

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

24.02.2023

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

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our **STARS** who have let their lights shine this week.

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Felicity G and Harry C**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Aiden H and Amelia G**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Leo C and Teddy G**

Year 3 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Sienna G and Finley G**

Year 4 (Mr Brooks): **Reggie C and Emily D-W**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Bob G and Alice R**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Dustie M and Noah E**

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 6th February)

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.9%

Reception: 96%

Year 1: 98%

Year 2: 99.6%

Year 3: 95.3%

Year 4: 96.7%

Year 5: 100%

Year 6: 93.4%

Rest and Reflect Area

A big thank you to Michelle from 'So Plants' for her very generous donation of plants for our Rest and Reflect area. The planters, once planted up, are going to create a sensory area for the children as well as support biodiversity.

Thank you also to Sophia L, who is proving to have incredibly green fingers, and her mum, Mrs Lees, for planting. A thank you also to Mrs McGivern for giving up her time to help with the planting. Your support is much appreciated as always!

The Rest and Reflect area will be officially opened on Tuesday 28th and the judging for the new sign will also take place on this day.



DIARY DATES

Monday 27th February

3pm Whole School Worship

9:30am Reception and Yr6
Height & Weight

1pm Yr3/4 Striking & Fielding
competition

Tuesday 28th

3pm Hymn Practice

2pm Opening of our Rest &
Reflect Area

Wednesday 1st March

3pm Key Stage Worship

Thursday 2nd

3pm Key Stage Worship

Friday 3rd

2:45pm Celebration Assembly



SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



Shrove Tuesday

Thank you to the children in Year 3 who took the lead during whole school worship on Tuesday. They reminded us about the symbolism of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and what Shrove Tuesday means for Christians.



Shrove Tuesday introduces the idea of Lent. It is an important time of year for Christians. It reminds them of when Jesus was in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights without food. To find out more, have a look in the Bible and read the story of Jesus in the wilderness with your son/ daughter.

Why is Lent important?



Jesus spent time preparing. He was 'getting ready' for something important. Jesus was getting ready for his work of healing and teaching. It was important that he was somewhere on his own, so that he could focus on God, with no distractions. He had a busy and important time ahead. We use Lent as a time to focus especially upon God.

Jesus was tested in the desert. Jesus stuck by God. When things get hard, or you are tempted to forget God, you can trust in God. He never leaves you.

Some people try to turn over a new leaf in Lent...like the pancake being flipped, we can show another side to us.

Dear God,

**Thank you that during Lent we can think more about you and focus on you.
We pray that you will help us with the positive things we choose to do this Lent.
We pray also for all those in the world who have no power, no money,
no food or have lost their way in life.**



Ash Wednesday



The children gathered to worship on Wednesday afternoon, to think about Ash Wednesday.

Thank you to the Year 6 pupils who read from the Bible. They spoke with confidence and shared the story of the temptation of Jesus from Matthew 4:1-11 and Matthew 6:25-33. Jesus tells us not to worry about tomorrow - seek first His Kingdom.

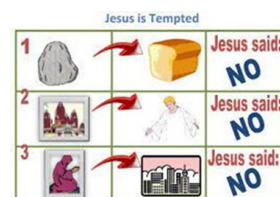
We sang, 'He'll be there', reminding us that where ever we are and however we feel, God is with us.

The children enjoyed learning why we call the day after Shrove Tuesday, 'Ash Wednesday.'
Some Christians go to church to have an ash cross drawn onto their forehead to remind them of the time Jesus spent in the wilderness.

Ash is referred to in the Bible and it is associated with people being sorry for something, despair or grieving. In biblical times, people wore sack cloth and put ash on their head to symbolise their sorrow, despair or grief. This is illustrated in the story of Joseph and his multicoloured coat. During Lent, Christians are called to say sorry. They try to become better people and draw closer to God. God forgives us and helps us. He wants to love us.

Gardeners sometimes put ash on the soil in the garden to help the plants grow. Ash in the garden is the same as ash in our journey/life with God. Ash reminds us that we too can grow with Him.

