

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

21.04.2023

'Let your light shine before people so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven' (Matthew 5: v.16)

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 27th March)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET:

96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 92.1%

Reception: 98%

Year 1: 92.7%

Year 2: 90.7%

Year 3: 92.7%

Year 4: 77%

Year 5: 96.2%

Year 6: 97.3%

Welcome back

It was great to welcome you and your wonderful children back into school this week – we are excited about what this summer term has to offer.

The summer term is always a busy one. We will observe Ascension day; continue to enter all sporting competitions; our year 2 and 6 children will sit their SATs, we will celebrate the Coronation of our King– King Charles III; year 6 will take part in the Bikeability programme; we'll host our sports days during sports week; we will welcome our new starters during our transition afternoons and among many other summer term 'goings-on', **we are looking forward to welcoming the Circus to our school tomorrow!**



DIARY DATES

Monday 24th April

3pm Whole School Worship

Tuesday 25th

3pm Hymn Practice

9am Yr1 Phonics session

Wednesday 26th

3pm Key Stage Worship

9am Reception Phonics Session

7pm PTFA meeting

Thursday 27th

3pm Key Stage Worship

Friday 28th

2:45pm Whole School Assembly

Year 3 ROMAN DAY in school

Egg and Pebble Competition WINNERS

Reception: **Beth M (egg)**
Elissa B (pebble)

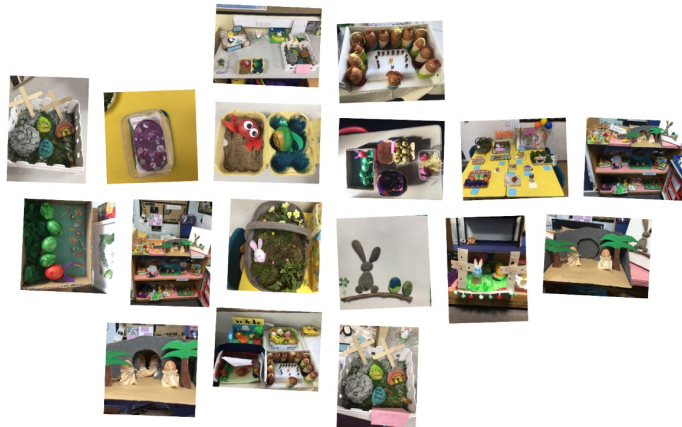
Year 1: **Dylan H (egg)**

Year 2: **William T (egg)**
Seth G (pebble)

Year 3: **Elijah H (egg)**
Evie G-P (pebble)

Year 6: **Ellie A (egg)**

Each winner received an Easter Egg. These were presented in our celebration assembly before the Easter holidays.



SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



Rest and Reflect Poster Competition

On Monday afternoon, Mrs Cowell announced the winner of the poster competition. Sheena's poster will be made into a sign for our Rest and Reflect area- she was awarded a Hobby Craft voucher. Mrs Cowell, kindly presented a magnetic bookmark to all the children who entered the competition. The competition entries were displayed under the canopy earlier in the week.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cowell and all the children who entered the competition. Congratulations to Sheena too.

St George's Day

St Georges day is on 23rd April. St George is the patron saint of England but St George's day is celebrated in other countries too. Many myths surround St George, but the essence of his story remains the same. He was a brave knight who lived many centuries ago. His most documented achievement is that he fought a fierce dragon, to save a princess. In doing so, he set the people free by ridding them of the terrifying creature. Most people associate this bravery with St George. He fought unpleasant external forces. We can learn from St George. He was true to himself.



Do you fight against unpleasant external forces or work through issues and problems to overcome your own dragons or fears?

We may not be physically brave (like St George) but we can all be truthful, by not always following the crowd when we know that something is wrong, or by doing things that make the world a better place. Even if our deeds cannot be seen, we know in our hearts, what is the right thing to do.

Next time you think, '**why should I?**' Stop and think and consider saying, '**Why shouldn't I?**'

Dear Lord,

Please help us to learn from the example of St George by helping others to make the world a better place.

Help us to realise that helping others is its own reward.

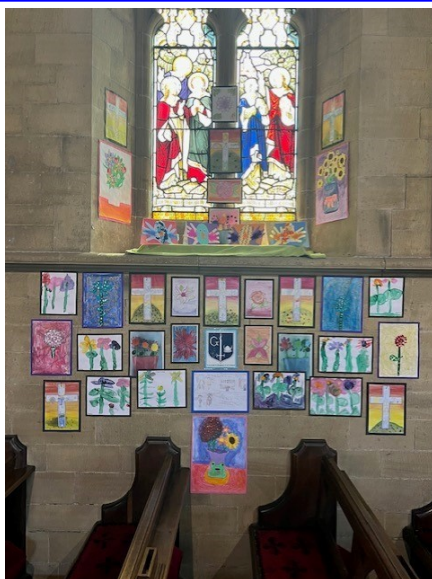
Help us to find the courage within ourselves to do the right thing, even if it means going against the crowd.

Please give us the strength to always follow the truth and do what is helpful for others.

Amen

Easter Art

We are delighted to share this image of the children's art that was displayed in St Michael's Church over Easter. Parents, family members and parishioners from St Michael's Church have passed on complimentary messages about the beautiful pieces of art.



Eid al Fitr

Eid al Fitr is a three-day holiday that ends the Islamic month of Ramadan. Known as the 'Festival of breaking fast', Muslims will celebrate with family and food after the end of a long fast, joining with one another for prayer and other traditions.

The official start date depends on the sighting of the new crescent moon and countries' individual schedules. This year it starts on or around April 21st.



Grimstargh Field Day Sponsored walk. 29th April.

The annual Grimsstargh 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 Grimsstargh 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!



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Picture News



Christian Value: Faith



Individual Liberty

There are many situations in life that can become dangerous. By considering the consequences of our actions and managing risks, we can help to keep ourselves and others safer.

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.
1 Peter 3:15



SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- 'What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Fortnite Chapter 4'

If you know any young gamers, you'll almost certainly be familiar with Fortnite. It's one of the most popular video games on the planet- up alongside other mega-hits like Minecraft, Roblox and Call of Duty in terms of its sheer number of fiercely dedicated players. Fortnite currently has more than 400 million devotees worldwide- around 25 million of whom play it every day.

Given Fortnite's relatively young user-base, though (as many as one in four pre-teens are reported to have played the game, despite its PEGI 12 age rating), it's prudent not to conflate immense popularity with absolute safety. Our

#WakeUpWednesday guide assesses the latest version for potential pitfalls that parents and carers of young Fortnite fans should be aware of.

In the guide you'll find a number of potential risks such as compulsive playing, audio chat with other gamers and in-game spending.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Scores for: 27.03.23– 16.4.23



1st place: year 4	38, 926pts
2nd place: reception	27, 014pts
3rd place: year 6	18, 142pts
4th place: year 3	17, 204pts
5th place: year 5	11, 051pts
6th place: year 1	8, 310pts
7th place: year 2	7, 010pts

Top Student

Harriet H (year 4) 16,550 pts