

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter



*'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): **Adam L and Sumayyah M**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Alice A and Elissa B**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Izabella H and Theo G**

Year 3 (Mr Brooks): **Seth G and Kieran C**

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Oscar H and Archie F**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Hannah R and Jaiden W**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Erin W and Oscar P**

Well done to **William T** (year 3) and **Elijah H** (year 4) for being
awarded the **Christian Value** award.

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 30th October)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.8%

Reception: 98.6%

Year 1: 98%

Year 2: 96.3%

Year 3: 94%

Year 4: 100%

Year 5: 99.3%

Year 6: 97.9%

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.

DIARY DATES

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK:

*'Make a noise about
bullying'*

Monday 13th November

3pm Whole School Worship

ODD SOCKS DAY!

Tuesday 14th

3pm Hymn Practice

**2:30pm Triathlon @ Fulwood
Leisure Centre & Fulwood
Academy**

Year 5 (half class) -

**Taster Morning at Longridge
High**

Wednesday 15th

3pm Key Stage Worship

Thursday 16th

3pm Key Stage Worship

Football League Fixtures x3

Friday 17th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly



SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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





Remembrance Day



On Wednesday, our year 5 children visited Archbishop Temple High School, to learn about Remembrance Day. Inspired by this visit, they returned to school and took the lead during our whole school Remembrance Day worship on Thursday afternoon. Look out for photographs of the visit on social media and on our school website.

We gathered together to lay a handmade wreath, from each class, in our 'Rest and Reflect' area. At 11am on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year, we give thanks for the brave troops who sacrificed/ sacrifice themselves to protect us.

Does your son/ daughter know why we have Remembrance Day on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year? Why do we wear poppies?

The poppy became a symbol of Remembrance after the First World War. During WW1, much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. The countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over repeatedly. Previously beautiful landscapes turned to mud; bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow. There was a notable and striking exception to the bleakness - the bright red Flanders poppies. These resilient flowers flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, growing in the thousands upon thousands.

Although the tradition of Remembrance began after the First World War, it continued to include the service and sacrifice of people fighting for and alongside the UK and Commonwealth in every conflict since then. We remember the service and sacrifice of the armed forces from the UK, the Commonwealth and the countries who fought alongside us (our allies) in the First and Second World War, in the Falklands, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and more. We remember all those who supported them: those who worked in munitions factories, women who took on jobs to keep their country running, the men and women of the resistance.

We also remember the families who have lost loved ones or who are caring for injured and recovering veterans. While we're not at war, terrorist acts still take place and our emergency services are the first to arrive to help the victims. We remember the people who are not members of the armed forces but have lost their lives as a result of war and terrorism.

How do you remember?

There are lots of ways to remember. People attend Remembrance services and events all over the country. The National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in London is held on Remembrance Sunday, the closest Sunday to 11th November. The service is attended by senior members of the Royal Family, including His Majesty the King, HM Government, representatives of the Commonwealth and features a march involving 10,000 veterans. There are also local services held on Remembrance Sunday in places of worship and community services. At 11am on the 11th November (Armistice Day), people across the country stop what they are doing and stay silent for two minutes to remember all the people affected by war and to hope for a peaceful future.

Look at your poppy.

Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.

Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm.

Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.

Place your whole hand over the poppy; poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently.

God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad.

Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.

Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.

Amen



Children in Need

Friday 17th November 2023

School Council met this week to make plans for Children in Need.

They plan to do an assembly to talk about what it's all about and set up a carousel of activities to do during the day in class.

They would also like everyone to wear their favourite pyjamas for the day! **(Please ensure children wear proper shoes/trainers and bring their coat as usual)**

We're looking forward to a fun day whilst thinking about and raising money for those less fortunate than us.

A £1 donation will be made to Children in Need from your charity contribution. Please, if you can, make your payment via Parentpay if you have not already done so.

Football– Girls

The girls' football team put up a brave fight despite losing 7-1 against a strong OLSE team in the Dick Kerr Trophy on Thursday evening.

