

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

03.03.2023

'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

3pm Whole School Worship

12pm **Swimming Gala**

1:30pm Reception Local Walk

Tuesday 7th

3pm Hymn Practice

Wednesday 8th

3pm Key Stage Worship

10am **Dance Festival**

Thursday 9th

3pm Key Stage Worship

Friday 10th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

12:45pm **Longridge Library– yr6**

FAIRTRADE FRIDAY -

please pay via Parentpay if not already done so.

Thank you.

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 20th February)

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.7%

Reception: 99.3%

Year 1: 98.0%

Year 2: 96.8%

Year 3: 93.3%

Year 4: 97.6%

Year 5: 93.4%

Year 6: 98.3%

Parent/ Carer Evenings

Thank you to those of you attended your child's parent/ carer meeting. There was a positive atmosphere in school and it was lovely to be able to catch up and talk with some of you.

Thank you also to Jenson P, Scarlett B and Noah E (all year 6) who made sure you were welcomed and knew we had refreshments on offer!

Non-uniform– PTFA

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 24th March.

If your child comes in non-uniform, please send an Easter egg into school as a donation towards the PTFA Easter bingo. Thank you.



Instagram

SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



BRITISH VALUES and LENT

During worship on Monday, the children focused on their identity. They enjoyed playing games and sharing facts about what makes their personal identity.

- Do you belong to a group or club?
- What are your interests or talents?
- What is important to you?
- What are your hopes for the future?
- Which people are important to you?
- What is your religion?
- What language do you speak?
- What you value also makes up part of who you are.



In addition to personal values, the children found out about British values: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

Democracy

Britain is a democracy – this means that the people in Britain vote for the people who make the laws and decide how the country is run. If we didn't have a democracy, just one person might be able to make all the laws and that would not be fair.

The rule of the law

In Britain we have a police force who make sure people do not do the wrong thing and break the law – this means that we are safe.

Individual Liberty

In Britain, as long as we do not break the law, we can live as we choose to and have our own opinions about things.

Mutual Respect

We might not always agree with other people, but we try to show respect for their thoughts and feelings. We can give respect to others and we can expect other people to show us respect.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

In Britain we accept that other people might have different beliefs than ours and they may believe in different religions.

Take a moment to think about how lucky we are to live in Britain, a country with such strong values. As Christians journey through Lent, now is a good time to focus on acts of kindness. Your child could focus on a different act of kindness each day in Lent. They could link with our British values.

Prayer

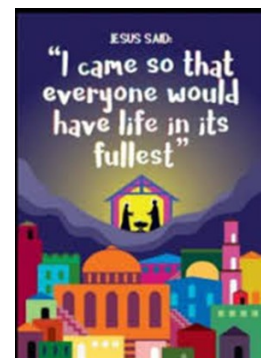
Dear God,

Thank you that during Lent we have the chance to focus on you.

We pray that you will guide us to carry our positive acts of kindness both at home and in school.

Help us to follow your example, treat others how we would like to be treated and ensure that we understand our British values.

Amen



Grimsargh Field Day Sponsored walk. 29th April.

The annual Grimsargh Field Day Walk for 2023 is to be held on Saturday 29th April with a 20 mile walk from Lytham, along the River Ribble, encompassing Freckleton, Clifton, Lea Town and through Preston for a Jacob's Join back at The Plough. Meeting at 07:00 at Grimsargh Club for a 07:15 departure to Lytham. There is a smaller family walk of approximately 7 miles incorporated from Haslam Park

If you would like to walk with us, please save the date and follow us on our Facebook page for regular updates. Please contact - debtruswell@hotmail.com to register and obtain sponsorship forms.

We look forward to seeing you. Many thanks!

**GRIMSARGH
FIELD DAY**

PICTURE NEWS



Individual Liberty

People can choose how they spend their money. There may be benefits and consequences of spending money in each of its forms, which may vary for each individual.

Let's look at this week's story

A safe, digital pound that can be used in shops or online is likely to be needed for the future, the government has said. The Treasury and the Bank of England will explore the idea. It would be issued by the Bank of England and accessed by people and businesses through 'digital wallets' on smartphones or smartcards. Users would not hold accounts directly at the central bank and could use the currency online and for payments made in shops or restaurants in person.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#). Watch this week's useful video [here](#). This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- 'What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Spotify'

With around 60,000 songs added to its online library every day, Spotify is a vast treasure trove of audio dating from some 19th century recordings through to giants of the download age like The Weeknd and Ed Sheeran. Factor podcasts, audiobooks and videos into the mix, and the Swedish-based streaming platform quite literally offers something for everyone.

Not everything in Spotify's depths is universally suitable, however. The sheer mass of music and content on the platform mean that, naturally, not all of it is intended for younger listeners. With an audio chat service available and media reports of predatory activity, our #WakeUpWednesday guide highlights other aspects of Spotify which trusted adults ought to be in the loop about.

