

# Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

10.02.2023

*'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): **Oliver B and Alexander B**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Ben G and Nes C**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Noah H and Shaun C**

Year 3 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Eilee S and Elijah H**

Year 4 (Mr Brooks): **Elliott B and Erin T**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Ines T and Erin W**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Sophie L and Eleanor H**

## Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 30th January)

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.7%**

**Reception: 99%**

Year 1: 97.3%

Year 2: 96.4%

**Year 3: 99.3%**

Year 4: 97.3%

Year 5: 95.2%

**Year 6: 99.3%**

## THANK YOU

Sophia Lees, year 2, along with her younger brother and mum, Mrs Lees, planted up the planter near reception on Sunday morning.

Mrs Lees, and no doubt Sophia, will be clearing out the other 3 planters over the next few weeks ready to plant up some potatoes/onions in March.

Thank you for your hard work and support .



## DIARY DATES

### Monday 20th February

3pm Hymn Practice

### Tuesday 21st

**SHROVE TUESDAY**

3pm Whole School Worship

**10am TAG RUGBY  
TOURNAMENT**

### Wednesday 22nd

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

3pm Whole School Worship

**SHOW RACISM THE RED  
CARD DAY- Yr 5 & 6**

### Thursday 23rd

3pm Class Worship

### Friday 24th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly



## SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'  
on Instagram

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





## What do you do if you are lost?

During whole school worship this week, we focused on an extract from the book, 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the mouse'. The children discussed their understanding of the phrase, 'feeling lost', and they shared their ideas. Some children talked about being physically lost, in a supermarket or turning the wrong way on a car journey. Others discussed being lost feeling like being overwhelmed or lacking direction.



### **What does feeling lost mean to you?**

The children reflected on the quote above and shared their thoughts about love bringing you home. In class they talked about the following questions:

### **Who loves you? Who do you love? What does that mean?**

Christians believe that God has unconditional and enduring love for all human beings.

#### **Prayer**

Father

Thank you for giving us the time to think about the people we love and the people who love us.

We are grateful for their love and your everlasting love.

Help anyone who is feeling lost, lonely or struggling.

Help them find the courage to reach out to other people.

We pray that they will be comforted by the fact that you are always there, no matter what.

Amen

## **Rest and Reflect Area: competition**

We are delighted to announce that our new 'Rest and Reflect' area will be formally opened on Tuesday, February 28th. The 'Rest and Reflect' area is the sheltered area, next to the table tennis table.

Children will have access to this quiet area during break and lunch times to enable them to relax, write prayers or read texts that encourage them to appreciate God's creation, deepen their understanding of diversity or reinforce our Christian values.

In class, all children have access to a worship area. The new 'Rest and Reflect' area will provide an outdoor space for children to access during unstructured times of the school day.

If your child would like the opportunity to design the sign for our, 'Rest and Reflect' area, please encourage them to submit entries on a piece of A4 paper by Friday, 24th February.

All entries should be posted in the box in the main entrance with the child's name and class clearly labelled on the back of the design.

Judging will take place on February 28th and the winning entry will have their sign reproduced as a professional sign for our 'Rest and Reflect' area. **Prize for all competitors.**

If you require any more information about the competition, please contact

Miss Smith: [h.smith@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:h.smith@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk)



### **Upcoming dates: Staff and children only**

#### **Tues 21st Feb:**

- Shrove Tuesday: year 3 are leading whole school worship
- Bible Fun Club will enjoy making pancakes

#### **Tues 28th Feb**

- Official opening of the 'Rest and Reflect' area.
- A Grimsargh VIP will be opening!

# SAFEGUARDING

## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day, and all classes from reception to year 6 got involved in activities to highlight the importance of staying safe when on the internet in line with the focus of the day which was **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**

Activities involved books and stories which gave scenarios of online situations, quizzes and discussion around what to do if something doesn't feel right when online.

Do also keep an eye out for updates on our website including some of the work we did on the day. Safer Internet Day 2023 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.



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

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy.

Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, dangerous challenges and contact with strangers.



## 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](mailto:info@cowells.co.uk)), St Michael's Church Warden.



**Scores for: 30th Jan to 5th Feb**



<b>1st place: year 4</b>	<b>26,913 pts</b>
<b>2nd place: reception</b>	<b>21,604 pts</b>
<b>3rd place: year 3</b>	<b>20,313 pts</b>
<b>4th place: year 6</b>	<b>18,480 pts</b>
<b>5th place: year 5</b>	<b>18,040 pts</b>
<b>6th place: year 2</b>	<b>14,276 pts</b>
<b>7th place: year 1</b>	<b>10,380 pts</b>

## Top Student

**Evan W (year 4) - 6480 pts**



*Inspiring, believing and achieving in our loving Christian community*

## CODES OF CONDUCT

During the Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity (PESSPA) meeting on Tuesday 31st January, school staff were reminded about the importance of sharing the Parents and Pupils 'Codes of Conduct'. These can now be found on our school website, within, 'Curriculum', 'Our Curriculum' and then the Physical Education page. They have also been attached as separate documents.

## GYMNASTICS

On Tuesday this week, our year 3/4 gymnastics team competed in the inter-school competition at Longridge Gymnastics Club. As is the case for every competition, we were in direct competition with the strongest schools in Preston in the 'Super League' of schools! All children had to perform a 'Floor' routine and on the 'Vault'. Their performances were judged and each child received a score for both pieces of apparatus. After all scores were counted, our team finished in 4th place - a fantastic result!

A special mention must go to **Ruby W** who scored the 2nd highest score of all gymnasts on the 'Vault' and to **Quinn T**, who scored the highest score of all gymnasts, for her 'Floor' routine and 2nd highest overall point score.

# Harry Potter



Last Thursday, over 70 of our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed the much-anticipated Harry Potter Book Night! We played games like Quidditch pong, pin the scar on Harry and help free Dobby. We were also sorted into houses, learnt the Harry Potter theme tune on glockenspiels, tasted Bertie Botts Every-Flavour Beans, took a potions class and made wands to practice our spells. We hope all the children enjoyed this memorable event and that it has sparked a magical love of reading for all.

