

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

13.01.2023

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



DIARY DATES

Monday 16th January

YEAR 3 START SWIMMING

3pm Whole School Worship

Tuesday 17th

3pm Singing Practice

Wednesday 18th

3pm KS2 Worship

Thursday 19th

3pm KS1 Worship

9:30am Year 3/4 Football

3:30pm Year 5/6 Tag Rugby

Friday 20th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our **STARS** who have let their lights shine this week.
Our Celebration Assembly was made extra special by having the families of
our stars join us.

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Finn A and Blake W**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Ollie W and Eva P**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Henry B and Elise T**

Year 3 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Harry M and Emilia E**

Year 4 (Mr Brooks): **Malachy W and Amelia T**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Joseph F and Milly H**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Noah L and Beth C**

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 2nd January)

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.4%

Reception: 97.9%

Year 1: 94.2%

Year 2: 97.4%

Year 3: 99.2%

Year 4: 97.4%

Year 5: 95.3%

Year 6: 93.4%

September 2023

Primary Admissions

Online applications for reception class
admissions are still open:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

The closing date for returning forms for
reception is 15th January 2023.



Instagram

SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



Worship This Week: Who is your neighbour?



Think of some kind things that you could do today. Think of some things that you should not do because they would upset other people.

In worship this week, we shared the story of The Good Samaritan
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLzdQtetedc>

In the story, someone had been badly hurt, but only one of the three people who came by helped him. I wonder what we could learn from that story about how we treat other people, especially those who are feeling hurt or upset.



If you see someone who is hurt or upset, don't just ignore them- either go and help them yourself or find an adult who can help. Be prepared to help anyone, not just someone you like. This is the example Jesus set and Christians think it is a good example!



Dear God,
There are times when we need help from others
and times when others need help from us.
Help us always to be ready to help each other,
even people we don't like, just as Jesus taught us.
Amen

Reverend Neil

It was great to see St Michael's Church full on Sunday. Reverend Neil lead the congregation in worship for the final time and talked about the important role we all play in ensuring that our St Michael's Parish and our Grimsargh Community continue to thrive.

On behalf of our school community I would like to thank Reverend Neil for his time, supporting our children with their learning, both in school and at St Michael's Church, for his support, guidance for, and calmness towards our children, our staff and for our school families and for ensuring that we continue to develop our strong links between school and Church.

Reverend Neil, you will be missed- we wish you all the best for what the next chapter in your life holds.

Val Keighley

I would like to thank Val Keighley, parent of children who have now left Grimsargh St Michael's, for her time and energy spent supporting our school through the PTFA. Val has been part of the group for a number of years but has decided it is time to step down.
Thank you



Winnie the Pooh Day

On Wednesday 18th January, our KS1 classes will celebrate Winnie the Pooh Day! It is a special day celebrated on the birthday of author A A Milne. Each class will mark the occasion with a range of Winnie the Pooh themed activities that we are sure all of the children will enjoy.

- Reception are going to do the Winnie the Pooh exercise video, honey tasting, and plenty of Winnie the Pooh stories throughout the day.
- Year 1 will be sharing lots of stories, explore The Hundred Acre Wood, play the WtP bingo game and also do the exercise video.
- Year 2 will be creating portraits in art of the characters from Winnie the Pooh, listening to and reading some of the stories, learning about some of the history of Winnie and creating some books about Winnie the Pooh.

SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- 'Yubo' guide for Safeguarding tips.

Yubo is a social networking platform where users can chat and livestream with up to 10 friends at once. People can connect with others based on location, with a Tinder-style 'swiping' mechanism to accept or reject someone based on their profile pictures. The app has approximately 50 million users worldwide – but despite its popularity, Yubo has not been free from controversy. While the app claims to monitor inappropriate content, a newspaper investigation in early 2022 found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism, bullying and conversations with adult themes.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and flimsy age gates.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Scores for: 2nd to 8th January



1st place: reception	23,300 pts
2nd place: year 5	19,720 pts
3rd place: year 2	16,630 pts
4th place: year 4	14,120 pts
5th place: year 3	12,932 pts
6th place: year 1	8,930 pts
7th place: year 6	4,250 pts

Top Student

Fraser C (year 3) - 3870 pts

SPORT

New Age Kurling

Our kurling team took part in an inter-school competition at West View Leisure Centre on Tuesday morning.

We got off to a great start winning our opening match against St Andrew's 4 stones to 0. We then lost our next 2 matches against St Joseph's and Queen's Drive. As a result, we finished in joint second in our group but missed out on progressing to the semi-finals due to the difference in stones won and lost.

However, we played off against Sherwood and won comfortably before losing our final match 2-1 against St Anthony's. Well done to our team:
Zach J, Harriet H, Archie F and Zsolt H.



Girls' Football

On a blustery Thursday afternoon, our girls' football team played the previously postponed tournament at Play Football. Firstly, we were unlucky to be allocated an outside pitch, but we got off to a great start with a 2-0 win against Olive School. Our second game saw us come up against a strong St Anthony's team and we went down 3-1 despite a powerful free kick scored by Ellie.

The third game proved decisive and although we started well and had several chances, we lost v Sherwood to 3 late goals. Our two final group games were lost narrowly 2-1 v Frenchwood and again to OLSE. The fact the girls were frustrated at not winning more games shows how far they have progressed. We were extremely competitive but just lacked a bit of ruthlessness to finish chances- and the vital element of luck deserted us!

Well done to the girls who represented school with sportsmanship and pride. Also, thanks to those parents who braved the cold to give their support to the team.

Team: **Ellie A, Lexi H, Evie R, Katie P, Isla D, Amber R, Sophie L, Tenayah W and Tillia W.**

Extra –curricular clubs

If you were able to complete the clubs form with your child's name and class details, then you will have been successful and have secured a place in that particular club. If you were unable to access the form, then unfortunately, you would have been unsuccessful on this occasion.

Our clubs have again, proved to be extremely popular. Unfortunately some children will not have secured a place in the club of their choice. If you would like your child to be placed on a waiting list for a particular club, for this term, please contact the member of staff leading the club. It may be that some children do not attend and thus places will become available.

Thank you to all school staff who will be leading clubs this term.

BOARD GAMES

Miss Walwin-Holm is looking for a donation of board games, jigsaws and card games to support her emotional literacy sessions during nurture. If you have any that you wouldn't mind kindly donating, then please drop these off at the school office. Thank you.