



LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

This week, we have been delighted to welcome children in for their assessments who are looking for entry in September 2019. More will take place next week too. This week the children were made aware that it is Safer Internet Awareness week and Mrs Evans has included some useful links to support this. We have been reminded in the news again this week of the importance of reducing the amount of screen time children have, and the detrimental effect too much screen time can have. I am sure that you will work with your children to help them understand the need for moderation in this area.

You should have received the survey regarding homework via Parentmail. If you have not already done so, please can you reply to this as soon as possible as the survey will close at the end of next week.

In spite of some gloomy wet weather, we have been cheered by a lovely class assembly this week from Form 2B. This afternoon we look forward to Year 5's dramatisation of The Highwayman.

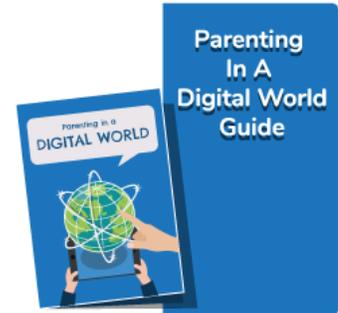


E-Safety Assembly – During Monday morning's assembly Mrs Evans reminded us of the importance of keeping safe online. We looked at how, when we are online, there are lots of decisions to be made and it can sometimes be difficult to know which the best one is. The key things to remember are:

- If something makes you worried, uncomfortable or upset it's always okay to say no.
- If you're sure you're happy with what will happen next, then it's okay to say yes.
- If what you're doing online might affect somebody else, always ask their **permission** first.
- **Most importantly:** If you're unsure or need further help support with anything online then speak to an adult you trust for help and advice.

Well done to the Digital Leaders: Oliver Liu, Luke Inchley, Aisha Master, Isaac Mohan, Yahya Musa and Rohan Purohit for assisting with the assembly. Thanks also to 6F who gave another super performance of their e-safety song!

You can access some of the resources linked to Safer Internet Day via your child's **Purple Mash** account. You will see a link on the Home page once your child is logged in. There is also an interesting booklet '**Parenting In A Digital World Guide**' which might be worth taking a look at.



Year 4 Drama Workshop



Year 4 gave an amazing recount of their class text, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, last week. The clarity of their speech and the dramatic skills they included really brought the story to life. They certainly impressed us all with their use of drama techniques and it is lovely to see what the children have been learning in their English lessons. Well done to all of the children and staff for their hard work.

Class 2B Assembly

On Tuesday, Class 2B enjoyed sharing their bee themed assembly with everyone. As part of the assembly, the children shared some bee facts, sang a song and of course performed a minibeast inspired dance. Everyone had smiles on their faces and it was a lovely performance. The children's enjoyment shone through. Miss Braid was a very proud teacher. Well done to everybody in 2B and Miss Braid, you certainly are Busy Bees!



Prep

Could we remind parents that prep for Years 3-6 is a quiet working environment. Please help us to maintain this environment when you collect your children.

Sports News:

Please can we ask that your child is fully equipped for his/her Games lessons and after school clubs during the Winter months. All Juniors should have the full Games kit, including tracksuit and skins. Pupils are also allowed to wear hats and gloves for sport. The PE Department aim to make every session as enjoyable as possible and in this current cold snap it is essential the children are fully prepared.

Thank you for your support

PE Department

Year 3 & 4 Netball Club

Please note there will be no Year 3&4 Netball Club on Thursday 14th Feb due to a fixture.

Cross Country

Please note there will be no Cross Country Club on Monday 11th Feb due to a swimming gala.

Year 3 and 4 Boys Games Club

Due to more changes to fixtures and staffing the boys games club will now run on the following weeks.

Please make a note of these new dates.

* Boys Games Club will run on the following weeks only:

13th Feb, 6th Mar, 13th Mar, 20th Mar, 10th Apr

Leicester Ladies Hockey

If your child attends Leicester Ladies Hockey training on a Wednesday, please can we ask that you check the club website/social media for any information regarding cancelled sessions. If you are not sure please contact the club to confirm the session is on in the event of poor weather. Where possible LGJS PE Department will try to get a message to you, but on very busy fixture days we are not always in school to do this. It is the parents' responsibility to confirm with the club if it is on or not.

www.leicesterhc.co.uk

Great Glen Cricket Club



Indoor winter training sessions

Indoor winter training sessions for junior players will look to recommence with a session on Sunday 27th January 6-7pm at Leicester Grammar School sports hall.

