

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

23.02.2024

'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 26th February

3pm Whole school worship

**WHOLE SCHOOL
SCIENCE DAY!**

1:30pm Reception local walk

Tuesday 27th

3pm Singing practice

12:30pm Mini-skills

**3:30pm PARENT/ CARER
EVENING**

Wednesday 28th

3pm Key stage worship

10am DANCE FESTIVAL

**3:30pm PARENT/ CARER
EVENING**

Thursday 29th

3pm Key stage worship

**3:45pm Football fixtures x2-
Girls**

Friday 1st March

2:45pm Celebration Assembly



SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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

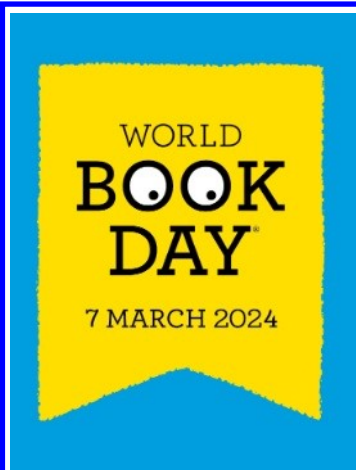


World Book Day is Thursday 7th March!

We are inviting children to come to school dressed as an inspirational character from a book. Dressing up is completely optional- we encourage children to make use of clothes and items they already have, rather than buying new costumes.

We will be thinking about what inspires us about our characters and the positive qualities they have. It would be great if your child could bring this book to school if you have it at home.

We will also be hosting a 'book swap'. The children can bring a book from home they no longer read, and can swap with each other for a different one. Miss Cross



Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 5th February)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.6%

Reception: 95.9%

Year 1: 98.7%

Year 2: 95.3%

Year 3: 93.2%

Year 4: 98.4%

Year 5: 94.3%

Year 6: 92.7%

HANDS on SCIENCE

Hands on Science is a nationwide company providing practical science workshops to primary school children. Every experiment is packed with hands on science. There's plenty of fun and wow too!

Hands on Science will be in school all day on Monday to deliver exciting and practical workshops linking closely to our curriculum to every year group throughout the day.

Workshops:

R, Y1&Y2 - **Adaptation and camouflage**

Year 3 - **Skeletons**

Year 4 - **Electricity**

Year 5 - **Rocket challenge**

Year 6 - **Circulation and heart dissection**

What is Ash Wednesday?

Why is it important for Christians?

Ash Wednesday is the day after Shrove Tuesday and it marks the beginning of Lent. It is an important time of year for Christians. It reminds them of when Jesus spent time in the desert, for 40 days and 40 nights, without food. Jesus was tested in the desert. Jesus stuck by God.

Christians believe that when things get hard, or they are tempted to forget about God, they can trust in Him because He will never leave them.

During Lent they try to become better people and draw closer to God.



Reflection

Think about what positive thing you might do this Lent

Prayer

Dear God,

During Lent, help us to consider how we can focus on you.
We pray that you will guide us to choose positive actions to help others.
We pray also for all those in the world who have no power, no money,
no food or have lost their way in life.

Amen



Lent challenge: During Lent, consider carrying out forty acts of kindness as a family.



JIGSAW CLUB

Where? St Michael's Church, Grimsargh
When? This Sunday 25th February at 10 o'clock

News from Blackburn Diocese

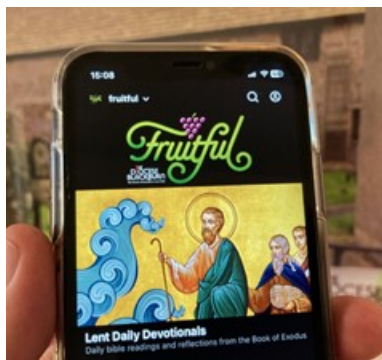
The brand-new discipleship app for our Diocese has been a huge success already...with 'Fruitful' racing to 1000+ downloads in the seven days since its official launch last week.

'Fruitful' is available to download NOW from Apple's App Store and Google Play and provides support to people of all backgrounds and ages in our Diocese to grow in confidence in their faith through this new digital space.

Once downloaded it's then available 24/7 for people to read the Bible; be inspired in prayer and encouraged to respond in worship in a variety of ways.

If you would like to find out more, watch Once this video:

<https://youtu.be/eMOc10e-xo>



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

On Friday 2nd of February we invited the Yogi Group into school to kick start our celebration of Children's Mental Health Week.

The Yogi Group promote resilience and mindfulness for children and young people. The children took part in a relaxing half hour session, learning yoga poses, breathing and mindfulness techniques.

