

# Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

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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!

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Livie S and Aiden B**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Jessica N and Xander L**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Ollie W and Nes C**

Year 3 (Mr Brooks): **Ruby C and Theo L**

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Thomas G and Matilda B**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Elliott B and Jocelyn B**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Joanie M and Sheena C**

Well done to **Avneet S** (year 6) for being awarded the Christian Value award.

## Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 25th September)

**SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET:**

**96.4%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.8%**

**Reception: 99.3%**

**Year 1: 98%**

**Year 2: 97.7%**

**Year 3: 98.9%**

**Year 4: 98.4%**

**Year 5: 95.3%**

**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 'Show Rounds' are on Thursday 12th October at 1:30pm and Wednesday 8th November at 9:30am.**



## DIARY DATES

**SUNDAY 8TH: JIGSAW CLUB @ ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH— all school age children welcome!**

**Monday 9th October**

3pm Whole School Worship

**Tuesday 10th**

3pm Hymn Practice

**12:30pm Yr3/4 Mini-skills**

**Wednesday 11th**

3pm Key Stage Worship

**Thursday 12th**

3pm Key Stage Worship

**Triathlon 'Trikidz'**

**1:30pm NEW STARTER SHOW ROUND**

**Friday 13th**

2:45pm Celebration Assembly



## SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels' on Instagram

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





## Letting our lights shine within and beyond our village

Over the last week, our children have been involved in a variety of services and celebrations at school and at St Michael's Church. On Sunday a group of children from a range of classes, took the lead during the Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church, Grimsargh. They sang beautifully and encouraged the congregation to join in with two lively action hymns.

On Monday afternoon Reverend Jeff welcomed parents, carers and our children and staff to the school Harvest service. He reminded us about the wonder of God's creation and the part we have in caring for His beautiful world. A selection of Year 6 pupils read from the Bible (Psalm 100), children in years 3, 4 and 6 shared handwritten prayers and year 1 reminded us about the origin of the food we eat.

We are absolutely delighted by the kind donations for the Fox Street Shelter in Preston, Preston Food Bank, families within our community and the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. Along with a team of parishioners, Mrs Cowell and James Cowell, transported the boxes full of food to our chosen causes. Mrs Cowell would like to say a very big thank you to you all for the wonderful harvest gifts. The lady at the foodbank said the volunteers can not thank us enough for the generous donations.

The demand for food is high and the staff at the food bank find it very difficult to keep up with this demand. Therefore, the gifts from school are really appreciated— thank you.



Mrs Cowell would also like to pass on her thanks to all the children involved in leading services over the past week, including the children who came to sing in church on Sunday. The whole congregation enjoyed the singing and their involvement in the games during the service.



### Harvest is about life

The life of God's creation- our planet and the universe we are part of,

The life that God gives to each one of us,

The life of the natural world around us,

The life of all the plants and animals that fill this world,

The life that we live – the life that needs food and water to survive,

The life that needs peace and justice to flourish

The life that we can build up through our compassion for all God's creation

The life that we can damage by our carelessness and greed

The life that will end if we carry on destroying the world and polluting the air and the sea

**HARVEST IS ABOUT LIFE.**

### Harvest Prayer

Father God, thank you for all the good things you provide for us so we can live well, be healthy and enjoy your wonderful world.

Help us to share these good things with those who find life hard so they can also live well, be healthy and enjoy your wonderful world.

Most of all, thank you, God, for giving all of us your love and helping us to follow your ways to enjoy your wonderful world.

Amen



**It's not too late**

**Over the next fortnight, the children will continue to learn about Bishop Phillip's Harvest Appeal. There's still time to donate and we will share the grand total just before our half term break.**



### **Mutual Respect and Tolerance**

The Guinness World Records provides a fantastic opportunity to see the gifts, talents and interests other people living all over the world have. I understand and respect that not everyone is the same as me.

## **Picture News**

### **Christian Value: Service**

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



The 2024 edition of the Guinness World Records has been released. This year, over 30,000 applicants submitted their achievements, but only 2,638 records were selected for the edition, which features more than 80% new and updated records. The annual collection of records has run since 1955, when it was first inspired by the question 'What's the fastest game bird in Europe?'. Its latest edition is themed around the Blue Planet, with a number of records celebrated, including those set by impressive marine creatures, adventurous sailors and record-breaking lakes, rivers and icescapes.



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



## **SAFEGUARDING**

Please see the separate attachment- **'What Parents and carers need to know about AMONG US'**.

Updated for 2023, this online safety guide takes another look at Among Us: a futuristic murder mystery that's found an enthusiastic audience of young gamers.

Created in 2018 by a small indie studio that (at the time) had only four employees, Among Us has become one of the gaming world's biggest breakout hits of recent years. In 2020, for example, it was the world's most-downloaded mobile game. Its simplicity helped Among Us to resonate with younger players in particular: the game's second largest audience slice is the 13–18 age bracket.

