

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

1.10.2021

'Let your light shine before people so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven' (Matthew 5: v.16)



Congratulations to our **STARS** who have let their lights shine this week. The following children were presented with their certificates in our celebration worship this afternoon. They also received a treat from the 'treat basket!' I have been unable to upload photographs to our website, but I am hoping to have this sorted by next week so photos of all our stars will be added.

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Cerys P and Amelia G**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Jocelyn G and Henry B**

Year 2 (Miss Sweeney): **Shaan S and Emilia E**

Year 3 (Mrs Sprakes/ Mrs Slattery): **Fred C and Areeb A**

Year 4 (Mr Brooks): **Tobias L and Ines T**

Year 5 (Mrs Loughran): **Isla D and Katie P**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Amelea H and Flynn K**

A special mention for **Oscar H** (year 2) for receiving the **Headteacher's Award** this week.



DIARY DATES

4th October

3pm Whole school Worship

5th October

9am School photographs—
siblings and individual

3pm Hymn practice

6th October

1pm Yr 5/6 girls' football
competition

3pm Key stage assembly

7th October

3pm Key stage assembly

3:30pm Yr 5/6
Hockey tournament

8th October

2:45pm Whole school
Celebration worship

HOUSE POINTS

Finney (yellow): **364**

Shakespeare (blue): **497**

Seacole (red): **465**

Pankhurst (white): **477**

The winning house at the end of each half-term will receive an extra break-time!

Let's Pray

Loving God,

We thank you for the angels, who serve you in heaven;

Thank you for the angels, who bring your message of hope and peace to our world.

Thank you for the angels, who watch over us, and today especially thank you for the Archangel Michael, who fights against evil.

Following the example of all your holy angels, may we be ready to serve you, to share words of hope and peace, to care for one another and to stand firm against all that is wrong.

Amen





Festival of Angels

Thank you to all the children and staff who contributed to the angel festival last weekend. It was lovely to see some of you in church over the weekend and the angel art work looked amazing. Mrs Coulston co-ordinated the art and crafts activities and displayed them in church.



St Michael's Day

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed worship with Reverend Neil. A group of year 6 pupils read beautifully. Thank you **Jamie B, Harrison, Ben S, Sienna and George B.**

Reverend Neil reminded us all that God uses angels to send messages. The year 6 pupils read Luke 2.8-16 and Acts 12.6-11. How many Bible stories do you know of that feature angels giving messages?

During the St Michael's Day service, we sang, 'Be Bold, Be Strong,' 'My God is so Big,' and 'Build-Up.' The hymns reminded us that God is with us wherever we go. He builds us up! Reverend Neil reminded us that God uses angels to share good news and offer support too. He reflected on the story of Paul and even when Paul was at his lowest point, God supported him. He sent an angel to help Paul through the darkest times, to give him strength.

St Michael was strong and mighty. An archangel, who ensured that good overcame evil. St Michael stood up for what was right and followed God. The hymn, 'My God is So Big,' reminds us that God is strong and mighty. The children sang, 'My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing that He can not do.'

In church on Wednesday, a group of year two children, shared their thoughts about St Michael.

Who is he? What can we learn from him?

Eilee reminded us that we learn about St Michael on 29th September because it is St Michael's Day and our church and our school are both named after him. St Michael is an archangel in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

So what can we learn from St Michael?

Saint Michael is a healing angel. He brought hope and peace.

Matilda B (Y2) explained that St Michael reminds us about making the world a better place. She said he wants us to follow God and stop fighting and falling out.

A group of year two children shared their thoughts about how we can heal people.

Fraser thinks plasters help cuts get better and stop dirt getting in, **Matilda** enjoys hugs because they make people feel better when they are sad. **George H** shared his ideas about medicine healing people. **Lily H** suggested putting cream on sore skin. **Olivia H** suggested an ice pack.

Harvey encouraged giving love. **Quinn** thinks taking people to hospital heals them and **Tilly** likes helping people. Finally, **Shaan** thinks it is important to tell somebody if somebody needs healing so they can help too.



Do you bring hope to the lives of others?

