

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

19.01.2024

'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 22nd January

3pm Whole school worship

Extra-curricular clubs start

Tuesday 23rd

3pm Singing practice

'Let's Go Sing' – year 5 visit (in school)

Wednesday 24th

3pm Key stage worship

**MOBILE PLANTETARIUM
WONDERDOME**

Thursday 25th

3pm Key stage worship

3:30pm Tag Rugby matches

Friday 26th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

Congratulations!

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Jesse D and Harriett A**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Harry C and Alexander B**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Ivy H-M and Eva P**

Year 3 (Mr Brooks): **Ollie B and Oliver B**

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Daisy D and Shaan S**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Evan W and Finley H**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Rory S and Seb W**

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 8th January)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.6%

Reception: 99.4%

Year 1: 98.7%

Year 2: 98%

Year 3: 95.6%

Year 4: 100%

Year 5: 97%

Year 6: 97.9%

The Princess Trust

Following in the footsteps of Savannah A-R, in year 4, Amelia G, one of our year 2 pupils, has decided that she would like to donate 12 inches of her hair to the Princess Trust.

A 'GoFundMe' page has been set up with any donations greatly appreciated. If you can't make a donation, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser to help spread the word. Thank you

I thought you might be interested in supporting my GoFundMe:

<https://gofund.me/7279e5d8>



SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



Jesus - The Boy In The Temple

We don't know much about Jesus' childhood. We do know that when Jesus was 12, He and His family went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. On the way home, Mary and Joseph noticed Jesus was missing and returned to look for Him. They found Jesus in the temple, talking with the teachers there. The teachers were amazed at His understanding and insights.



Why is this story important?

Bishop Phillip explained that in school the teachers usually teach and the children learn. He encouraged us to imagine what it would be like if one child arrived in school tomorrow and started teaching everybody else, including all the teachers.

Jesus went missing for three days and when he was with the priests, in the temple, He taught them lots of new information. This story illustrates to Christians that Jesus is God (Incarnation). In this Bible story, Jesus shows Christians who He is and what He's come to do.



Do you ever feel like you are being ignored by people around you?

In this story, Jesus shows us that what children believe and what children think is really important. Your opinion, your voice and what you think really matters.

Dear God,

We thank you that today's story reminds us that Jesus was once a child.

We thank you that He had time to talk with you.

Jesus had time to learn and time to ask questions.

This reminds us how important it is to listen to our teachers, to learn from each other and to read the Bible.

Help us to open our eyes and ears, as we learn more about you and more about the world that we live in.

Amen

Picture News

Bible Reference: Psalm 119:105

Christian Value: **Wisdom**



Individual Liberty

We are all provided with the opportunity to learn to read. Sometimes learning to read can take perseverance and resilience, which we can be responsible for.



Reflection

Books can open new worlds of possibilities for us, both real and imagined - however we choose to read them.



News from St Michael's Church

'Beetle Drive'

When? **Friday 23rd February at 6pm**

Where? **Grimsgarth St. Michael's C of E Primary School**

The weather may be cold and bleak outside in February, but you are assured of a warm welcome at our family friendly 'Beetle Drive'.

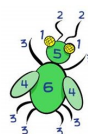
In addition, in conjunction with Miss Smith, Deputy Head, St. Michael's School, we are launching a competition for the 'Best Creepy Crawly' drawing/painting.

Prizes for the winners in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 who will be announced during the evening of the Beetle Drive.

Entry is £2 for adults and £1 for children

Please pay on the door.

All children must be accompanied by an adult





PLANETERIUM– WONDER DOME

On Wednesday 24th January, we have a mobile planetarium visiting school and it is set to be a very exciting day!

Each class will experience a 30-45-minute slot within the Wonder Dome, which will be set up in our school hall and they will be transported on a cosmic journey, a thrilling adventure exploring the wonders of the Universe! Across our curriculum, the children are exposed to learning about the Universe; from understanding how significant explorers landed on the Moon in Year 2; to learning about the Solar System in Year 5; and investigating light and dark in Year 6. The Wonder Dome will enhance the children's knowledge and also ignite curiosity and hopefully spark a desire to explore and learn more. The Wonder Dome team have prepared a full itinerary for the day and it is set to be out of this world!

Thankyou to those of you who have already paid the £3 contribution for this exciting visit. If you haven't yet paid your child's £3, please would you do so before Wednesday 24th January, when the 'Wonder Ddome' visits us.



SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- **'What Parents and carers need to know about Free Speech vs Hate Speech'**

This free information guide has tips to help combat hate speech online, while still respecting people's right to free speech.

Freedom of expression is enshrined in international law. Some individuals, however, misunderstand the right to share their opinions as a license to target others with the most horrendous prejudice.

So how do we balance people's prerogative to have their voice heard against everyone's right to live in a respectful, inclusive society?

This conflict frequently unfolds in the digital world. Online posters can be falsely accused of hate speech, while actual hate is often defended as merely being 'free speech'.

To help children and young people learn to identify the boundaries and recognise genuine hate speech when they see it, our #WakeUpWednesday guide provides some helpful definitions and guidelines.



Scores for: 8.1.24– 14.1.24



1st place: year 1	23, 794pts
2nd place: year 6	21, 550pts
3rd place: year 5	17, 864pts
4th place: year 4	17, 304pts
5th place: reception	14, 853pts
6th place: year 3	11, 436pts
7th place: year 2	9, 346pts

Top Students

Reception:	Thomas E
Year 1:	Charlotte H
Year 2:	Ivy H-M
Year 3:	Luca B
Year 4:	Emilia E
Year 5:	Evan W
Year 6:	Bob G