

# Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

09.02.2024

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



## DIARY DATES

**Monday 19th February**  
3pm Whole school worship

**Tuesday 20th**  
3pm Singing practice  
**10am Tag Rugby Tournament**

**Wednesday 21st**  
3pm Key stage worship  
**Book Fair arrives**

**Thursday 22nd**  
3pm Key stage worship

**Friday 23rd**  
2:45pm Celebration Assembly  
**8:30am Dance Festival Performance for invited parents/ carers**

# Congratulations!

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Bonnie H and Halima J**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **George P and Bella W**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Tilly B and Cerys P**

Year 3 (Mr Brooks): **Whole class for the Chester Zoo trip!**

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **George H and Mia-Rose P**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Vaibhav R A and Jack D**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Ines T and Emilia L**

## Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 22nd January)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.5%**

Reception: 93.1%

**Year 1: 97.3%**

Year 2: 89.3%

Year 3: 95.8%

Year 4: 98.1%

Year 5: 89.7%

**Year 6: 98.3%**



## **SAVE THE DATE**

- The PTFA Easter Bingo is back!
- Thursday 21st March: 5.30-8pm
- More details coming soon



Instagram

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**



'grimsarghstmichaels'  
on Instagram

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



## **Shrove Tuesday Worship**

Led by Year 2

This week, year 2 prepared and delivered our whole school worship, focusing on Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is otherwise known as 'Pancake Day' and Christians traditionally use this day to eat up the starchy foods in their cupboards so they can be reminded of the time Jesus spent in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights without food or water. A time which Christians now call Lent.

As we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday next week, during half term, the year 2 children wanted to spread the word about why we celebrate Shrove Tuesday, not just in the UK but around the globe. The children shared information about how Christians around the world prepare for Shrove Tuesday and the meaning behind this important day in the Christian calendar.

Some of the year 2 children also interviewed KS2 children to find out what they know about Shrove Tuesday and our staff team also shared their favourite pancake toppings on a video which was played as part of the worship.

As Shrove Tuesday focuses on preparing for the period of Lent, year 2 have set the school a challenge for Lent. Year 2 have asked the children to think about 'turning over a positive leaf' during Lent and focusing on pledging a positive act to complete or work on during Lent.

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for making Shrove Tuesday so people will understand the meaning of Jesus going to the desert and surviving without food or drink.**

**Amen**

Written by Izabella H



## GYMNASTICS

On Tuesday, five of our year 4 children represented school in the Preston Schools' Gymnastics Competition.

They had to remember and complete a floor routine and the vault.

The children performed incredibly well and showed amazing behaviour throughout. Of the schools in our league, we achieved the 4th highest score, which is a great result and one we are proud of.

A particular mention for Quinn, who scored the highest combined floor and vault score of all gymnasts and to Ben for scoring the 3rd highest of all male gymnasts.

Well done: **Quinn T, Evie G-P, Olivia H, Lily H and Ben W.**



## SCHOOL SPORTS KIT

If your child has represented one of our school sports teams and has any of the school sports kit at home, please would you return them as soon as you can.

We seem to be quite a few items short meaning our teams aren't looking as smart due to some children having to wear older kit.

Thank you

## *MATHLETICS*

Scores for: 29.1.24– 4.2.24



1st place: year 1	40, 083pts
2nd place: year 4	29, 843pts
3rd place: year 6	28, 363pts
4th place: reception	22, 399pts
5th place: year 3	12, 429pts
6th place: year 2	10, 449pts
7th place: year 5	7, 248pts

### Top Students

Reception:	Thomas E
Year 1:	Niamh M
Year 2:	Freddie W
Year 3:	Jake McG
Year 4:	Emilia E
Year 5:	Aryan C
Year 6:	Avneet S

## SAFEGUARDING

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

With Omegle finally shutting down in late 2023, the top spot among video chat services is up for grabs – and Monkey has its eyes set on the crown. Randomly matching its users for 15-second conversations, the platform's developers claim to have created a dynamic online space for people to make new connections and, potentially, even some new friends.

Despite these innocuous-sounding intentions, however, Monkey has been criticised for moderation which may not be comprehensive enough to defend against the obvious dangers that unregulated, random video calls pose to the younger element of the site's userbase. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide tells trusted adults what they need to know about Monkey.