They will run alongside the senior players net training. Those who were playing in the U15's last season are invited to join the senior players net training sessions. We are pleased to say we have a new junior coach starting, Mike Myers who is an ECB qualified coach.

The first session will be free of charge, so children can decide if they still like it or not. Sessions will then be priced as last season (£4 per session, with discounts for siblings). There will also be discounts for those who prefer to pay for the whole winter season upfront. This will be £30 for 11 sessions rather than £44 if paid for on a weekly basis. The club, both juniors and seniors, is run by volunteers, and we need your help to continue running a junior section and providing the opportunity for children in the village to play cricket, have fun and keep active.

As a club we can provide coaching, facilities and equipment; however we do need parent support. In particular we need a couple of parents to manage the teams. This involves selecting the teams and managing them on match days.

No experience or knowledge is required, and full support can be provided by the club, who can fund formal coaching if desired, or just provide basic information to give you the level of confidence required.

Final session will be just before Easter on Sunday 14th April.

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The Big Bang

@ Leicester Grammar

We are excited to announce the return of **Big Bang @ Leicester Grammar** on Sat 09 Feb 2019 to celebrate all things STEM – with exciting workshops, shows and exhibitions to enthuse and excite young people in all things science, technology, engineering and maths. The event which brings Science and Engineering to life through a huge variety of interactive exhibits and fun-filled theatre shows, promises to be bigger and better than ever. Visitors of all ages will get the chance to race against Usain Bolt and try key hole surgery with the Medical Mavericks, explore the solar system in Warwick University's 360° Planetarium, meet meerkats, insects and reptiles with Exotic Zoo and learn about Forensic Science with Leicestershire Police.

Be part of inspiring the next generation.

The event is open to everyone so come along and join the fun!

Saturday 9th February 10 am - 3.30pm
(Last Entry 2.30pm)

Register at: bigbang@leicestergrammar.org.uk

Free entry. Free parking.

Earth Hour 2019 - Switch off for your world.

The Big Bang
@ Leicester Grammar

The Largest Big Bang Science Fair in the East Midlands!

More details about exhibitors can be found at: www.lgs-senior/bigbang

A fun, FREE and inspirational day.

Saturday 9th Feb, 10am-3pm
(last entry 2.30pm)
Leicester Grammar School LE8 9FL

All ages welcome! Refreshments available. Free parking.

Exotic Zoo

Meet a T-Rex!

FUZE
Teaching kids to code

FUZE coding

Over 65 interactive exhibits from a huge range of STEM organisations!



In the UK, every year millions of us take part in Earth Hour. By making pledges to help our planet, and by being part of a movement of hundreds of millions more around the globe, we can show we're fighting for our world.

To do our bit for Earth Hour which is on Saturday 30th March 2019 at 8.30pm we are hoping everyone is making a promise to save water. We would like the KS2 children to return their Severn Trent promise cards signed by parents on the front to show that families

have been keeping their promises.

Eco Group are also holding a competition and asking the children to bring in water saving posters. These should be hand drawn and should give water saving tips. There will be a prize for each year group. Years 1 and 2 are welcome to take part in the competition too. The closing date is Monday 25th February.

Other Achievements:

Congratulations to Shyam Solanki 4C on being awarded a 1st Place Trophy in a Junior Karate Tournament at the weekend.

Congratulations to Shivam Solanki 4M on being awarded a 2nd Place Trophy in a Junior Karate Tournament at the weekend.

Congratulations to Cheshta Patel who was awarded a certificate of achievement from KUC 2018 for her mastermind knowledge of Hinduism.

Congratulations to Siyam Karim who received a certificate for completing level 1 in his swimming club.

Congratulations to Daisy Linter who received a certificate for completing level 5 in her swimming club.