In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate lyrics, an audio chat function and recent reports of predatory activity.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



MATHLETICS

Scores for: 20th to 26th Feb



1st place: reception	22,812pts
2nd place: year 4	18,812 pts
3rd place: year 1	14,370 pts
4th place: year 2	14,139 pts
5th place: year 3	12,294 pts
6th place: year 6	8,315 pts
7th place: year 2	8,242 pts

Top Student

Evan W (year 4) - 10,720 pts

Striking and Fielding

On Monday, we sent a team to compete in the striking and fielding event at Corpus Christi Secondary School. Mr Fletcher and Miss Walwin-Holm reported back that our team were a real credit to our school. They competed in 8 events, focusing on rounders, cricket, tri-golf, football skills and more traditional sports day events, such as sack race, egg and spoon race, three legged race and target bean bag. After totalling all points achieved, we finished a very respectable 6th place out of the 12 schools who entered.

Well done to **Jaiden W, Charlie B, Charlie C, Fraser C, Aamal I, Emilia B, Hannah H, Matilda E, Jocelyn B and Malachy W.**

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.



PTFA

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 by 17th March for more information.

READING



@ LONGRIDGE LIBRARY

To further encourage all of our children to be life-long readers, we have teamed up with Longridge Library to organise visits for each class, once a term.

Each class will have the opportunity to experience visiting a library, reading a range of books and taking part in a reading workshop on a Friday afternoon.

Schedule

Friday 10th March - Year 6

Friday 24th March - Year 5

Friday 7th March - Easter hols

Friday 21st April - Year 3

Friday 5th May - Year 4

Friday 19th May - Year 1

Friday 2nd June - May half term

Friday 16th June - Year 2

Friday 30th June - Reception

Friday 14th July - Year 6

Each class will receive a letter from their class teacher with further details prior to their library visit.

Thank you to Miss Cross for organising.

Diversity

We were extremely pleased to welcome Reece Taylor back into our school on Monday. Reece spent time with our year 2, 5 and 6 classes— the feedback from staff was positive.

Reece's session again 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 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.

Rest and Reflect Area Official Opening



We are delighted to announce the official opening of our new, 'Rest and Reflect Area.' The former headteacher of Grimsargh St Michael's C of E Primary School, Mrs Cowell, joined our pupil leadership team and members of our Bible Fun Club, to officially open the new outdoor area.

Miss Smith worked with the children in the Bible Fun Club to redesign and enhance our outdoor space in order to provide our pupils with an outdoor area that allows our pupils to take time out to rest and reflect at break and lunch times. We hope the area will provide a calm space to encourage our pupils to celebrate the awe and wonder of God's wonderful creation, read Bible stories, learn more about the diverse range of world religions, beliefs and festivals and write prayers and poems relating to curriculum RE, worship or themes close to their heart.



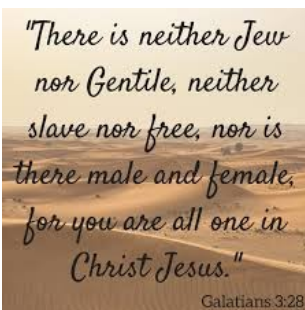
Mr Booth welcomed Mrs Cowell and then she spoke about her time as head teacher in the school. She recalled the swallows who returned to our school each spring time after travelling across God's wonderful world. The swallows were witnesses to the diverse range of flora, fauna, cultures, religions and populations as they travelled on their journey. One of our school improvement priorities relates to our children embedding their understanding of diversity to ensure that they value uniqueness. We hope the children will use the outdoor space to rest, reflect, learn from the Bible and also have the opportunity to find out more about different cultures, religions and beliefs.

Mrs Cowell explained to the children that when she retired, she thought that she would have time to relax and enjoy cups of tea and a more leisurely pace of life. She talked about the importance of prayer in her life and asked the children how they pray. The responses were varied but most of the children emphasised the fact that they talk with God. Mrs Cowell reminded the children to listen to God too. She listens to God and His plan for Mrs Cowell involved anything but relaxing in her retirement! She is using her God given talents to reach out and encourage others to follow the example of Jesus within our community. Like the swallows, Mrs Cowell returns to school. Her acts of kindness are very much appreciated within and beyond Grimsargh.

Special thanks to Mrs Lees, Sophia and Adam and Mrs McGivern for planting the beds in the Rest and Reflect Area and also Michelle from So Plants (at Little Town Dairy) for advising our budding gardeners and supplying some of the plants.

Our PTFA also kindly donated funds to enable us to purchase some of the books and outdoor furniture in the new outdoor area.

Competition Winner will be announced during worship at 3pm on Monday 6th March. The winning entry will have their design made into the official sign. Prizes for all competitors.



Polite Notice

Please refrain from using the Rest and Reflect Area before and after school.