This week's theme was 'Children's Voice' which was celebrated from the 5th – 11th of February and was a perfect opportunity for the children to take full control, planning their own lessons and activities to deliver to the rest of the school and in our assembly. It was lovely to see all the children take part and understand the importance of their own mental health as well as the mental health of others, recognising that it is ok to be different.

The children seemed to be really engaged and excited to take part in it all. Miss Walwin-Holm

HELP

Are you able to spare some time to listen to some of our year 3 children read?

We do have some parent/ grandparent volunteers reading with children from some of our other classes but it would be great if anyone could offer some time for year 3. If you can, please e-mail or call the school office. Thank you.



Scores for: 5.2.24– 18.2.24



1st place: year 1	58, 369pts
2nd place: year 4	34, 978pts
3rd place: reception	27, 362pts
4th place: year 2	23, 502pts
5th place: year 6	22, 741pts
6th place: year 3	14, 543pts
7th place: year 5	13, 100pts

Top Students

Reception:	Thomas E
Year 1:	Charlotte H
Year 2:	Freddie W
Year 3:	Brook W
Year 4:	Emilia E
Year 5:	Aryan C
Year 6:	Milly H

SAFEGUARDING

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

For many companies who operate in the online space, attention and engagement are the holy grail. Social media sites in particular make deliberate creative choices to keep people scrolling, reading, watching and clicking. This phenomenon is known as 'persuasive design' and it's being employed in the vast majority of the digital world's most popular destinations.

A study by the charity 5Rights Foundation concluded that "...the brain's response to rewards and punishments can be leveraged through persuasive design to keep children online." To tie in with Safer Internet Day 2024, our #WakeUpWednesday guide can help to educate youngsters on the effects of persuasive design – and suggests ways to insulate themselves from its influence.



Picture News



Christian Value: Love
Bible Link: Roman 14:13



Individual Liberty

We have opportunities to choose our food and drink. It is important to consider how these choices may impact things such as our health, the environment or our beliefs.

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Let's look at this week's story

Coca-Cola has announced it will temporarily be removing labels from some of its bottles to trial 'label-less' packaging. The trial will see labels removed from the 500ml Sprite and Sprite Zero bottles and replaced with an embossed logo on the front of the pack. The product and nutritional information will be laser-engraved onto the back. The label-less bottles will be trialled in some shops in London, Bristol, Manchester and Brighton and Hove.

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

Reflection

Packaging and labels have an important role to play in including information on some items we eat and drink. Advances in technology are changing how this information can be included.



FOOTBALL

On Wednesday, our football team played their final league game against Deepdale Primary. We started the game fast, pressing well and creating chances but were unable to convert. Deepdale scored first and, not through lack of hard work, the half ended 1-0 to them. The team came out fighting in the second half and an excellent midfield goal from Zach set us up nicely. This was followed by two goals by Harry and Noah S with the game finishing with a well deserved 3-1 win for St. Michael's.

This result has us currently in 2nd place while we await results from other teams but if it remains this way then we will be promoted from League One into the Championship.

The team showed hard work, determination, perseverance and above all did not stop playing for each other until the end of the match. There was some excellent trickery on show as well as endeavour. A brilliant first match for me to be involved in. Well done to the team. Mr Johns

Line-up - **Noah Y (GK), Avneet S, Riley M, Harry J, Zach M, Bobby G, Noah S**

Goals - **Zach, Harry, Noah S**

Player of the Match - **Noah Y: a solid performance in nets with some top stopping and excellent distribution.**

SHOE BOX



The message below was received by Mrs Rutherford, who organised the shoe boxes through school:

Your kindness and care have brought joy to people living through very difficult times in Ukraine, including the children pictured who have been displaced from their homes in the Kherson region and are staying at a refugee camp in Kobleva. You can read more about some of the thousands of people who have received shoebox gifts, and how our teams have been able to share Christ's love through nativity services and visits [here: http://bit.ly/4bsjMNA](http://bit.ly/4bsjMNA)

*Thank you again for all your support,
With every blessing,
From all at International Aid Trust,
Julie*

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February it was Safer Internet Day, and all classes from Reception to Year 6 got involved in activities to highlight the importance of staying safe when on the internet in line with the focus of the day which was **'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'**.

Activities involved books and stories which gave scenarios of online situations, quizzes and discussion around what to do if something doesn't feel right when online.

Please have a look at the Online Safety area of our school website and take some time to read the 'Wake Up Wednesday' information sent out alongside our newsletter each week and have regular conversations with your child about what they're doing online. Miss T