

# Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

17.03.2023

*'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 20th

3pm Whole School Worship  
1pm Tri-golf competition

### Tuesday 21st

3pm Hymn Practice

### Wednesday 22nd

3pm Key Stage Worship

### Thursday 23rd

3pm Key Stage Worship  
4pm Girls' Football Championship

### Friday 24th

Non-uniform day  
12:45pm Year 5 @ Longridge Library

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

# Congratulations!

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Nelly P and Max B**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Hamish R and Max R**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Elise T and Isla-Rae K**

Year 3 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Quinn T and Evie G-P**

Year 4 (Mr Brooks): **Teddy P and Jack D**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Attis S and Milly H**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Ellie A and Noah L**

Headteachers' Award: **Finn A (Reception)**

## Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 6th March)

WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.6%

Reception: 94.7%

Year 1: 94.3%

**Year 2: 98.2%**

**Year 3: 97%**

Year 4: 95.7%

Year 5: 95.9%

Year 6: 93.3%

## CLASS INFORMATION

### MEETINGS

Instead of a summer term class information meeting, you will receive a summer term class newsletter. Moving forward, class teachers will lead an autumn term curriculum meeting but will send a spring and summer term class newsletter instead of holding a meeting.



### SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'  
on Instagram

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



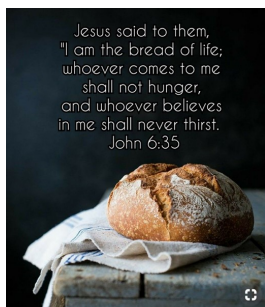
## Mothering Sunday Around The World

Mothering Sunday is a time when children show their mums, grandmothers, aunties or other women who care for them, how much they love them. It is held on the fourth Sunday of Lent each year. Lent is the time that leads up to the Christian festival of Easter. Mothering Sunday gives us an opportunity to remember the mother figures in our lives. Remember these important people, the things they do for us, and how we can tell them how much we care.

Dear Lord,  
we thank you for our mums and those who have been good mother figures in our lives.  
Amen

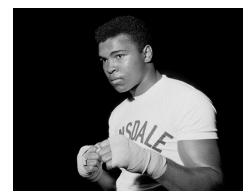
For more information about Mothering Sunday, click here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/stories-and-features/mothering-sunday-what-are-its-origins-church>

Feel free to join in the Mothering Sunday celebrations at St Michael's Church, Grimsargh, at 10am this Sunday. Any pupils who attend our school and worship at church this Sunday, will be given the option to lead the singing during one of our favourite hymns- letting their light shine in the church community.



Why did Jesus say, 'I am the bread of life?'

Do you know who this is?



Muhammad Ali was an American professional boxer and activist who died in 2016. He is celebrated as one of the most significant sports figures of the twentieth century. Muhammad Ali is well known for saying of himself,

*'I'm not the greatest. I'm the double greatest.'* We know what Muhammad Ali thought of himself.

We don't have a world-famous superstar in our school, but we do have lots of 'shining stars', 'superstars' and 'walking calculators.' This way of describing people uses metaphors. A metaphor is a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object (in this case, to people), even though it is not literally applicable.

The Bible often uses metaphors when it describes Jesus. Some of the metaphors that are used may sound a bit strange. In John 6.35, Jesus says, 'I am the bread of life'.

**What is bread made from?**

Bread is made with the grains available in each country and is the staple food in many countries of the world.

**What does bread give our bodies?**

Bread is something that we tend to eat every day because it doesn't satisfy us forever.

Christians believe that when Jesus described himself as the 'bread of life'. He meant that he can satisfy people's needs. If we eat bread for our lunch, we will be hungry a few hours later. However, Christians believe that Jesus is enough to satisfy them forever. They believe that he brings peace, contentment, forgiveness, joy and a purpose to their lives.

Dear God,  
Thank you for the food that we enjoy every day.  
Please help us to remember those who have little to eat.  
Thank you that you can satisfy our innermost needs.  
Thank you that you can fill us with joy.  
Amen.



## The Happy Child- Parenting App

The Happy Child – Parenting App grants you access to cutting-edge research and tips that will help you raise a happy, well-adjusted child. Years of ground-breaking research and findings in Psychology, Neuroscience and Paediatrics have been curated into one easy-to-use app...for free (no in-app-purchases)!

<https://www.humanimprovement.org/the-happy-child-app>



## Easter Colouring Competition

Sarah Hall, our school cook, is again running an Easter Colouring Competition.

There are four pictures to choose from (see email sent on 9th March). One entry per child, with their name and year group clearly on the reverse.

**The deadline for all entries is Tuesday, 28th March.** Each class winner will receive an Easter Egg which will be presented to them in the Friday assembly on the last day of term.

We look forward to seeing all the wonderful artwork.

