<u>Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter</u>

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): Archie B and Bella W

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): Cerys P and Jacob W

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): Amelia A and Ollie B

Year 3 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): Harvey G and Millie P

Year 4 (Mr Brooks): Elliott B and Harriet H

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): Emilia L and Seb W

Year 6 (Miss Cross): Harley W and Violet E

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 13th March)

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.8%

Reception: 95.7%

Year 1: 96%

Year 2: 97.9%

Year 3: 95.3% Year 4: 98.9% Year 5: 100% Year 6: 94.6%

CLASS INFORMATION

MEETINGS

Instead of your child's class teacher leading a summer term class information meeting, as they did at the start of the autumn and spring terms, you will receive a summer term class newsletter from them instead. Your child's class teacher will send this out on Monday 17th April.

Please do read this as these newsletters take time to put together and contain information you, as parents/ carers, and as first educators of your child/ren, need to know.



DIARY DATES

Monday 27th 3pm Whole School Worship 1pm Yr5 Dodgeball

<u>Tuesday 28th</u> 3pm Hymn Practice 9:15am Rock Steady Concert 1:30pm Yr3/4 Easter Production

Wednesday 29th 3pm Key Stage Worship 10am Cross Country 3:30pm BOOK FAIR 6pm Yr3/4 Easter Production

Thursday 30th 3pm Key Stage Worship 3:30pm BOOK FAIR 5:30pm PTFA BINGO! @ Grimsargh Village Hall

Friday 31st 2:45pm Whole School Assembly 11am– 12pm: SEN FORUM with Miss Smith

SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3:25pm



Inspiring, believing and achieving in our loving Christian community

Holy Week

The children have enjoyed learning about Holy Week during RE lessons and through gathering to worship together.





On Tuesday, we celebrated the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, an event that took place the week before Christ's death and resurrection. Jesus arrived just outside Jerusalem, gave clear instructions on where to find a colt, and then rode on it as he entered Jerusalem. Around Him the people shouted out their praises, waved palm branches and placed their coats on the floor. The shouts of 'Hosanna' meant 'save now', and the palm branches symbolised goodness and victory. During worship, the children from Bible Fun Club waved palms, whilst the other children joined in with actions during an interactive retelling of the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. The children loved watching an extract from 'Hosanna' from Jesus Christ Super Star.

On Palm Sunday, try to pause and join with those praising Jesus. As we reflect on Palm Sunday, remember that not every day is a day for a parade. We also need to find ways to continue to praise God in our ordinary day to day lives. How do you praise God?

Holy week started with a great parade: everyone was singing and shouting that Jesus was someone special, that he was the Son of God. However, later that week, the religious leaders, who didn't like Jesus, spread rumours and made the crowds shout that they wanted Jesus dead. They created so much fuss that Jesus was killed by the Roman soldiers. What they didn't realise was that this was all part of God's plan. Jesus would come back to life and the world would be changed.

> Dear God, Sometimes, we don't understand it when difficult or sad things happen. Help us to remember that you are always there for us.

Thank you that you always care. Please help us to trust you.

Amen



News from St Michael's Church

A huge thank you to the children who took the lead during one of the hymns in church on Sunday morning.

We are delighted that so many children from school let their lights shine on Mothering Sunday and brought a smile to so many faces. The singing was fantastic and the contributions from the children during Mrs Woollam's talk, really brought the service to life.

Jigsaw Club 10am this Sunday in church. All school age children welcome.

<u>RAMADAN</u>

Ramadan is a very special month that is observed by 1.8 billion Muslims all over the world. It falls on the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is one of the biggest religious events on the planet. During the month of

Ramadan, Muslims do not eat or drink from dawn until sunset. This is

called fasting. Fasting in Ramadan is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. During Ramadan, Muslims fast to get closer to God, be self-disciplined, control themselves, and show their gratitude for God's blessings



<u>Tri-golf</u>

We entered a team into the all girls' Tri-golf competition at Fulwood Academy. The girls took part in 6 events, testing their putting and chipping skills.

All our girls, and from what I gathered, all the girls at the competition, had little or no experience of golf and so this competition was more about proving an opportunity to 'have a go' at a new sport while trying to encourage girls to take up golf.

Well done to **Emilia B, Erin T, Matilda E, Emily D-W and Anabelle L.** The girls tried their best and were a real credit to our school.

SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- 'Top Tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS'

A free online safety guide on stronger passwords. According to a Google survey, more than half of us (52%, to be exact) routinely re-use the same passwords, with around one in ten employing a single password across all of their online accounts. What that means, of course, is that any hacker successfully cracking our password would find themselves with access to not simply one of our online accounts, but several (at least).

That, along with the fact that many people's favoured passwords aren't exactly impenetrable, makes it easier to see why some sources put the number of online accounts being broken into at around 100 per second. Yes, you read that right: 100 per second. To help give you some extra peace of mind about your digital data, our #WakeUpWednesday guide has some tips on setting more secure

passwords.

In the guide you'll find a number of top tips on setting stronger passwords such as how to get creative, what to avoid, and the value of multi-factor authentication.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility







Scores for: 13th to 19th March



1st place: year 4	32,268 pts
2nd place: reception	25,708 pts
3rd place: year 3	20,306 pts
4th place: year 6	17,020 pts
5th place: year 2	12,726 pts
6th place: year 1	9,900 pts
7th place: year 5	8,547 pts

Top Student

Harriet H (year 4) 13,252 pts

EASTER COMPETITIONS

Are you feeling creative?

If so, it's time to decorate a boiled egg (Easter themed) OR create an Eater 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.





PTFA

The Circus is coming to Grimsargh St Michael's!

Tickets went on sale on Monday 20th March. You can purchase tickets via ParentPay, for Grimsargh St Michael's children and parents/ carers.



Any remaining tickets will be released to the wider public on Monday 3rd April 2023.





SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child attends school in the correct PE Kit. as stated in the School Uniform Policy, on their PE days.

I have noticed some children attending school in designer tracksuit trousers. I will be purchasing additional spare PE kit so we have this for every class. Children will be given this spare kit to change into if they do not attend in the correct kit.

Also, we are a no earring school so please adhere to this. Thank you

PICTURE NEWS



Christian Value: **WISDOM**





Mutual Respect and Tolerance

My behaviour, actions and words can affect others. Volunteering is an action that can affect others in a positive way and help make a difference to their lives.