

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

26.04.2024

'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 April

3pm Whole school worship

7pm PTFA MEETING

(contact the school office and ask for Mrs Todd if you would like to join online)

Tuesday 30th

3pm Singing practice

2:45pm Year 6 Fashion Show

3:30pm Netball fixtures

Wednesday 1st

3pm Key stage worship

1:30pm 'ZooLab' in reception

Thursday 2nd

3pm Key stage worship

Educational Visit- Reception to Brockholes

Friday 3rd

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

Congratulations!

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Aiden B and Poppy S**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Haniya I and Maddie H**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Theo B and Kai L**

Year 3 (Mr Brooks): **Leo C and Noah H**

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Archie F and Ben W**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Aamal I and Jack D**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Amber R and Noah S**

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 15th April)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET:
96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL:
97.2%

Reception: 98.7%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 94.3%

Year 3: 94.9%

Year 4: 99.7%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 96.6%

Birthday Party Invitations

Just a reminder that birthday party invitations are not to be sent into school to be handed out. Some of our younger children have become upset when they have not received an invitation and we have had to then deal with this. Please find a private way of distributing such invitations. Thank you.

Volunteer Reader Introduction Session!

- This is a 2 hour long introductory session delivered in school.
- You will explore the benefits of becoming a volunteer reader in school and will support you in reading with your child at home.
- You will also gain an understanding of Phonics and reading strategies at EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.
- The session will take place on Wednesday 12th June and is FREE OF CHARGE.

Please contact the school office to register your interest in attending.



Instagram

SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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



St George's Day



St George's Day was on 23rd April. St George is the patron saint of England but he is also celebrated in other countries. Many myths surround St George. Click here to find out more about St George:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZA0cfPnBhE>

Most people associate St George with bravery, whether it is fighting unpleasant external forces such as the dragons in his story or symbolically overcoming our own dragons or fears.

We may not be physically brave like St George, but we can be brave by not following the crowd when we know something is wrong or by doing things that make the world a better place. Even if our deed are not seen, we can know in our hearts that it is the right thing to do. For example, we could pick up litter, hand something in that does not belong to us, rather than keeping it, refuse to join others if they are being unkind to someone else (whether they are doing it in front of them or behind their back), donate money to charity or give up our seat for someone on a busy bus or train.

Do you find anything difficult or challenging at the moment?



How do you face your difficulties and challenges? What helps?



Dear Lord,
Please help us to learn from the example of St George by helping others to make the world a better place.
Help us to realise that helping others is its own reward.
Help us to find the courage within ourselves to do the right thing, even if it means going against the crowd.
Please give us the strength always to try to follow the truth and to do what is helpful for others.
Amen



**Evening of April
22nd 2024**

Jewish Pesach Begins

Passover is a celebration of the story of Exodus.

During Passover, Jews remember how their ancestors left slavery behind them when they were led out of Egypt by Moses.



Individual Liberty

We each have unique talents, interests and goals. We all have the right to choose the dreams we wish to pursue.

Picture News

Christian Value:
Perseverance

Bible Verse:
2 Timothy 4: 7-8

Let's look at this week's story

Scottish runner, Jasmin Paris, has become the first female to complete what is thought by many to be the world's toughest race. Jasmin is one of only twenty people to have successfully completed the Barkley Marathons in Tennessee, USA. She crossed the finish line in March with less than 100 seconds to spare before the 60-hour cut-off time. Jasmin said she wanted to inspire others and test the limits of her capabilities.



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



Congratulations!

On Tuesday afternoon we were delighted that Mrs Cliff joined us for whole school worship. She thanked the children who entered the competition to design their own Easter egg wrapper and commented on the wonderful designs and explained that it was very difficult for the parishioners to judge. Mrs Cliff was pleased to see the detail clearly illustrating the Easter story on the designs. Look out on social media for photographs of the entries.

Prizes were given to the best design in each year group who entered and also the best overall design in key stage one and key stage two.

Huge thanks to all the children who entered the competition and the parishioners at St Michael's Church for judging the competition and donating the prizes- a pencil for every child who enters plus Easter chocolate or an egg for the winners in each category.

Winners

Year 1: **Eliza**

Year 2: **Nes**

Year 3: **Ruby**

Year 4: **Lily**

Year 5: **Hannah**

Year 6: **Millie**

Key Stage One: **Amelia**

Key Stage Two: **Annie-Rose**



SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- **'What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Shopping Platforms'**

Long gone are the days where eBay and Amazon were the only means of buying quality items online. The rise of user-friendly, accessible shopping apps has meant that getting clothes, gadgets and other goodies delivered direct to your door can be accomplished with a few touches of your phone's screen while you're on the go.

These apps aren't without their issues, however, and users still run the risk of scams, data breaches and other online safety concerns. Being aware of these dangers will go a long way to keeping your money and information safe, so you can still enjoy what these shopping apps have to offer. Our guide has some top tips to help protect young people on these purchasing platforms.



MATHLETICS

Scores for: 15.4.24– 21.4.24



1st place: year 1	20, 692pts
2nd place: year 4	20, 350pts
3rd place: reception	17, 760pts
4th place: year 3	10, 474pts
5th place: year 2	9, 171pts
6th place: year 6	8, 580pts
7th place: year 5	8, 250pts

Top Students

Reception:	Adam L
Year 1:	Charlotte H
Year 2:	Theo G
Year 3:	Luca B
Year 4:	Emilia E
Year 5:	Joshua P
Year 6:	Emilia L



SPORT– Kurling

On Tuesday, our Kurling team, made up of four year 3 children, competed in the inter-school Kurling competition at West View Leisure Centre.

In our first match against Barton St Lawrence, we came out on top, winning 2 stones to 1. We lost our second match against OLSE and then drew our 3rd match, against St Andrew's, 1 stone each. In our final match we played against Queen's Drive, who ended up as the eventual winners, and won 2 stones to 1.

Unfortunately, we lost out on progressing to the semi-finals on a countback of stones for and against. Well done to Sophie J, Elise T, Shaun C and Robert L.

School Health Needs Assessment

Upon analysis of the School Health Team's Questionnaires, it was found that a large number of our year 6 pupils reported that they are spending more than 3 hours per day on electronic devices. This is a significant amount of time, especially on a school day.

Lack of sleep was also a common theme and is possibly linked to the increasing use of technology and social media. Children aged 6-12 years need approximately 9-12 hours sleep a night to keep them fit, healthy and emotionally well.

Excessive use of screen time at bedtime can reduce sleep quality, and lack of sleep can impact on emotional health and academic achievement.

Please support your child and ensure they have the required amount of sleep and are thus ready for all school has to offer the next day.

Thank you
Central School Health Team



VOLUNTEER READER INTRODUCTION SESSION

Join us for an introductory session which will inspire parents and carers to become a volunteer reader in your school and to further support their children with reading.

**FREE
SESSIONS**

**Wednesday
12th June**