We were caught cold with a goal in the first minute, but after that the girls showed great tenacity and were really competitive. The pitch was heavy and muddy with recent rain and really sapped the girls' energy. Our goal was from an excellent corner by Amber. Erin also played superbly in goals.

Thanks to Mr Rochd for giving up his time to help coach the team and to all the parents who came to watch. I'm sure they are as proud as we were at the girls progress, effort and sportsmanship.

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



Grimsargh St Michael's Remembers

Lest We Forget

Year 5 visited Archbishop Temple for a remembrance workshop and then led our whole school remembrance worship on Thursday.

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Picture News

Christian Value: Respect
British Value: Respect and Courage



Let's look at the story



The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal is launching a new poppy for 2023; it is the first new design of the symbol in just under 30 years!

People will be able to buy the brand-new, plastic-free version from volunteers across the UK or from supermarkets. The annual campaign calls for the public to wear a poppy as a show of solidarity towards the armed forces community in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday, which is on 12th November this year. Poppy sales also raise vital funds to support veterans, serving personnel and their families all year round.

Learn more about this story [here](#).
Watch the useful video [here](#).

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On the 12th November 2023, followers of the Hindu, Sikh, and Jain faiths primarily celebrate Diwali. However, the holiday is celebrated throughout India, Singapore, and several other South Asian countries as a national holiday, meaning that people outside these religions may participate in Diwali celebrations, too. Hindu, Sikh, and Jain communities in the United Kingdom, United States, Australia, and elsewhere around the globe also regularly celebrate Diwali.

What Is Diwali?

Diwali (also called **Divali** or **Deepavali**) is a 'festival of lights' that celebrates the triumph of light over dark, good over evil, and the blessings of victory, freedom, and enlightenment. The name comes from Sanskrit *dipavali*, meaning 'row of lights'. On the night of Diwali, celebrants light dozens of candles and clay lamps (called *diyas*), placing them throughout their homes and in the streets to light up the dark night.



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

Anti-bullying week 2023

'Make a noise about bullying'

Next week is National 'Anti-bullying' week– the theme being, 'Make a noise about bullying'. Please send your child into school wearing odd socks on Monday as it's a great way to celebrate what make us all unique. Teachers have planned various activities throughout the week to support our children with this important message.

Please see the link and 'Parent/ carer' section to help you bring Anti-bullying week and odd socks day to life at home:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying#:~:text=Anti%2DBullying%20Week%202023%20will,bullying%20this%20Anti%2DBullying%20Week.>

This Anti-Bullying Week,
let's make a noise about bullying.

MAKE A
NOISE
ABOUT
BULLYING

SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- 'What Parents and carers need to know about Microtransactions'

This free online safety guide looks at microtransactions- those in-app or in-game purchases which can tempt young users into regular online spending.

Microtransactions figure in the business model of many game and app developers, allowing them to bring in ongoing revenue as users continue to pay for extra features and content; even software that's initially free to download can be monetised in this way. It's a system which has featured in many of younger gamers' perennial favourite franchises, from Fortnite to FIFA.

As well as encouraging regular spending, however, microtransactions- especially the increasingly common use of loot boxes- have also been scrutinised for what many argue is a resemblance to gambling, with the potential to foster addictive behaviours.

Our #WakeUpWednesday guide tells parents and carers what they need to know about microtransactions.



Scores for: 30.10.23– 5.11.23



1st place: year 4	29, 178pts
2nd place: year 1	27, 354pts
3rd place: year 2	26, 345pts
4th place: reception	17, 735pts
5th place: year 3	15, 929pts
6th place: year 5	13, 652pts
7th place: year 6	11, 091pts

Top Students

Reception:	Aaliyah Q
Year 1:	Oliver M
Year 2:	Finlay W
Year 3:	Isla-Rae K
Year 4:	Emilia E
Year 5:	Teddy P
Year 6:	Milly H