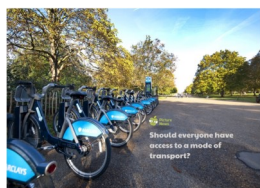
God calls us to trust Him. The Bible readings remind us of this.



Lent challenge

During Lent, consider carrying out forty acts of kindness as a family.





PICTURE NEWS

Key question: Should everyone have access to a mode of transport?

Bible Quote:

Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God

is with thee whithersoever thou goest .
Joshua 1:9



Individual Liberty

There are many factors that may influence how we choose to travel. It is important to consider the consequences of our choices and the impact they may have on ourselves, others and the environment.



SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- 'Tips for Encouraging Open Discussions about Digital Lives'

Most parents frequently chat with their child about how things are going at school or what's happening in their friendship groups – but those discussions often don't extend to youngsters' online activities. In fact, National Online Safety conducted a recent survey which found that only slightly more than half (54%) of parents regularly talk to their children about staying safe online.

It can be an awkward topic to broach and, of course, it needs not to feel intrusive. However, just checking in with your child about their digital life can get them thinking about online safety and alert you to any issues they might be having. In support of Safer Internet Day 2023, our #WakeUpWednesday guide has some useful tips on potential ways to start those conversations.

In the guide you'll find a number of useful tips such as being as honest as possible, discussing how misleading the online world can be and creating a 'family agreement'.



Scores for: 6th to 19th Feb



1st place: year 4	37,707 pts
2nd place: reception	27,208 pts
3rd place: year 1	21,900 pts
4th place: year 6	20,048 pts
5th place: year 3	17,131 pts
6th place: year 5	14,682 pts
7th place: year 2	14,682 pts

Top Student

Evan W (year 4) - 7520 pts

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Tag Rugby

On Tuesday, our Tag Rugby team went to UCLAN to compete in a tournament. Our first game saw us beaten by an excellent Barton St Lawrence team, who went on to take 1st place. We then won against Broughton and St Joseph's. We then lost to Queen's Drive to finish 3rd in our section, which was a very competitive one.

The team has shown continued improvement throughout their league games and during the tournament. Well played everyone!

Team: **Cody H, Rory S, Ellis T, Harry J, Alex J, Jenson P, Evie R, Eleanor H, Katie P and Scarlett B.**

Football

On Thursday we were back at UCLAN for the first fixtures of the girls' football league. We had a great start with a 2-0 win against Harris with goals from Amber and Evie. In our second game, despite dominating for the entire match we were held to a 0-0 draw. A really positive start, well done girls!

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

Thanks as always to all the parents who helped with lifts to the venue and gave support to our teams.

Clubs

Due to parents' evenings next week we have cancelled our after school clubs on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Clubs will run as normal on Tuesday after school and on all days before school and during lunchtime.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

We have vacancies for three foundation governors to join our Governing Body.

If you are interested please contact Mr Anthony Cowell (info@cowells.co.uk), St Michael's Church Warden.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day this year will be on **Thursday 2nd March.**

As always, we are planning a fun filled day with lots of reading and writing activities. However, with vocabulary being one of the golden threads of our school curriculum, this

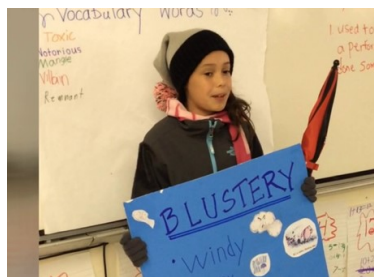
year we are having a '**Vocabulary Parade**' and would like to ask the children to dress up in clothing which reflect a word. For example, you could dress in rainbow clothing for the word colourful or dress in pyjamas for sleepy.

This is a fun way of helping the children to expand their vocabulary, so the more obscure the word the better.

Please could you also send your child along with the word which they are representing.

Please do not go out and buy new costumes, here are some example ideas.

Your child was given a book token today. This can be used at our book fair which we will run the week beginning Monday 27th March— more details to follow.



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Calling all local business owners!

The Circus is coming to Grimsargh St Michael's school, and we're looking for local businesses to support the event.

If you'd be interested in advertising your business, we have a variety of packages available.

Contact:

ptfa@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk
for more information
by 17th March.