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Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Feast Day of St Margaret Mary

On Monday, we celebrated the special Feast Day of St Margaret Mary. This is a very special day in the calendar of the school. The children have continued this week to look at the life of St Margaret Mary and the themes of Mission, belonging, being saintly and how we can do good works in a variety of ways and places, in school and in our communities. Children throughout the school have produced some really thoughtful work.



Hispanic Day

As part of our MfL and Spanish Curriculum and learning, children across the school completed activities last week linked to the celebration of Spanish culture and Hispanic countries around the world. This included learning about key countries and places around the world, food and drink, dance and music, sport, arts and culture and famous people. The children had a wonderful time.



Mindfulness Workshops

Last Friday the children took part in Mindfulness Workshops that provided strategies for mindfulness and a positive mental health and well-being. Children and staff really benefitted from the techniques and calming strategies.



Football News

Congratulations to all of our children who have been involved in a number of football tournaments over the past few weeks. All pupils represented the school in a fantastic manner showing excellent sporting behaviour and teamwork. Well done everyone! Special thanks to staff and parents who have given up their valuable time in support of this.



Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents able to attend the Parents' Evenings that we held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. I do hope that you found these useful and that they helped to provide you with an update on how your child has settled this half-term and the progress that they are making. Also thank-you to all who managed to complete a Parent Questionnaire. This is really important, as it lets us know what we are doing well and how we can improve further.

Secondary School Choices - Y6 Parents

A final reminder to all Y6 Parents that the deadline for Secondary School Applications is Tuesday 31st October 2023.

Please see local authority guidance for further information on this.



Friends of St. Margaret Mary's



Friends of St Margaret Mary's would like to offer a movie night for all children.

Each class will have the opportunity to vote for the movie they would like to see. The movie with the most votes will be the one shown on your child's movie slot.

Please note that some of the movies the children will be voting for are rated P~~arental~~ Parental Guidance and by your child's attendance, we will gain permission.

The Movie night will begin at home-time all children must be collected **by an adult**

Admission £2.50 per child - This includes snack, drink & movie

Wednesday 1st Nov 3.00pm – 4.00pm EYFS and Key Stage 1 – Years 1 & 2

Thursday 2nd Nov 3.00pm – 4.30pm Key Stage 2 – Years 3,4,5, and 6

If you wish your child to stay for movie night then please make sure the £2.50 is passed to your child's class teacher in a sealed envelope.

We hope to see you there!

Friends of St Margaret Mary's.

Sacramental Programme: Year Three Pupils and Parents

Please see the attached information provided by Father Andrew, regarding the commencement and plans for this year's Sacramental Programme. All information regarding registration, calendar of dates and details are provided.



Christmas Card Design

Our school have been invited to enter a Christmas card designing competition with other schools across Manchester.

This year's theme is 'What I Love About Christmas' and is a fantastic opportunity for our children to showcase their creativity and capture the upcoming holiday spirit.

If your child would like to enter, they must create an **A5 landscape drawing of the front cover** and on the other side write their name, age and school.

The winning artwork will be the front cover of our MP Lucy Powell's official Christmas card which is sent to over 2,000 recipients. In addition, the winner and runners-up will receive gift cards and all participants will receive certificates.

If this is something you would like to take part in, please return the A5 piece of paper to your class teacher **no later than Tuesday 31st October** so we can send them off in time for the closing date.



LSC Holiday Club at Fairfield High School

Message from LSC:

Our course that usually runs from St Margaret Marys isn't running due to maintenance works, not to worry, we are running from Fairfield High not too far away!

After another successful summer holiday course, we are pleased to bring our holiday courses to Fairfield High School, we have an action-packed Halloween-themed week and hope many of your children can join us for the fun!

We can't wait to greet some of your children from St Margaret Marys again at our October holiday course Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

[Fairfield High School \(23rd October - 27th October\)](#)

All our sessions are available to book until the session capacity is at its maximum.

If you need anything else, please don't hesitate to reach out to LSC.

Mindfulness Workshops

Some of the lovely photographs from our Mindfulness Workshops last week ...



Some of our wonderful work ...

