

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

3.11.2023

'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 6th November

3pm Whole School Worship

Tuesday 7th

3pm Hymn Practice

1:15pm Let's Go Sing
(in-school visit)

Wednesday 8th

3pm Key Stage Worship

9am Remembrance Day
workshop at Archbishop Temple
High School

9:30am SHOW ROUND for
reception places 2024/25

Thursday 9th

3pm Key Stage Worship

PTFA NEON DISCO!

Friday 10th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly



Primary School

Admissions

Online applications for reception class admissions are now open on

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.

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

Weekly Attendance (Week beg 16th October)

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.8%

Reception: 96.8%	Year 3: 97.9%
Year 1: 96%	Year 4: 99%
Year 2: 92%	Year 5: 99%
	Year 6: 97.2%



SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



Grimsargh St Michael's Welcome

Reverend Andy

On Saturday 21st October, children, parents, staff and parishioners joined Bishop Jill and Archdeacon David, to welcome Reverend Andy to our village. Reverend Andy is our new vicar. Huge thanks to the children, parents and staff who attended the service. A group of children sang and a member of Year 6 took the lead during the prayers. We are delighted that the children let their lights shine during this special service.



Representatives from various community groups formerly welcomed Reverend Andy, including Mr Booth, and Miss Smith read the first reading during the service. We are looking forward to working alongside Reverend Andy and further strengthening the school/ church links.

Remembrance Day

We are looking forward to Year 5 leading us in worship, in school on Thursday 9th November. Children from each class will prepare a wreath to help us honour those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. We unite across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. We will remember them.



Can your son/daughter tell you anything about the Big Frieze?

Are you kind and respectful? How?

On Monday, during whole school worship, the children shared ideas about some kind and respectful acts they could carry out in school. They also commented upon acts that they should not carry out because they could upset or hurt other people. They enjoyed watching the story of 'The Kind Stranger,' (The Good Samaritan).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8>

Prayer

Dear God,

There are times when we need help from others and
times when others need help from us.

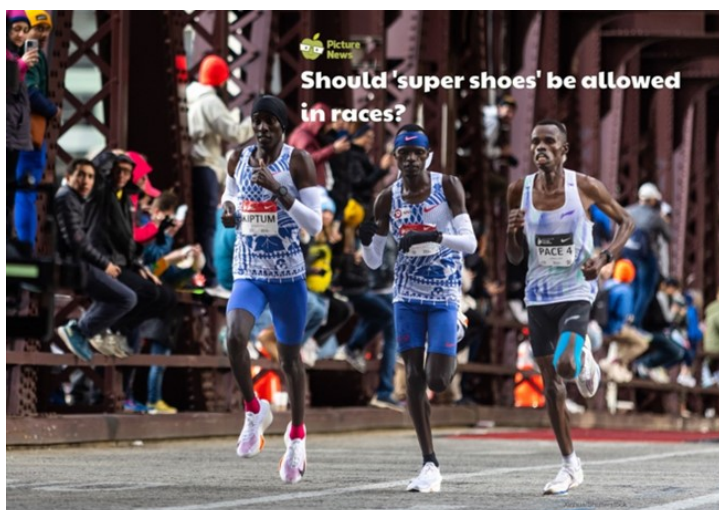
Help us always to be ready to show respect for each other and for our self, for property and for the environment.

Guide us to help and respect each other,
even people we don't like, just as Jesus taught us.

Amen

Picture News

Christian Value: Compassion



Reflection



As technology improves, it can help athletes perform better and better in sports. It's important for us to respect rules and ensure any possible advantages are fair for all.



Rule of Law

World Athletics has rules about what footwear people can wear when competing in a road race. This ensures it is fair. If the rules are not followed, the competitor will be disqualified.

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Protected Characteristics



Kenyan long-distance runner, Kelvin Kiptum, recently broke the world record for the fastest marathon time. Whatever your nationality, you should be able to compete in a world event. We should never be treated unfairly because of our nationality.



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News from St Michael's Church

An evening of entertainment with John Bowdler- the organist from Blackpool Tower.

18th November 7:30 pm at St Michael's Church

Price £10 per person with light refreshments included.

Tickets available from St Michael's Church



Save the date:

Parish Christmas Fair in the school hall on Saturday 2nd December



PARKING

Please do not use the staff car park after unless you are using it to drop off/ pick up from Discovery Vine or if it has been agreed with Mr Booth for you to have a green card from our school office– this needs to be clearly displayed in your windscreen. Thank you.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Empty boxes are available to collect from outside the main school office, for this year's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for International Aid. If you would like to make up a box yourself this year that would be amazing - please drop off at school before the 27th November.

