Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter 11.02.2022

'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.

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Kai L and Theo G**
Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Oliver B and Erin B**
Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Rory B and Evie G-P**
Year 3 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Malachy W and Matilda E**
Year 4 (Mr Brooks): **Tia T and Ellis T**
Year 5 (Mrs Loughran): **Malachi A and Noah E**
Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Leon G and Joseph R**

Well done to **Quinn T** (year 2), **George G** and **Sophie E** (year 6) for being chosen to receive the **Headteacher's** award.

DIARY DATES

21st February
Whole school Worship

22nd February
1pm SPORT
Year 5/6 Tag Rugby
PARENTS' EVENING

23rd February
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24th February
Reception & year 6 height and weight

25th February
2:45pm Whole school Celebration worship

HOUSE POINTS

Finney (yellow): 650
Shakespeare (blue): 816
Seacole (red): 859
Pankhurst (white): **709**

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to George G (year 6), his older brother and dad for clearing the path, by the old railway line, up towards school. The path was covered in leaves and had become slippery. This path is now much safer to walk up– great work in our community.

SOCIAL MEDIA

'**grimsarghstmichaels**' on Instagram

'**Grimsargh St Michael's C of E Primary School**' on Facebook.

Weekly Attendance

(For last week- week beginning 31st Jan)

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.7%
Reception: 97.7%
Year 1: 96.9%
Year 2: 91%
Year 3: 97%
Year 4: 95.5%
Year 5: 99.3%
Year 6: 99.7%

Respect

Do you show respect to everyone?

As we gathered to worship on Monday afternoon, the children enjoyed listening to Aretha Franklin's, 'Respect'. This reminded them about our core Christian value for this half term- Respect. Following this, children from Reception class and year 3, shared their ideas about special celebrations. Birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and religious festivals were all mentioned.

After that, we moved on to the main focus which was Platinum Jubilee celebrations, planned for 3rd June 2022. The children enjoyed learning that a jubilee is a special anniversary of an important event and the Platinum Jubilee marks seventy years on the throne for Queen Elizabeth.

We looked at a timeline of the Queen's life, starting with her birth on 21st April, 1926 and including the birth of her sister, Margaret and the fact that in December 1936, when Princess Elizabeth (now our Queen) was only ten years old her father became king. He was officially crowned King George VI in May 1937. The rest of Princess Elizabeth's childhood was spent preparing her for the day she would become Queen.

How does this illustrate the respect that Princess Elizabeth had for her Father and her duty to serve her country?

Sadly, on 6th February, 1952, her father, King George VI, died and therefore, Elizabeth became Queen. She was crowned in Westminster Abbey on 6th June, 1953

During her **reign**, Queen Elizabeth II has travelled all over the world, visiting many countries in the Commonwealth. She has met people from many different cultures and from a variety of backgrounds.

How does Queen Elizabeth show respect to the people she meets?
How do people show that they respect the Queen?

The Queen does not control the British Government but she meets with the Prime Minister once a week to discuss what is happening in the country. Her dedication to her role as queen, representing her family and her country, is often remarked upon.
The children discussed the respect that they have for our Queen and the respect she has for others. Even the Queen will have moments that challenge her and make her think deeply about the reasons why she should show respect for everyone.

Do you celebrate uniqueness and respect others?

At the end of worship, we sang the National Anthem and showed our respect and gratitude to Queen Elizabeth.

Prayer for Forgiveness and Respect

Lord sometimes we are rude and cross. Please forgive us.
Lord sometimes we don't listen to others. Please forgive us.
Lord sometimes we only think of ourselves.
Please forgive us and help us show respect.
Amen

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Exciting Opportunity

We are looking to appoint a new Site Manager/ Supervisor. This post will start on Tuesday 19th April.

If you are interested or you know of anyone who may be, please look out for the job advert on the Lancashire Teaching Vacancies website:

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=57968

School Policies

Our Governors have recently approved the following policies which can be found on our school website:

- **Online Safety** (within 'Safety'' then 'Online Safety')
- **Anti-Bullying**
- **School Uniform**

Both the Anti-Bullying and School Uniform Policies can be found within 'Key Information' then 'School Policies'.

NEW PLANTERS

Thank you to Mr Walker, dad of Ben W and Seb W, for donating 4 new planters to school. These will replace the 4 rotting planters that are on our school field. Mrs Sprakes and her gardening club will take responsibility for ensuring these are planted and cared for.

