

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

03.02.2023

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



DIARY DATES

Monday 6th February

3pm Whole School Worship

**'YOGI' Well-being Day -
please wear school PE kit**

Tuesday 7th

3pm Singing Practice

9:30am Yr3/4 Gymnastics

Wednesday 8th

3pm KS2 Worship

Thursday 9th

3pm KS1 Worship

Friday 10th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

Congratulations!

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Esther H and Daniel L**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Freddie W and Lucy G**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Caleb C and Ruby C**

Year 3 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Charlotte B and Harry E**

Year 4 (Mr Brooks): **Vaibhav R A and Jaiden W**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Amber R and Zack M**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Heidi B and Alex J**

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 23rd January)

WHOLE SCHOOL: 98.2%

Reception: 99.7%

Year 1: 98.7%

Year 2: 97.1%

Year 3: 98%

Year 4: 99.4%

Year 5: 96.2%

Year 6: 98%

PARENTS' EVENING

Change of date

I have made the decision, in light of further proposed teacher strikes on Tuesday 28th February, to change the date of our spring term Parents' Evenings.

Instead of taking place on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March as previously communicated, they will now take place on **Monday 27th February** and **Wednesday 1st March**.

You will receive further information about these two evenings next week.



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SOCIAL MEDIA



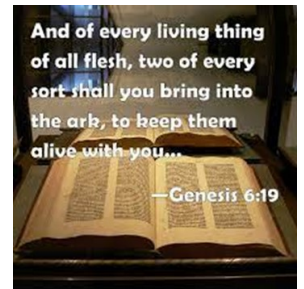
'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



Why did Noah build an ark?

Can your son/ daughter retell the story of Noah's Ark?



[Click here to watch and listen to the story](#)



During whole school worship on Monday, a group of children used their drama skills to retell the story of Noah's ark.

Noah had to **persevere** and **trust** in God's plan for him. At the end of the story, Noah's family made it to safety and God made a covenant promise between him, Noah and his creation, symbolised by a rainbow.

Do you always remain faithful to God instead of worrying what other people think?



Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for always being with us.
Thank you for loving us.
Thank you for teaching us through the Bible.
Help us to persevere and trust in you.
Amen



Diversity

As a school we are passionate about ensuring we celebrate diversity. 'Diversity' and ensuring our children value 'uniqueness' is one of our 5 Golden Threads. Therefore, we jumped at the chance to welcome Reece Taylor into our school.

Reece has Cerebral Palsy and is a full-time wheelchair user. Since May 2019, he has conducted Disability Awareness Courses throughout the Rossendale valley, at local schools. Reece wanted to reach out to schools outside of his local area to share his story.

Reece's session looked at, what Cerebral Palsy is, how he came to be diagnosed with it, the different types and severity of the disability, the positive aspects of living with a disability, the more challenging aspects of his life and his achievements with the idea that this would encourage children to think that they can achieve anything regardless of their circumstances.



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 Thinking Day

Each year on 22nd February, over 10 million Guides, Brownies & Rainbows etc throughout the world celebrate being part of Girlguiding.

Brownies and Rainbows can, as in previous years, wear their Girl Guiding uniform to school on this day.

PTFA

Break the Rules Day

Friday 10th Feb!

50p per rule break;
payment via
ParentPay.



SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- **'12 Top Tips for Building Cyber Resilience at Home'** guide for safeguarding tips.

In the last couple of decades, the volume of online traffic has increased exponentially – but, by and large, people's awareness of the accompanying risks hasn't grown along with it. To illustrate the scale of the issue, consider this: a report by the Internet Crime Complaint Centre found that, in the US during 2020, there was a successful cyber-attack every second. Yes: every second.

Criminals continue to find new and devious ways to attempt to hijack our online transactions and harvest our private information. To them, the smart devices that many of us now use as standard at home are simply a convenient back door into our lives – and our networks. Check out our #WakeUpWednesday guide for advice on beefing up your household's cyber resilience. In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as how to use a password manager, how to back up your data and how to check for breaches.

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



Scores for: 23rd to 29th January



1st place: reception	26,796 pts
2nd place: year 5	20,670 pts
3rd place: year 3	17,546 pts
4th place: year 1	16,830 pts
5th place: year 4	15,740 pts
6th place: year 6	13,644 pts
7th place: year 2	13,567 pts

Top Student

Evan W (year 4) - 7120 pts

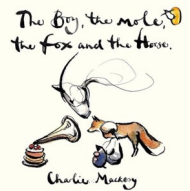
We are excited to be taking part in a languages project with Reading University which will include all KS2 children. They will monitor our French learning and come into school for a few sessions a year to work with the children. We are working hard to develop the profile and importance of French in school. Please see the attached letter for more information, and a form to complete if you would like your child to 'opt out'. Mrs Slattery.



Children's Mental Health Week

The week beginning Monday 6th February is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme is 'Let's Connect'.

As a school, we have decided to centre our learning around the book '**The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse**' by Charlie Mackesy. This is a wonderful book that is all about four friends who are all different, have different weaknesses and focuses on living life courageously with more kindness for yourself and others - and how to ask for help when you need it. Each class will complete a range of activities linking to the book and mental health. On Monday, each class will also have a 'Yogi' session, this is a fun and engaging children's yoga session to support focus, mindfulness and relaxation.



Multi-skills

Our team of year 6 children took part in the multi-skills competition at Fulwood Academy. There were 12 schools in total competing across 6 different events: target kicking; overarm throw, target throw, triangular relay, 2-minute ball relay and boccia target throw. The event ended with a long relay. Our team performed superbly in all events but I would say the target kicking was probably our most successful with all children scoring at least one 3 point kick. It was great to see all our team smiling, having fun and trying their best.

I was very proud of our team in terms of their performance, but more importantly their commitment, attitude and behaviour. Well done everyone.

Well done to: **Beth C, Amy C, Isla W, Toby H, Malachi M and Faizan M**

U7 Mini-skills

On Tuesday morning, I was very privileged to take a group of Y2 children to West View Leisure Centre for a mini skills competition. The team performed admirably in six different events involving the skills of throwing, kicking accurately, relay races and teamwork.

The children had a wonderful time- all giving their best and showcasing their skills. To top it off, **we finished 3rd** in our extremely competitive section, winning medals. Superb effort, children!

Team: **Seth G, Oliver B, Amelia A, William L, Elise T and Ruby C**

RUGBY

On Thursday, the Tag Rugby team played 3 games v Blessed Sacrament, St Teresa's and Brockholes Wood, acquitting themselves really well. We learned our lessons from 2 weeks ago and won three straight games!

Firstly, 6-3 v Blessed Sacrament in which we defended really well, next 8-4 v St Teresa's and finally an exciting 9-8-win v Brockholes Wood when despite being extremely tired, we showed great resolve. We look forward to the tournament after half-term.

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