Well done to all.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP: GOOD QUALITY UNIFORMS NOW IN SHOP AND PLENTY OF STOCK AVAILABLE!

The LGJS Friends would like to say a huge thank you for the recent donations of unwanted uniform items. Please keep donating even if it's just one item that your child has outgrown – everything helps us to raise money to fund various events and purchase equipment for the school. Please leave any LGJS uniform donations at the Junior School office.

We are also going to try and sell other items that are specifically needed for school use and still in a good condition, such as rugby boots, sports equipment, musical equipment (recorders, music books etc.) Please also think about donating these items if your children no longer have use for them.

Our next opening of the shop will be Thursday 28th February 2:30 – 4:30pm

Please note: we do not have card facilities – cash or cheque (made payable to LGJS FRIENDS).

Until stocks run out we also have brand new blazers available at a reduced rate of £37.....sizes available for girls are 32” and 34” and for boys we have 34” and 36”. Second hand blazers are available at £20 – that’s quite a saving on the Schoolblazer price of £74.50!



Headteacher Awards:

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved a Headteacher Award this week:



Maisie Youngs	Rec C	A great effort with her phonics and good spelling
Safa Rizvi	2B	A huge leap in confidence in her Maths
Amalia Purohit	2B	Working hard and persevering in her Maths and so improving her accuracy
Rupert Hawkins	3W	A lovely picture in the style of Hundertwasser
Ammara Cayless	3W	A lovely picture in the style of Hundertwasser
Riya Pattar	3W	A lovely picture in the style of Hundertwasser
Isabella Jones-Fenleigh	3W	Good use of internet safety and email
Amelie Herring	4K	A big improvement in her presentation
Teri Sunmboye	4K	Excellent work on division in Maths
Rian Sachdev	4K	Beautiful art work of the Arctic
Ava Burman	4K	Beautiful art work showing the Northern Lights
Priyana Chauhan	4K	A beautiful piece of art work showing the Northern Lights
Ted Jones	4K	A huge improvement in the presentation of his work

House Points:

St. Cuthbert's	St. Mary's	St. Andrew's	St. Giles
Maariyah Karim	Arvind Kulkarni	Mia Sohal	Anant Kapoor
Georgia Mepham	Henry Byrd	Francesca Fitzpatrick	Caelan Beveridge
Harriet Firth	Zorawar Singh	Aamani Seth	Unnathi Aryan
Edward Livermore	Neel Choudhary	Zoya Rizvi	Giselle Bhalla
Aidan Downes	Juliet Horton	William Al-Chalabi	Isaac Mohan
Anaya Raja		Anya Kotecha	Ronak Rajashekar
Iliana Tzirki		Jack Wilkinson	Amalia Purohit
Jialu Li		Amirah Dadabhai	Rohan Purohit
		Lucy Free	Zain Majeed
		Charlotte Gray	Daisy Wesley
		Shivani Patel	Anthony Wood
			Joseph Khalid
St. Cuthbert's:376	St. Mary's: 364	St. Andrew's: 435	St. Giles: 367

Dates for Your Diary:

- Monday 11th February:** Entrance Assessments for Prospective Pupils (all week)
Year 4 -6 Swimming Gala v Stoneygate (home, 3.30pm)
- Tuesday 12th February:** Year 5 First Aid Training Group1 (all day)
Rec G at Forest School (am)
Form 1EH at Forest School (pm)
Year 3 York Residential Information Evening for Parents
(6.00pm, LGJS Art Room)
- Wednesday 13th February:** Form 1T Assembly, (LGJS Hall, 8.40am)
U11 Boys' Hockey v Stamford (home, 2.30pm)
Year 6 Drama Workshop – Shakespeare (LGJS Hall, 6.30pm)
- Thursday 14th February:** Year 5 First Aid Training Group 2 (all day)
U9 Netball v Stamford (home, 3.45pm)
- Friday 15th February:** Break up for half term at the end of the school day
- W/B Monday 18th HALF TERM WEEK**

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and I hope that many of you will make the most of the Big Bang Fair on Saturday.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
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Headteacher