MATHLETICS

Scores for 31st-7th Feb

1st place: year 6 - 54,088 pts

2nd place: year 1 - 22,352

3rd place: year 3 - 20,650

4th place: year 2 - 16,331

5th place: year 4 - 15,072

6th place: year 5 - 7,928

Top Student - Jessica G

Scores for the HALF-TERM

1st place: year 6 - 204,252 pts

2nd place: year 3 - 142,491

3rd place: year 1 - 101,441

4th place: year 4 - 89,591

5th place: year 2 - 85,730

6th place: year 5 - 81,673

Top Student - Nathan W (47,472)

SPORTS NEWS

GYMNASTICS

Our year 4 gymnastics team finished 2nd in their section at West View Leisure Centre on Tuesday after a really impressive and polished performance from all 5 of our gymnasts. Seb W finished in 1st place for boys in the section overall, with Ellis T joint 2nd. For the girls, Sophia W finished joint 2nd. Thanks to the parents that helped with lifts and gave support to our team. Mr Brooks

Well done**: Seb W, Ellis T, Harmony B, Sophia W and Florence B-R.**

FOOTBALL

On Thursday our year 5/6 girls' football team were in action in the local tournament at Play Football Tulketh. Although the girls drew 2 and lost 4 of their 6 games, they played with real determination and clearly showed improvement from the previous tournament even without a key player in Lexi H being available. The behaviour, team spirit and resilience shown by the girls was wonderful to see. They were also playing against girls mainly a year older. A special mention to Sophie E who despite being hit in the face and suffering an injury to her hand, battled on bravely in goal.
The numerous parents who turned out to watch were fantastic in their encouragement of the girls. Thank you. Mr Brooks.

Well done: **Sophie E, Isla D, Isla W, Tillia W, Tenayah W, Katie P, Ellie A and Sophie L.**

PTFA: KS2 Disco

Our KS2 children got their party clothes on and had plenty of fun during their disco last night. The DJ entertained the children, playing plenty of games and taking many song/ artist requests.

Thank you to our PTFA for organising this event, to our parents, Ms Williams, Mrs Walmsley, Mrs Hough and Mrs Pickard, and to the staff, Mrs Garner, Mrs Slattery, Miss Smith and Mrs Loughran for giving up their time to support this event also.

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Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

SAFEGUARDING

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day, which is a nationwide celebration organised by The UK Safer Internet Centre, looking at all we do to address staying safe online.

All classes took part in activities to celebrate the day and reinforce their regular curriculum work on Internet Safety. This year's theme also ties in nicely with our Christian Value, **RESPECT.**

This is what we did...

Reception looked at a story featuring many of their favourite traditional tale characters who helped spread key messages about staying safe online and designed a new tablet game.

Year 1 watched the KS1 online assembly about 'Digiduck and the Magic Castle' then created a kinder internet spell in pairs.

Year 2 also watched the KS1 online assembly then invented a new bonus level for the magic castle game.

The Digiduck materials can be accessed here- https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/digiduck-and-the-magic-castle/

Year 3 watched the KS2 online assembly 'All Fun and Games? Exploring Respect and Relationships Online' then wrote a respectful relationship recipe.

Year 4 watched the KS2 online assembly then did a Kahoot quiz.

Year 5 watched the KS2 online assembly then thought of ten top tips for a safer internet.

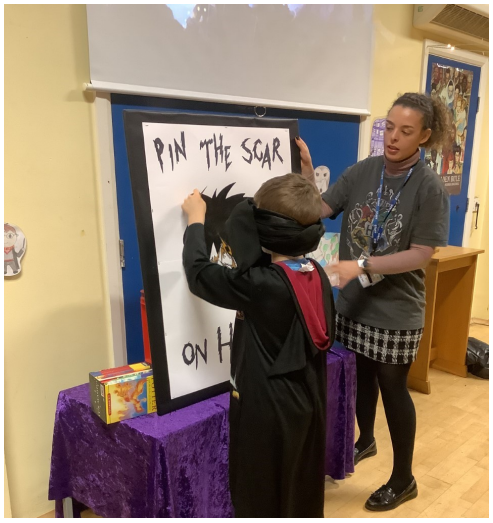
Year 6 also watched the KS2 online assembly then completed the quiz online. They also made family fortune tellers to spark off conversations with family at home about how to be safe online.

More activities are available here- https://www.childnet.com/resources/online-safety-activities-you-can-do-from-home/for-7-11-year-olds/

Do also take some time to have a look at our Safer Internet Day 2022 page on our school website (within 'Safety', then 'Online Safety') where photographs of children's work from the day can be seen. There are also some lovely activities to do at home as a family to support children to stay safe online

https://www.grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk/safer-internet-day-2022/

Book Night for Key Stage 2

On Thursday 3rd of February, we celebrated the globally anticipated event, Harry Potter Book Night! 2022 marks the 25th anniversary of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and the theme reflected the magical journey that Harry Potter books have taken so many millions of people on since the first book published in 1997.

Key Stage 2 children were invited to attend the event and go on a magical journey of their own, through enchanting games, magical crafts and bewitching activities. These included wand making, potions class, the sorting hat, pin the scar on Harry, quizzes and colouring, a film room, jelly bean tasting and quidditch ping-pong! It was a wonderful event, where magical memories were made, and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and staff who attended. We hope it also inspired lots of the children to read the Harry Potter books!