Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

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Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

Let your Light Shine

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

Congratulations to the children who have been chosen to receive our Christian Value award this week.

Reception (Mrs Coupe): Rory G
Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): Lily S
Year 2 (Miss Morne): Logan V
Year 3 (Mr Walmsley): Martha W
Year 4 (Mrs Wilkinson): Caleb H
Year 5 (Mrs Todd): George C
Year 6 (Mrs Livesey): Sophie J



MATHLETICS

Scores for: 2.11.26—8.11.26

Children scoring 1000+ points:

1st place: year 5	12 children
1st place: year 4	12 children
2nd place: year 2	9 children
3rd place: year 3	8 children
3rd place: year 5	8 children
4th place: year 1	4 children

FUTURE DATES

- Friday 4th December 6pm: 'Big Switch on & 'Blessing of the Crib'
- Saturday 5th December 1-4pm: Parish Christmas Fair

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

(Week beginning 2nd November)
SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.6%

Reception: 98%
Year 1: 98.3%
Year 2: 99.3%
Year 3: 100%
Year 4: 99.4%
Year 5: 92.5%
Year 6: 95.8%

Our current attendance (as of October 9th) of 98.2% places us 16th out of 477 primary schools in our local authority and within the top 10% of schools nationally.

Diary Dates

ANTI-BULLYING THEME 'POWER FOR GOOD'

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
- 3pm Whole School Worship
- 4pm FULL GOVERNORS MEETING (yr 6 classroom)

TUESDAY 17TH
- 3pm KS1 Worship

WEDNESDAY 11TH
- 3pm KS1 Worship

THURSDAY 12TH
- 3pm Songs of Praise
- 11am Year 4 Swimming

FRIDAY 13TH
- 2:45pm Celebration Assembly
- 1:30pm Road Sense Safety- Yr 6



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Remembrance Worship

This week, our Worship Council led a meaningful whole-school Act of Worship to mark Remembrance. Together, we reflected on the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed for others, and considered how we can be peacemakers in our own lives. Each class created a beautiful remembrance wreath and shared its significance in our Rest and Reflect Area. Following this, the whole school gathered in the hall for worship, where we listened, reflected and observed a respectful two-minute silence. The service concluded with a prayer for peace and hope for the future.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
Matthew 5:9

Loving God,
We thank you for all those who have served others with courage and sacrifice.
Help us to be people of peace, showing kindness, respect and love to everyone we meet.
May we remember the past with gratitude and work together for a peaceful future.
Amen.





St Martin- Whole School Worship

This week, we gathered for a special Act of Worship based on the story of St Martin of Tours. Children reflected on our Big Question, "**Is it always easy to do the right thing?**", and learned how Martin showed kindness and courage by sharing his cloak with a beggar.

Together, we thought about how we can follow Jesus' example by showing kindness, helping others and standing up for what is right. We ended our worship with a prayer, asking God to help us let our light shine through our words and actions.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another."
Ephesians 4:32

Dear God,
Help us to be kind, courageous and compassionate every day.
May we follow Jesus' example and let our light shine in all we do.
Amen.



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Reception Phonics Workshop

It was a real pleasure to welcome so many of our Reception families and grandparents into school on Monday morning for our phonics workshop, led by Mrs Coupe. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such a positive and engaging session.

The workshop provided an opportunity to see how phonics is taught in school and to learn practical ways to support children with their early reading at home. We hope everyone left feeling more confident and equipped to help their child or grandchild on their reading journey. Regular practice at home, even for just a few minutes each day, can make a huge difference to children's confidence, fluency and progress.

Working together in partnership is one of the most powerful ways we can help our children flourish, and it was wonderful to see that partnership in action. 📚✨



CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATION REQUEST 🎄

To help support the Parish Christmas Fair, we are asking each family to donate ONE new Christmas-themed item for our School Christmas Stall.

💚 **Colour Theme: Green and Gold** 💛

Ideas include:

Baubles Gift wrap Gift tags

Ribbons & bows Candles or LED tealights

Christmas mugs Small festive ornaments

ONE ITEM PER FAMILY

Please send donations to class teachers by Wednesday 2nd December.

Your donation will help raise funds for St Michael's Church, as a small thank you for the ongoing support, resources and partnership they provide to our school community.

Every contribution makes a difference.
Thank you for your support!

Dick Kerr Cup – Round One

Our girls' football team began their Dick Kerr Cup campaign with a determined performance in Round One. Despite a final score of 3–0, the girls showed great effort, commitment and teamwork throughout the match.

The team worked hard from the first whistle, getting stuck into tackles and competing well against a strong opposition. Going forward, the girls created several promising chances and never stopped looking for a way back into the game.

A special mention goes to Sophie, who produced a number of fantastic saves to keep the team in the contest. Her excellent goalkeeping display earned her the honour of being chosen by the opposition as our Player of the Match. Although the result did not go our way, the girls can be proud of their performance, resilience and positive attitude.

Well done to everyone involved for representing the school so brilliantly.

Well done to: Sophie J, Elise T, Sarah H-K, Haleemah K, Nes C, Cerys P, Lucy G and Jemima B.



Congratulations to Year 4 pupil Elissa B, who has been cast in a production of Jack and the Beanstalk at Blackburn Ice Skating Arena. This is a fantastic achievement and one that Elissa should be very proud of. The show will take place on 9th December, with an additional performance on 10th December for school bookings. We wish Elissa every success and hope she enjoys this exciting experience both on and off the ice!

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