Please also leave £2 per made up box in an envelope with it, to help with shipping costs for the charity.

Few points I've been asked:

- To be filled and dropped off, at school, by 27th November.
- £2 per filled box to be left with the boxes to help with shipping for the charity.
- No Chocolate as it may melt but sweets are ok!
- Good as new toys/books are also accepted.
- If you can wrap the box but don't seal it shut just put an elastic band around it.
- If you would rather donate some money then that is also fine as Mrs Rutherford will go shopping and collect the bits to fill some boxes.

THANK YOU, Mrs Rutherford



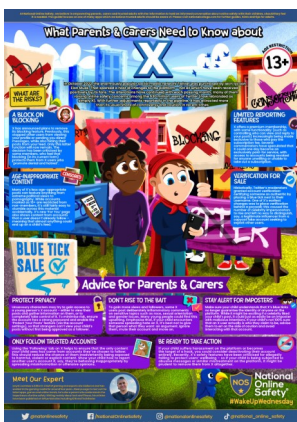
SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment-
‘What Parents and carers need to know about X’

This free online safety guide delves into the social media site X, highlighting the major changes since its rebrand from Twitter and the related online safety risks.

The social media network formerly known as Twitter has undergone numerous alterations since its change of ownership and rebranding as X – and many of these recent developments have proved controversial. With any user now simply able to pay a fee for account verification, for example, the once-reliable ‘blue tick’ system has become largely meaningless.

It’s just one of several changes that have set the social media giant on what many consider a concerning path in online safety terms. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide provides a run-down of the most significant tweaks made to X; their potential safeguarding implications; and how to help ensure young people minimise the risks while they continue to use the service.



Scores for: 16.10.23– 29.10.23

1st place: year 4	50, 269pts
2nd place: year 6	35, 009pts
3rd place: year 3	31, 188pts
4th place: year 2	30, 223pts
5th place: year 1	27, 310pts
6th place: reception	21, 134pts
7th place: year 5	14, 385pts

Top Students

Reception:	Joshua E
Year 1:	Charlotte H
Year 2:	Dylan H
Year 3:	Robert L
Year 4:	Emilia E
Year 5:	Evan W
Year 6:	Florence B-R

Playground Equipment

We are happy for our children to use our new Energy Wall, Gym Equipment and Table Tennis Table before and after school. However, please would you ensure that if your child is using any of the above that they do so with care. Thank you.



FOOTBALL– League

On Thursday evening our league campaign got off to a start with us playing three matches. The first saw us up against Kennington and despite dominating possession, territory and chances, the match finished 0-0. In our second match we faced St Clare's. After a tight opening, we took the lead. However, St Clare's equalised not long after and scored again direct from a free kick in the second half to run out 2-1 winners. In our final match of the evening, we played Ashton. Again, we took the lead but again we were pegged back by an equaliser. The match finished 1-1.

After opening 3 matches we have gained 2 points and really need to get a win under our belts to remain in the league, and avoid relegation. The team showed great teamwork and effort despite extremely wet conditions and can feel slightly unfortunate not to have picked up more points for their solid performances.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who supported our team.

Well done: **Charlie B, Noah S, Noah Y, Bobby G, Avneet S, Zack M, Malachy W, Harry J and Riley M.**

Mini-skills

Our year 1/2 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 'obstacle relay', achieving the 6th quickest time. When all points were totalled, we achieved the 6th highest score.

Well done to **Dylan H, Max R, Aiden H, Jemima B, Lucy G and Izabella H** for representing our school superbly well.



FOOTBALL– Cup Competition 'MUDDY MARVELS'

The Y5/6 football team made a successful start to the Harold Slater Shield with a 3-1 win over Ingol, securing qualification to the last 16.

We made a fast start to the game played on an energy sapping muddy pitch when Avneet rifled home a shot through a crowded goalmouth. Noah S then added two more good goals before halftime.

The second half saw us defending the muddy goalmouth and although Ingol fought bravely and pulled a goal back, some stout defending from Malachy in particular and good saves from Charlie and Noah Y secured the win.

A great effort in tricky playing conditions, and as always thanks go out to those parents who helped transport players and support the team.

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