

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

02.02.2024

'Let your light shine before people so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven' (Matthew 5: v.16)

There are no STAR awards this week as we had The Yogi Group working with all our classes, throughout the day, today, focusing on well-being and mindfulness.



Harry Potter

On Tuesday, over 60 of our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed the much-anticipated evening at our Harry Potter Book Night!

We played games like Quidditch pong, pin the scar on Harry and Harry Potter bingo! We made our own dragon eggs, tasted Bertie Botts Every-Flavour Beans, tried a mystery box challenge and made wands.

We hope all the children enjoyed this memorable event and that it has sparked a magical love of reading for all. Thank you to Miss Cross for organising this event and to the staff who helped set up and stay behind to help run the evening.



Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 22nd January)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 93.5%

Reception: 87.9%

Year 1: 86.7%

Year 2: 99%

Year 3: 94.3%

Year 4: 95.5%

Year 5: 96.7%

Year 6: 94.5%

Staffing

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mr Nick Johns as our new teaching assistant. He will start with us on Monday 19th February.

Mr Johns currently works at Sherwood Primary School, mainly supporting pupils with behaviour/ pastoral needs. He is well trained and has completed the Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) training.

Mr Johns will support some of our year 3 pupils during the morning and will support a year 5 pupil each afternoon. He will also run sports clubs after school (Mon-Thurs), probably starting in the summer term and will support our extra-curricular sports provision.



DIARY DATES

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Monday 5th February

3pm Whole School Worship

Tuesday 6th

3pm Singing Practice

9:30am Year 4 Gymnastics

INTERNET SAFETY DAY

Wednesday 7th

3pm Key Stage Worship

**YEAR 3 Educational Visit–
Chester Zoo**

Thursday 8th

3pm Key Stage Worship

3:30pm Tag Rugby fixtures

Friday 9th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

**11am Year 6 at St Michael's
Church**

3:25pm SCHOOL CLOSES



SOCIAL MEDIA



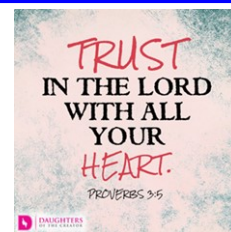
'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



Use your
GOD-GIVEN GIFTS
to serve others.
1 PETER 4:10

Gideon- A Brave and Mighty Man



Gideon was the son of Joash, from the Abiezrite and lived in Ephra (Ophrah). As a leader of the Israelites, he won a decisive victory over a Midianite army despite a vast numerical disadvantage, leading a troop of 300 'valiant' men. God did not give Gideon tens of thousands of soldiers, but he gave him a few kind soldiers and a clever brain/ mind so he could outwit the Midianites so almost nobody ended up dying.

What can we learn from this Bible story?

Bishop Phillip explained that Gideon needed to learn to put his trust in God and Gideon needed to learn to trust in the gifts that God had given him.

Christians believe that when they trust in God, He will never let them down. It's easy to put our trust in material items, in money, in weapons, in strength but Gideon teaches Christians to place their trust in God and the gifts that he has given them. Christians believe that if they use their God given gifts properly, then anything is possible.

Prayer

Father God,

We pray that we will have the same trust in you that Gideon had.

That we will trust you in good times, confusing times and bad times.

We trust that you will always be with us and that you can do extraordinary things in our lives, just like you did for Gideon.

Amen

Picture News

Bible quote: **Colossians 3:12**

Christian Value: **Compassion**



Individual Liberty

We can choose what clothes we wear and what we do with them when we no longer want or need them.

It is important to remember our actions have consequences, which can affect the environment.

Let's look at this week's story

A new BBC television programme, called Style It Out, gives nine young promising fashion designers from all over the UK the chance to compete in designing different outfits. The winner will have their clothes showcased at London Fashion Week. The main focuses of the challenge are creativity and sustainability, with the contestants having to use second-hand materials. As people's awareness of the impact of fast fashion increases, sustainable clothing is becoming more at the forefront of shoppers' minds.



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



News from St Michael's Church

'Beetle Drive'

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

Where? **Grimsargh 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

Multi-skills

On Monday afternoon, at Fulwood Leisure Centre, our multi-skills team took part in an inter-school competition. They competed in 6 events, which tested their throwing accuracy, kicking accuracy, speed, throwing for distance and team work. We finished in 4th place out of 15 schools.

Our team were enthusiastic and showed great determination. Well done: **Emilia B, Emily D-W, Hannah R, Ollie B, Oliver C, Caleb C.**



Mobile Phones

We are seeing a rise in the number of our pupils bringing a mobile phone into school. Please contact the school office if your child needs to bring their mobile phone to school.

The phone must be brought to the school office before the pupil enters school to start the day and must be collected, again via the main office, after school has finished.

Phones found, that have not been handed in, will be confiscated. Parents/ carers will be informed and will have to come to school to collect the phone.

Year 3 Football– Friendly V Queens Drive

Our year 3 football team played a friendly match against Queens Drive on Tuesday. Queens Drive came runners-up in the inter-school tournament last year and so are one of the best teams in the Preston area at this age.

However, our boys played some fantastic football, showing real determination and positivity, and winning one of the quarters 1-0. Well done to: **Seth G, Jack E, William L, Leo C, Jake McG, Kieran C, Oliver B and Henry B.**



Scores for: 22.1.24– 28.1.24



1st place: year 6	42, 713pts
2nd place: year 2	28, 892pts
3rd place: year 1	27, 209pts
4th place: year 4	23, 771pts
5th place: reception	21, 838pts
6th place: year 5	17, 613pts
7th place: year 3	15, 067pts

Top Students

Reception:	Sienna B
Year 1:	Charlotte H
Year 2:	Freddie W
Year 3:	Kieran C
Year 4:	Emilia E
Year 5:	Evan W
Year 6:	Harry J

SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- '**What Parents and Carers need to know about MyLOL.**'

Teenagers' blossoming interest in romantic relationships and their devotion to online networking is a potent combination – and, regrettably, not always a safe one. It raises all kind of worries about the possibility of sharing intimate images or deeply personal information; and that's simply with contacts their own age – to say nothing of the chance of connecting with an older stranger.

MyLOL – a site which specifically facilitates interaction between 13 to 19-year-olds – has amassed around a million users worldwide, but sadly its safeguarding protocols can't match that level of success. The ease with which an adult could pose as a teen under a bogus birthdate makes grooming a realistic threat – and that's far from the platform's only risk, as our guide explains.





PLANETARIUM WONDER DOME

The children had a great time visiting the Wonder Dome this week. They learnt about the Solar System, the first Moon Landings and also saw images of what it would be like to live on the Moon! It was an immersive and mesmerising experience which will hopefully inspire some future Astronauts! Thank you to Mrs Coupe for organising this experience.

We hope you feel it was well worth the £3.00 per child. If you haven't yet paid, please do so via Parentpay, if you can. Thank you.



LET'S MAKE SOME DOUGH!

**KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS
ON SALE FRIDAY**

£1 EACH



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A reminder that the PTFA will be selling world's tastiest doughnuts – Krispy Kreme – TODAY after school at £1 each as a little end of week treat for the children, this Children's Mental Health Week.

Cash or Card
payments accepted.