**Hudson's Care Charity Boxes**

Today the children are bringing home an appeal box for Hudson's Care. We ask that during Lent the children put some pennies or small donations in the box and return it to school by 31st March. Hudson's Care are inviting the children to colour in and decorate their boxes.

**Y6 Transition**

As you know all Year 6 pupils have received their Secondary School information for September. If any parents have not made an application for Year 7 please contact me and I can advise you of the steps you need to take to make an application.

**Community Event**

Fr Simon has asked me to inform families about an event that is taking place on 22nd April in the local community, so that you can put it in your diaries. It is a fun day/fayre for families from noon to 3 pm. When we receive a flyer or further information I will pass this on to you.

**Internet Safety**

We strive weekly to ensure our children understand the SMART rules when working and socialising online. As parents are aware, we ask that you do not share concerts/assemblies online and to use them for your own personal use. Many thanks in advance for your continued support.

**Industrial Teacher Strikes**

Please be aware that there are 2 further dates that could effect school and closures to classes. I will write to you as soon as I can about any further closures. **In the meantime please note the 15th and 16th March are dates on which school or year groups may be closed again.**

**Sacramental Dates for Year 3 Parents**

A reminder that Reconciliation for Y3 pupils will take place on Monday 27th March. Holy Communion for Y3P is on Saturday 17th June at 11.00 am and Y3T Saturday 24th June at 11.00 am.

**Please Pray for**

We ask you to keep our school and parish community in your prayers and we especially think of the Meron, Williams, Iriabe and Young families at this time.

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

**Prayer of the Month**

May I know you more clearly,  
 Love you more dearly,  
 Follow you more nearly,  
 Day by day.

Amen'



**Diary Dates**

**All After school clubs:**

Monday— Y1 and Y6  
 Tuesday— Y2 and Y5  
 Thursday—Y3, Y4 & Y5

**Y5G Swimming on Wednesday 8th March**

Y1/2 Mass in Church on Friday 10th March at 9.15 am

**Family Mass for Y3 on Sunday 12th March in Church at 9.30 am**

**Learning Corner**



*Think of ways that you can fulfil you Lenten promise.*

*How can you show that you are 'learned and wise' in your daily lives?*

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Maths Star
Nursery	Ava	April	Noh
Reception	Andreas & Ava-Mae	Nancy-Lou & David	Patrick & Eliana
Year One	Samyar & David A	Aniyah & Maksymilian	Poppy & Natalia
Year Two	Oscar & Thomas	Hanna & Kurt	Alicja & Amayah
Year Three	Raena & Lamek	Jenson & Aiden	Roman & George
Year Four	David C & Subhan	Summer & Owen	Chidubem & Amelia
Year Five	Pius & Kaitlyn	Franciszek & Natania	Katrina & Adam
Year Six	Nathan & Ava-Rae	Aayat & Shay	Jonathan & Lewis



**Tyquan, Emmanuel, Dhian,  
Leo S, Emily-Grace, Naomi G,  
Jos Jordan and Esrom.**



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

*Joel, Amarachukwu, Eva S, Blossom, Dubem, Abigail B, Liliana, Alan, Chimamanda and Valentina G.*



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

*Congratulations to the winners of our Spring Poetry Competition.*

*Masha, Eden, Eva, Romy, Indya, Esme, Bobby, Xavier, Skyler, Amara, Rosie, Athena, Katrina, Aayat and Meghan.*

## 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: 96%**

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 95%    Y1 Attendance = 93%  
Y2 Attendance = 96%    Y3 Attendance = 99%  
Y4 Attendance = 95%    Y5 Attendance = 97%  
Y6 Attendance = 97%

Article of the Week



Article 317—Access to Information



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

