

# Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

13.10.2023

*'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 16th October

3pm Whole School Worship

### Tuesday 17th

3pm Hymn Practice

**9:30am Hockey Tournament**

### Wednesday 18th

3pm Key Stage Worship

**1pm Parent/ carer meetings**

### Thursday 19th

3pm Key Stage Worship

**1pm Rock FM visit**

### Friday 20th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

# Congratulations!

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Phoebe H and Joshua E**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Caleb H and Charlotte H**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Tilly B and Max R**

Year 3 (Mr Brooks): **Brook W and Isla-Rae K**

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Harry M and Emilia E**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Emily D-W and Erin T**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Emilia L and Zack M**

## Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 2nd October)

**SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET:**

**96.4%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 98.5%**

Reception: 98.6%

**Year 1: 100%**

Year 2: 99%

**Year 3: 100%**

Year 4: 99.7%

Year 5: 94.7%

Year 6: 97.2%

## Primary and Secondary Admissions

Online applications for reception class  
and year 7 admissions are now open on  
**[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)**

If completing the 'Supplementary Faith  
Request Form', please return to school  
for reception class.

The closing date for returning forms for  
reception is 15th January 2024. Closing  
date for secondary applicants is  
Tuesday 31 October 2023.

**Our final 'Show Round' is on  
Wednesday 8th November at  
9:30am.**



Instagram

## SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'  
on Instagram

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



## World Mental Health Day - Tuesday 10th October 2023

Tuesday 10th October was World Mental Health Day. The theme this year was 'Mental Health is a Universal Right'. Everyone has the right to feel mentally well. Each class started the day by exploring what this meant.

Mental health is flourishing, feeling good and functioning well day-to-day most of the time. No one is perfect and we can't feel amazing all the time. It is something we need to actively and constantly work at. We looked into making the day the most effective for the children and adults in our school by bringing mental health to our attention, understand our emotions and highlighting strategies we can focus on that will positively affect our mental health and can continue to use in the future.

We can improve our mental health by doing things that make us happy; building positive relationships, feeling pride and celebrating success. Our children and staff have been 'strength superheroes' all week, celebrating each other's successes, feeling proud of these and building positive relationships with each other. This is something we will continue to focus on all year.



How have you  
been a  
'strength  
superhero'  
this week?



## Picture News

### Christian Value: Justice

**Let's look at this week's story**

October is Black History Month in the UK. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters' - highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities in the UK. Commemorations will feature Black women, who have made outstanding contributions to many areas including music, literature, fashion, sport, business, politics, and health care.

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

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



### Democracy

In the past, some people have been ignored because of their colour. Everyone has a voice and the right to be heard.

**Reflection**

Olive Morris understood the unfairness of how some Black people were being treated in the 1960s and 70s in the UK and felt that someone had to act. We can learn from Olive's actions, remembering that if we see or experience injustice, we have a choice to do something about it.



## OUR NEW VICAR

Would your son/daughter like to sing when we welcome our new vicar to the parish on Saturday afternoon?

On Saturday 21st October at 3pm, Bishop Jill and Archdeacon David, along with the church wardens and parishioners at St Michael's Church will formerly welcome Reverend Andrew Williams as our new vicar.

If your son/ daughter would like to sing during the service, please contact Miss Smith via e-mail before 1pm on Tuesday 17th October:

**[h.smith@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:h.smith@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk)**

## School Access

The St Michael's Church car park and both school gates onto the field will both be closed from 5pm after half-term.

## New Twitter Account

Miss Jewitt has created a new school Twitter account to showcase the fantastic art & design and design & technology work our children have done.

Our Twitter username for parents/ carers is:

**GSMPrimaryArtDT**



## Mini-skills

Our year 4 mini-skills team competed in the inter-school competition on Tuesday at West View Leisure Centre. Our team competed across 6 different events which tested their speed, throwing accuracy and passing accuracy.

Our team performed particularly well in the 'rectangle relay', achieving the 6th quickest time. When all points were totalled, we achieved the 10th highest score.

Well done to **Miles C, Ben W, Thomas G, Savannah A-R, Charlotte B and Quinn T** for representing our school superbly well.



## SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment-  
**'What Parents and Carers need to know about Upsetting Content'.**

They might not be able to pinpoint its location on a map, and they might not fully grasp the historical and political drivers behind the conflict – but in this age where news, images and video can cross continents in seconds, many children are now aware of the terrible recent events in Israel. It's a situation, of course, that could cause youngsters extreme distress and worry.

Our #WakeUpWednesday guide contains some valuable pointers for supporting children to deal with upsetting content they've encountered online – whether that's the attacks in Israel, ongoing worries over the environment, or something else entirely. Our tips will assist trusted adults in helping young people to process any negative emotions that they may be feeling.



## **Scores for: 2.10.23– 8.10.23**

<b>1st place: year 4</b>	<b>34, 043pts</b>
2nd place: year 3	30, 017pts
3rd place: year 1	26, 926pts
4th place: reception	20, 557pts
5th place: year 6	20, 088pts
6th place: year 5	19, 282pts
7th place: year 2	13, 893pts

## Top Students

Reception:	Aaliyah
Year 1:	Buddy S
Year 2:	Amelia G
Year 3:	Sophia L
Year 4:	Emilia
Year 5:	Joshua P
Year 6:	Noah Y