

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

26.01.2024

*'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 29th January

3pm Whole school worship

Planetarium Wonderdome

KS2 Multi-skills

Tuesday 30th

3pm Singing practice

Yr1/2 Mini-skills

Yr3 Football V Queens Drive

HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT

Wednesday 31st

3pm Key stage worship

Thursday 1st February

3pm Key stage worship

Friday 2nd

The Yogi Group- whole school

PTFA Non-uniform day

Congratulations!

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Maisie P and Thomas W**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Samuel H and Conor G**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Jemima B and Hugo H**

Year 3 (Mr Brooks): **Oliver C and Jack E**

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Fraser C and Olivia H**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Hannah R and Anabelle L**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Alfie R and Riley M**

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 15th January)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.6%

Reception: 95.2%

Year 1: 98.3%

Year 2: 98.7%

Year 3: 94.7%

Year 4: 98.1%

Year 5: 99%

Year 6: 92.1%

Planetarium Wonderdome

We are now looking forward to the Planetarium Wonderdome visiting us on Monday after the cancellation this week.

Thankyou to those of you who have already paid the £3 contribution per child for this exciting visit.

If you haven't yet paid your child's £3, please would you do so as soon as you can as we still have a number of families who haven't yet paid.

Thank you in advance.



SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



Philip and the Ethiopian

This week the children focused on the story of Philip and the Ethiopian from the 'Kingdom of God', part of the Big Frieze. The Big Frieze is a pictorial representation of God's Big Story. **Can your child retell the story of Philip the Ethiopian?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2D72x1dMwU>

Bishop Philip shared his views via the Worship Together video link- he reminds us about the fact that Philip loved running. He caught up with the chariot. He ran alongside the Ethiopian who was in the chariot. **Why is Philip in such a rush?**

He wants the Ethiopian man to learn about Jesus, to know Jesus, to understand that Jesus is his rescuer. Philip's running pays off. The Ethiopian man believes in God, he offers his life to Jesus and we know this because he was baptised there and then. The Ethiopian church is one of the oldest in the whole world.

Bishop Philip wonders what this story shows us about Jesus...**What do you think?**

There is an urgency to listening to the good news of Jesus Christ- The good news that Christians listen to in the Bible really matters. Christians believe that Jesus died for them. Consider taking a moment to stop and think about Jesus. **Who is He and what would you like to find out about Him?**



Prayer

Lord Jesus,

We thank you for the story of Philip.

He was one of your followers.

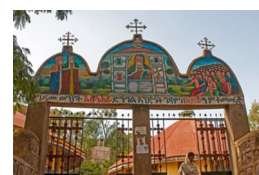
We pray that we will have the same courage as he did.

He explained your story and your big plan.

We pray that more people will learn more about God's plan and His love for us.

Help us to love those around us.

Amen



Picture News

Bible verse: **Acts 17:24**

Christian Value: **Service**

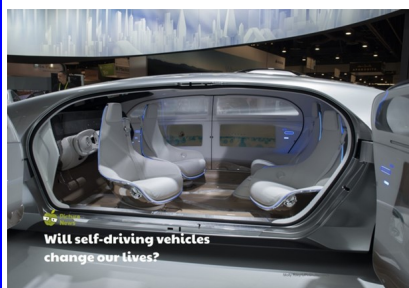


Rule of Law

There are rules and laws that people must follow when driving vehicles. These help keep everyone safe.

As we move into the future, the rules and laws will change. Who is responsible for vehicles in the future may change too!

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Reflection

Self-driving transport has the power to revolutionise how we travel and could allow people to hand the control over to technology.



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.

JIGSAW CLUB- This week at 10am at church— children age 3-11 welcome.



Little Voices

I am sure you have heard of Little Voices and how we help build children's confidence and teach valuable life skills through performing arts lessons in the Preston, Leyland and Chorley areas.

During February Half Term we are holding a 4 day Theatre Week in a central location. This allows pupils to work on a piece of script which they will perform at the end of the week for family and friends, build valuable skills whilst having lots of fun and making new friends. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

All booking information can be found by clicking on this link:

<https://littlevoices.org.uk/preston/february-theatre-week/> or by emailing Rachel@littlevoices.org.uk

Thank you, Rachel

LACES

If your child attends school wearing shoes/ trainers with laces, please teach them how to tie them. It looks incredibly scruffy when children are walking around our building, into worship and assemblies with their laces undone because they are unable to tie them.

Please try, were possible, to send them in shoes/ trainers which fasten with Velcro or another more simple fastening system.

Thank you



SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment-
'Smartphone safety tips for young people'

This free information guide has tips to help young smartphone owners stay safe while enjoying using their device.

According to Ofcom, 69% of under-18s use a smartphone as their main method of going online. Additionally, 49% of children use them for online gaming – putting smartphones only behind consoles (59%) as the device of choice for playing games on. Most people won't require such statistical evidence, however, to acknowledge the huge importance of phones to young people.

Given that Santa's recent visit is likely to have bestowed smartphones on an even greater number of young people, it's a particularly opportune moment to ensure that children are able to use their handsets responsibly – and, above all, safely. From passcodes to parental controls, and from screen time to scams, our #WakeUpWednesday guide has the essential advice.



Scores for: 15.1.24– 21.1.24



1st place: year 6	50, 260pts
2nd place: year 1	28, 948pts
3rd place: reception	20, 506pts
4th place: year 4	19, 688pts
5th place: year 5	19, 317pts
6th place: year 3	18, 163pts
7th place: year 2	16, 558pts

Top Students

Reception:	Thomas W
Year 1:	Oliver M
Year 2:	Freddie W
Year 3:	Brook W
Year 4:	Emilia E
Year 5:	Evan W
Year 6:	Bobby G

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Wear What Makes You
HAPPY!

Non-Uniform Day

£1 DONATION

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Option to purchase
donuts at the end of the
day too!



Non-Uniform Day for Children's Mental Health Week – Friday 2nd February

The PTFA is running a non-uniform day on Friday 2nd February, to give your child the opportunity to wear what makes them happy- in support of Children's Mental Health Week. The cost is £1 per child, with payments accepted via ParentPay.

Children can wear anything that makes them happy, provided it is safe (no heels, earrings or football boots with studs etc) and suitable to take in the activities delivered by the Yogi Group on that day.

The PTFA will also be selling donuts after school from the hall that day, priced at £1 each.