## SAFEGUARDING

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

When Apple unveiled the iPad in early 2010, they almost single-handedly rewrote people's idea of what of a portable computing device was capable of – and sparked a tablet revolution. There are several very respectable imitators on the market now, but the iPad remains the standard bearer for tablet computers and still routinely shifts upwards of 40 million units every year.

Their immense popularity, of course, has made the iPad a familiar companion for children and young people: an auxiliary TV; an aid for schoolwork; and a blessing on long car journeys. That said, there are still some aspects of Apple's flagship tablet that parents and carers should bear in mind to help protect their child from online risks – as our #WakeUpWednesday guide explains.

This guide highlights possible hazards including the risk of age-inappropriate content, physical damage to the device and potential screen addiction.



## 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: 6th to 12th March



<b>1st place: reception</b>	<b>25,110 pts</b>
2nd place: year 4	21,426 pts
3rd place: year 3	17,500 pts
4th place: year 6	16,336 pts
5th place: year 2	15,950 pts
6th place: year 5	9,900 pts
7th place: year 1	9,880 pts

## Top Student

**Harriet H (year 4) - 8,270 pts**





## **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 Michaels!

Tickets will go on sale on MONDAY, 20th March via ParentPay, for Grimsargh St Michael's children and parents/carers only (maximum 5 tickets per family).

Any remaining tickets will be released to the wider public on Monday.

## **BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK- 2023**

'CONNECTIONS' - learning about where we see connections in our everyday lives.

This week has been British Science Week. Our children have continued to learn about the topic they are studying this week but we would like to embrace the science week by entering the national poster competition.

- You could have a think about some questions or themes that interest you
- Explore how our body parts are all connected and work together
- Explore the connection between our actions and the impact they have on our environment
- Explore how internet connection has changed the world

All you need is A4 paper which school will provide (collect from your class teacher).

**Bring your poster into school with your name and class on the reverse, and hand it in to the office by Thursday, 24th March, 2023.**

## **School Trips**

We have had some parents either unable to pay or not pay for their child's class trip this academic year. We will not be able to continue to fund these non-payments and unfortunately, this could result in class trips being cancelled.

Please talk to us if you are struggling to pay and you do not meet the criteria below, as we will support you to be able to pay the contribution.

Please click on the link ( <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2> ) if you meet any of the criteria.

Your child may be able to get free school meals, free trips (non residential), free milk, free toast and free school run clubs if you get any of the following:

- **Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)**
- **Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance**
- **Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Child Tax Credit, not entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190**
- **Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **Guarantee element of State Pension Credit**
- **Income Support**
- **Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work**

If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, that eligibility will be protected until Universal Credit is introduced even if your circumstances change. If your child is still in education on this date, they will be eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in.

If you have a younger child starting school in September and you are no longer eligible, they will not be protected because this would be a new claim.

## SPORT

### Multi-skills

On Tuesday, we sent two teams to the Y3/4 mini skills event at West View Leisure Centre. The children took part in a carousel of six activities: target throwing, kicking accuracy, throwing accuracy & speed, triangle relay, rectangle relay and an obstacle relay.

Both our teams acquitted themselves extremely well, showing skill, teamwork and speed. Team 1 finished in 4th place, narrowly missing out on the medals, whilst team 2 came in a creditable 10th. The standard on display was very high, so great praise should go to all our children for representing the school with great pride and sportsmanship.

Team: **Archie F, Malachy W, Joshua P, Charlotte B, Amelia T, Anabelle L, Ellie R, Ruby W, Zsolt H, Jack B, Charlie B and Harriet H.**

### Hockey

On Tuesday, we took part in a hockey tournament at Longridge High School. The team showed real skill, perseverance and resilience in adverse weather conditions! Out of 4 games we won 2 and lost 2 games! The team were a credit to our school.

Well done to: **Annie-Rose N, Florence B-R, Emilia L, Zack M, Riley M, Bobby G, Bob G**

**Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped transport our children. We can't do these events without you!**

## EASTER COMPETITIONS

### **Are you feeling creative?**

If so, it's time to decorate a boiled egg (Easter themed) OR create an Easter Story Pebble Picture— see photo below.



Bring your decorated eggs or pebble pictures into class, NOT the school office, on **Thursday 30th March**.

**Judging will take place on Thursday 30th March.**

One decorated egg and one pebble picture winner per class will be awarded with an Easter Egg.

## Extra-curricular clubs

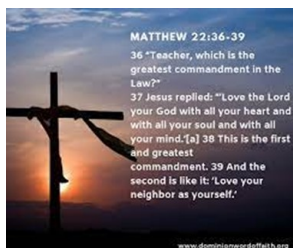
This week was the final week for our spring term clubs. There will be no clubs next week.

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

## PICTURE NEWS

Christian Value: Love  
Bible Quote: Matthew 22:36-39

Should Roald Dahl's books be changed for modern times?



### **Rule of Law**

As we move into the future, things develop, change and modernise. Rules and laws will sometimes need to be updated because of this.