

# Grimpsargh St Michael's Newsletter

10.03.2023

*'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 13th

3pm Whole School Worship  
Educational Visit– yr5 @  
Liverpool Phil

### Tuesday 14th

3pm Hymn Practice  
9:45am Yr5 Hockey competition  
@ Longridge High  
10am KS2 General Knowledge  
Quiz  
10:30am Yr3/4 Mini-skills

### Wednesday 15th

3pm Key Stage Worship  
Educational Visit– yr2 @  
Windmill Farm  
'Go Velo' cycle training in  
reception

### Thursday 16th

3pm Key Stage Worship  
Educational Visit– yr5 @ Cobble  
Hey  
'Go Velo' cycle training in  
reception

### Friday 17th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly  
'Go Velo' cycle training in  
reception



# Congratulations!

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Buddy S and Conor G**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Izabella H and Primrose C**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Brook W and Theo L**

Year 3 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Savannah A-R and Olivia H**

Year 4 (Mr Brooks): **Hannah R and Zsolt H**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Sophia W and Sheena C**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Eshaal I and Tillia W**

Headteachers' Award: **Sophia L (year 2)**

### Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 27th February)

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.3%**

Reception: 95.7%

Year 1: 92%

**Year 2: 100%**

Year 3: 94.7%

Year 4: 93%

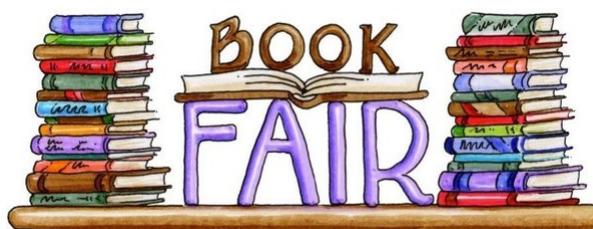
Year 5: 95.6%

**Year 6: 96.7%**

### Extra-curricular clubs

Next week (13th March) will be the final week for our spring term clubs.

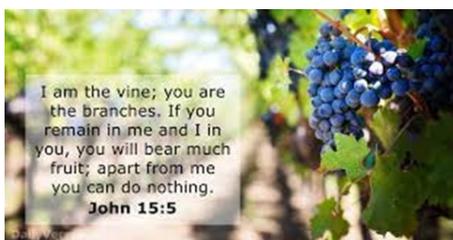
The programme for summer term clubs will be sent out during the first week back after the Easter break.



**30th and 31st March**  
**School Hall**

## Christian Value: Service

### Why did Jesus say, 'I am the true vine?'



Jesus says, "I am the...." seven times in the Bible. What does he mean when he says, "I am the true vine?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 5AfiNC7nY>

The children enjoyed learning more about Jesus being the vine through watching this animated Bible story. Then they shared ideas about how Christians stay connected to God. Sometimes people move away from Jesus, instead of doing the right thing, they do things that make them popular or make as much money for themselves as possible, regardless of the impact on other people. Some people forget to follow the example of Jesus.

### Fruit is good for us. **So how can we bear good fruit?**



The children came up with some great ideas:

- Tell people about God
- Praise Him
- Read the Bible
- Pray
- Follow the example of Jesus in all we do.

This week, we encouraged the children to create a fruit bowl and write words on the fruit to describe how they will 'bear good fruit.'



## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

### 2023 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Put these dates in your diary! The 'Faffers' have been busy planning an exciting programme for you all to enjoy.

April 19th:	Easter Service & Egg Hunt
April 22nd:	Parish Meal at Ferrari's
June 17th:	Grimsargh Garden Party
June 24th:	Grimsargh Field Day
July 16th:	Church Summer Picnic & Grand Raffle Draw
September 9th:	Sponsored Walk at the Seaside
October 13th:	Wine & Cheese Evening
November 18th:	Band Concert
December 2nd:	Christmas Fair



### Democracy

We all have a voice and our opinions should be heard. If we want to help care for and protect natural habitats, we can use our voice and take action.



Could you do more to protect your local area?