While it has a 7+ age rating, with emphasis on teamwork and cartoonish colourful graphics that suit a young fan-base, the game also, carries more serious risks with betrayal by teammates or an untimely on-screen demise. It also has in-game purchases and possible contact from strangers.

Please see our #WakeUpWednesday guide's list of hazards that trusted adults should bear in mind.

## **HOCKEY**

Grimsargh St Michael's 2 Fulwood and Cadley 0

Grimsargh St Michael's 0 Goosnargh 3

Grimsargh St Michael's 0 Queen's Drive 5

Grimsargh St Michael's 0 St Maria Goretti 2

The team started excellently with a 2-0 win and a great performance with both goals from Reggie. Despite hitting the post and several good efforts v Goosnargh, they stung us in the break with 3 clinical finishes giving a flattering scoreline.

We kept going resolutely in our final two games despite defeats and pouring rain leaving everyone absolutely drenched. Great goalkeeping from Noah Y stood out in our final game.

Thank you to all supporters and parents who helped with lifts who stayed to support for 4 games in the relentless rain! Special thanks to Erin's mum who helped with refereeing and her hockey coach expertise.

Well done to **Noah Y, Zack M, Joshua P, Reggie C, Evan W, Erin T, Amber R and Annie Rose N.**



### **Pupil Leadership Team**



At the beginning of this school year, our year 6 children had the opportunity to apply for the position of head boy and head girl. Children who were interested, initially had to write a letter in application, stating why they felt they were a suitable candidate for the role. All applications were read by our school senior leadership team. The standard was extremely high and so all candidates progressed to the second phase of the application process– the presentations.

The candidates presented to children and staff in years 5 and 6 last week. All candidates showed great confidence and courage– they blew us away and should be proud of themselves. After all votes had been counted, we were excited to present our new head boy and head girl with their badges as well as our deputy head boy and deputy head girl.



**Well done to: Amber R (Head Girl), Ellis T (Head Boy); Florence B-R (Deputy Head Girl) and Joseph F (Deputy Head Boy)**





## **FOOTBALL**

The girls football saw 8 of our year 5 and 6 girls represent our school with superb enthusiasm and determination.

Our tournament started with a hard fought 1-1 draw with St Maria Goretti before a 2-0 win v Brockholes Wood. We then lost 1-0 to St Joseph's with the last kick of the ball before finishing our group with a 0-0 draw against Fulwood and Cadley in a game we probably should have won.

Once the group tables had been worked out, the girls were delighted to find out they had made the quarter finals.

Unfortunately, they came up against a very strong Deepdale team and lost 3-0.

Nevertheless, the tournament should stand the girls in good stead for the league games in the New Year. They showed real effort and energy and they should be very proud of their performance. We now need to work on our shooting and positional sense in order to do even better in the league games.

Goals were scored by Annie Rose N, Ellie R and Amber R.

Well done to **Annie Rose N, Amber R, Ellie R, Milly H, Tia T, Erin W, Jocelyn B and Hannah R.**

A massive thank you to Hannah's mum for helping with lifts and to all parents who came to give great support and encouragement to the girls.

Classes have been busy voting for their School Council and Eco Council representatives for this year.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our new council members!

### **School Council**

Reception- Livie and Summer

Year 1- Conor and Felicity

Year 2- Lucy and Hugo

Year 3- Robert and William T

Year 4- Charlotte and Thomas

Year 5- Matilda and Zsolt

Year 6- Amber and Ellis



### **Eco Council**

Reception- Phoebe and Thomas

Year 1- Eliza and Finn

Year 2- Ben and Lexie

Year 3- Ruby and Seth

Year 4- Eilee and Oscar

Year 5- Charlie and Ellie

Year 6- Florence and Joseph



The children have been presented with their badges today and should wear them with pride. We are looking forward to our first meetings and making exciting plans for the year.

## **BEHAVIOUR at lunchtime**

We are continuing to work on ensuring improved behaviour by all children in school. To support improved behaviour during lunchtime, we will put into action the procedures below. These will be added to our school behaviour policy. As a staff team, we will focus on this policy during the spring term– we will seek your views, as parents/ carers, as well as those of our pupils.

The policy will be updated as necessary, shared with Governors and then uploaded to our school website for you to read.

**If inappropriate behaviour occurs during lunchtime, the pupil's name will be added to the lunchtime book by the member of staff dealing with the behaviour. The member of staff will inform the class teacher of the specific inappropriate behaviour. The class teacher will inform the pupil's parent/ carer at the end of the school day. All pupils with their name in the book will spend 40 minutes in the headteacher's office the next day, which will include eating their lunch.**

**Children who are identified for demonstrating excellent behaviour, will also have their name added to the lunchtime book. Children with their name added will be asked to stand up in Friday's Celebration Assembly and will receive a round of applause.**