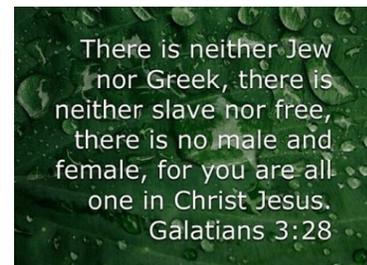
Emilia E in year 2 lets her light shine and brings hope. **Fraser** helps others and **Lily** smiles at people to make them happy.

How do you make our world a more peaceful place?

Rory B shows kindness. **Elijah** would like to plant more trees and **Zak** enjoys being calm and quiet.

Diversity workshops

On Thursday afternoon, the children enjoyed a series of workshops, to deepen their understanding of diversity and the importance of valuing the uniqueness of every individual. This is one of our whole school improvement priorities for this academic year- we ran the workshops to raise awareness of diversity and ensure that the children are aware of our drive to embed their understanding of diversity to ensure we all value uniqueness.



Here's a brief summary of the workshops:

Self-Portraits

The infant children created self-portraits. They looked at the work of Modigliani and used different media to create pictures of themselves and focused on what they look like. They discussed how we are all different and unique (eyes, hair, freckles, skin, glasses, etc). The children used mirrors to look at their faces, and then use different materials in each class to make the portraits.

Using our God given talents

Mrs Coulston showed the children a selection of videos of artists with disabilities who use their feet or mouth, or who are blind and feel the paint. The children then created pieces of art with paint, pencils, chalk or pastels but they used their feet or mouth, rather than their hands. Some children even wore a blindfold.

How is Jesus depicted?

Mrs Slattery focused on how Jesus is depicted visually in artwork. The children looked at imagery in other countries and cultures.

Diversity in Science

When the children worked with Mrs Loughran, they focused on 'who can be a Scientist?'
What might a scientist look like? What skills and qualities might a scientist have?

Family Diversity

Miss Threlfall looked at family diversity with the children. Can you invent a recipe for a special family? The children thought about the qualities that make a family special and designed their own recipe. Which ingredients would you add? Love? Care? Sharing? Trust? Laughter? Fun? Happiness? Kindness? .

Dance Around The World

Miss Sweeney looked at dances around the world with the children in Key Stage 1. This included traditional Bhangra, Samba and Russian Polka dancing.

Places of Worship

Miss Smith focused on places of worship. The children in Key Stage 1 visited church and we explored the different types of churches and also looked at places of worship for non-Christians.

Look out for photos and children's work on next week's newsletter, the school website and on Instagram.

Admission to Reception Class 2022

If you have children or know of any children whose fourth birthday falls between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, it will soon be time to start the process of applying for a school place. The parents of children whose names have been recorded in the school office have been contacted.

This year the application is only online and there is no paper admissions booklet. The link to the admissions booklet is:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

Open mornings/ afternoons- 'Show Rounds'

On **Wednesday 13th October** and **Tuesday 9th November**, at **9:30am** and **1:30pm**, some of our year 6 children will be on hand to give prospective parents a tour of our school. There will be an opportunity to hear from Mr Booth, headteacher, who will also hand out our school prospectus and admissions policy.

If you are considering applying for a place for your child to start in September 2022, and would like to receive a tour, please call the school office to put your name down for a place- please specify which date and time you would like as there are only 12 places for each time slot- these will be filled on a first come first serve basis. If the demand is high and all slots are filled for all dates and times, more will be made available.

Lancashire Science Festival

The Lancashire Science Festival will be returning on **Saturday 23 October** for our Public Day and **FREE Festival Passes** are now available to book via the following website:
<https://lancashiresciencefestival.co.uk/>

As always, there will be an exciting selection of shows and drop-in sessions that are all available to view now on our the website above.

Lancashire Science Festival – 23 October 2021

THANK YOU

Thank you to Hazel Taylor, one of our Grimsargh parishioners, who has donated a piece of artwork she recently created for the Festival of Angels celebration. The Angel painting has been displayed in St Michael's Church– we are hoping to hang the painting in our school hall.

SPORT

Year 5/6 Football Tournament



Well done to our Y5/6 football team, **Zach A, George G, Flynn K, Oscar S, William E, George B, Cody S and Ben S**, who played with skill, determination and teamwork in the Kids Cup tournament at Play Football, yesterday. We won three games and drew one of our six games scoring 10 goals! Mr Brooks

I was extremely proud of our team. It was great to spend time watching and supporting them and I look forward to the season ahead. Mr Booth

Our new Libraries...



KS2



KS1