## PICTURE

## NEWS

**Genesis 6:20:**



## COMIC RELIEF

School Council have been making plans for Red Nose Day.

They would like everyone to wear something red alongside normal school uniform.

They have planned an art and/or a PE activity for each class to do on the day.

We will use £1 from your charity donation made at the start of the year to send to Comic Relief.

Please pay via Parentpay if you can and have not already done so.

Thank you for your support!



# SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- **‘What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Not Gonna Lie (NGL)’**

NGL is another of those ‘bolt-on’ apps which is designed to work alongside a major social media network. In this instance, the ‘host’ platforms are Instagram and Twitter – with NGL (meaning, as you may have surmised, ‘Not Gonna Lie’) inviting a user’s friends and followers to ask them questions anonymously. An intriguing novelty, perhaps – but also not without risk.

Human nature being what it is, some people take the smokescreen of online anonymity as an excuse to behave in ways that they certainly wouldn’t if their identity were visible. The idea of exposing young social media users to anonymous messages is one which understandably concerns many parents: our

#WakeUpWednesday guide brings you the facts about NGL. This free online safety guide looks at NGL – an anonymous messaging app.

This guide will highlight a number of potential risks including oversharing, cyber-bullying and potentially costly subscription fees.



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



## 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: 27th Feb to 5th March



1st place: reception	27,624 pts
2nd place: year 1	20,780 pts
3rd place: year 3	20,120 pts
4th place: year 4	18,278 pts
5th place: year 6	17,389 pts
6th place: year 2	13,283 pts
7th place: year 5	7,180 pts

**Top Student**

## PTFA

Save the Date: **Friday 24th - Easter Egg Non- Uniform Day**



Children can wear their own clothes; all we ask is a donation of any Easter Egg in return!



## PTFA

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](mailto:ptfa@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk) by 17th March for more information.

## Exploration Area

You may have seen the new 'area' that has been created under our year 1 and 2 windows. A team of staff and parents are working together to create an exploration area, that can be accessed during playtimes and lunchtimes for the whole school. A huge thank you to Mr Talbot and Mr Walker who gave up their whole day on Saturday to voluntarily create this area and provide machinery and equipment. It is greatly appreciated by us all. Please try to ensure your children do not walk over this during drop off and pick up whilst we develop our ideas.

## Swimming Gala



This week was another busy week. We started on Monday with the Swimming Gala. We saw some excellent individual performances in the backstroke, resulting in a gold medal for Evan and a silver medal for Evie. The team also won the Medley Relay, and finished 4th in their section overall.

Well done to **Emilia L, Evie R, Scarlett B, Eleanor H, Evan W, Tobias L, Ellis T and Seb W.**

## School Games Dance Festival

'Conserve what our children deserve'

Congratulations to all the children who represented our school in the Preston School Games Dance Festival on Wednesday at Fulwood Academy. Our children not only performed superbly on the stage but sat beautifully while watching all the other schools— they were all a real credit to our school.

This has been a team effort with eco club designing and making the posters and signs, the children coming up with ideas to include in the dance and the diversity in the age groups of children participating ranging from reception to year 6 and all working so well together. Thank you to all the parents for bringing the children to the rehearsals.

A big thank you - we were so proud of them all.

Well done to: **Evie R, Katie P, Scarlett B, Florence B-R, Emilia L, Ruby W, Anabelle L, Evie G-P, Matilda B, Mia-Rose P, Brook W, Izabella H, Eliza G and Bella W.**



Best



Inspiring, believing and achieving in our loving Christian community

# World Book Day March 2023

On Thursday 2nd March, we all enjoyed the much-anticipated World Book Day!

This year, we decided to focus our day on 'vocabulary', as this is one of the golden threads of our school curriculum and an important part of reading. The children dressed in costumes to reflect different words and then we all took part in a 'vocabulary parade' in the hall. We had so many fantastic words around school - what an amazing way to expand our vocabulary! Each class also spent the day doing lots of reading activities, including vocabulary profiles, exploring *The Word Collector* by Peter Reynolds and making posters to promote reading for pleasure.