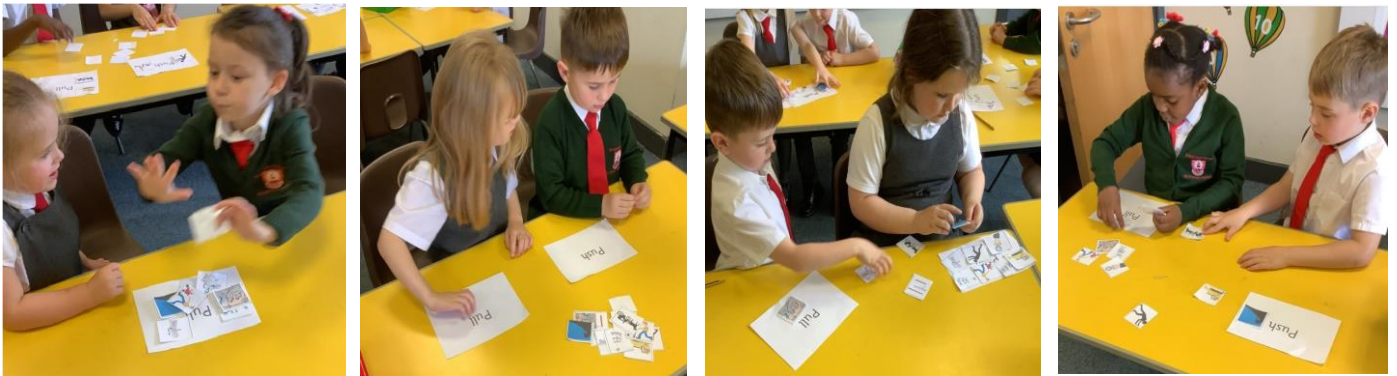
EYFS have been celebrating Hispanic day by learning our colours in Spanish and making Spanish flags...



EYFS had a visit from the dental nurse! She taught us how to brush our teeth properly and what to eat to stay healthy ...



Year 1T are sorting push and pull forces ...



2M are reflecting upon the life of St Margaret Mary on her feast day...



Some of our wonderful work ...

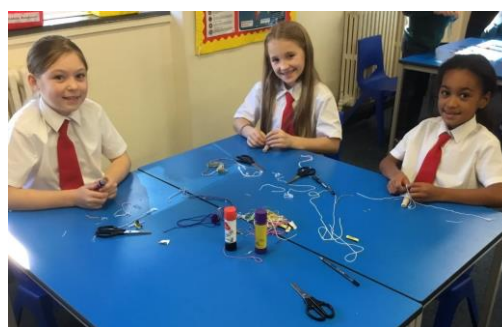
Year 1 & Year 2 had a great time learning to dance the flamenco as part of our Hispanic day ...



Year 3/4 enjoyed creating larger pictures inspired by Heather Hansen ...



As part of Hispanic day Year 5 and 6 made worry dolls which originate from Guatemala. In the Ancient Maya, children would tell their doll their worries at night and put it under their pillow...



6G enjoyed their Zoom session with Sharna Jackson ...we loved finding out what inspires her, the writing process and how much writers earn ...



Attendance

2M are this week's "Class Attendance Winners" with an excellent **95.9%** attendance closely followed by **1T** with **95.3%**!

NurW 87.8%	Nur/RecW 89.3%	RecK 86.8%	1T 95.3%	1/2M 95.0%	2M 95.9%
3S 89.3%	3/4D 94.1%	4C 91.9%	5C 87.7%	5J 88.2%	6G 86.4%
6W 92.2%					

When one class wins the "Class Attendance Winners" twice during a half-term they will receive a special reward.

Who will be next week's "Class Attendance Winners" ... see next week's school newsletter!





STARS OF THE WEEK

Rec: Teddy	Y1/2M: Garvin	Y3-4D: Jessica	Y5J: Gabriel
Rec: Ayda	Y2M: Millie	Y4C: Winston	Y6G: Jordan
Y1T: Milkias	Y3S: Tillie	Y5C: Eadie-Mae	Y6W: Raegan



Watch this space for when our next stars will be announced ...



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lucy Jacob	Jackson	Elliot	Izore Leo





STARS OF THE WEEK

Rec: Hallie Mae Rec: Rory Y1T: Aleksandra	Y1/2M: Jack Y2M: Tristan Y3S: Joshua B	Y3-4D: Matilda Y4C: Teddy Y5C: Joanna	Y5J: Ted Y6G: Christiana Y6W: Poppy
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Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sheena Odalo	Ollie P	Tilly Nabiel	Jordan Grace



Important Dates



Please note there may be additional dates added to the following:

Friday 20th October 2023	School closes for half-term
Monday 30th October 2023	School closed ~ Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 31st October 2023	School opens after half-term Deadline for Year 6 Secondary School applications
Wednesday 20th December 2023	School closes for the Christmas holidays
Monday 8th January 2024	School opens after Christmas holidays

Reminders: A reminder that School Re-opens on Tuesday 31st October at 8:45am. A comprehensive diary for the coming half-term and key events will be shared during the first week back.

Once again thank-you for your continued support and have a lovely, restful half-term break.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton



"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers." - Pope Saint Pius X