



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

26th May 2023

Dear parents,

A trip to the farm with Kinders has to stand out as a highlight this week! I was delighted to accompany the team on their visit to Windmill Farm on Wednesday. The children were thrilled by the whole experience, from getting on the big bus to feeding the goats. It was easy to forget that many of our children are still only three years old - their behaviour and engagement were exemplary even though a few needed a little nap on the journey home!

This morning was the turn of our talented finalists in our charity talent contest. Auditions have been fierce (but friendly) and the grand final was incredible. Confidence is everything, it seems, and the children have lots of it! We had dancers, acrobats, mindreaders, and musicians. Thank you to everyone who took part and huge congratulations to our year group finalists. Montague Furniss deserves a special 'shout out' as the overall school winner with his solo singing performance - it gave us goosepimples.

Staff have been extra busy this week with some neurodiversity training. We continue to be committed to ongoing learning about our wonderful profession...I think we learned quite a bit about ourselves too!

I wish you all a very happy half term break. See you back, safely, on June 5th.

With warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S.A. Jones", with a stylized, flowing script.

Sophia Ashworth Jones

Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ALL CHILDREN/ Key Stage Groups					
EYFS & Year 1	Welcome to Year 2 LGJS Hall 4.00pm (Tues 6 th June) Rec. H Forest School – am. Rec W Forest School – pm. <i>See tapestry</i>				
Year 2					
Year 3				U9 Cricket v Ratcliffe – home 3.30pm. Year 3 Big Camp Residential	Year 3 Big Camp Residential
Year 4			Welcome to Year 4,5,6 LGJS Hall 4.00pm		
Year 5				U10 Cricket v Ratcliffe – away 2.30pm.	
Year 6	Year 6 DT Day at LGS	Year 6 DT Day at LGS.	U11 Cricket v Ratcliffe – away 2.00pm		

Key Upcoming Dates

Monday 12 th June	Year 5 Bushcraft Residential Departs
Tuesday 13 th June	Rec. W Class Assembly 8.40am. Welcome to Year 1 LGJS Hall 4.00pm. Year 6 Transition Day
Thursday 15 th June	Welcome to Reception LGJS Hall 4.00pm
Friday 16 th June	Rec. O Forest School – am 2H Forest School - pm
Saturday 17th June	LGS BRIGHT SPARKS STEM FAIR (10.00AM – 3.00PM)

Key Dates for Trinity Term

SPORTS WEEK – see Leicester Grammar Junior School - Sports Week (lgs-junior.org.uk)
Monday 19 th June KS1 Sports Afternoon (1:30pm)
Tuesday 20 th June Ultimate Frisbee festival
Wednesday 21 st June KS2 Sports Day (8:45 – 3:30)
Thursday 22 nd June Early Years Sports Afternoon (1:30pm)
Friday 23 rd June Years 5 & 6 Triathlon Day
YEAR 6 PRODUCTION / LEAVERS PARTY/ PRIZE GIVING
28 TH & 29 TH June Year 6 Production (LGS Drama Studio, 7:00pm)
30 TH June Year 6 Leavers' Party
Monday 3 rd LGJS Prizegiving (St Nicholas Hall, 1:30pm)

Security at the Sports Hall and Swimming Pool.

We are noticing an increase in parents entering the **Sports Hall** to use the toilets at drop off and pick up times. For safeguarding and health and safety reasons we would politely request that parents do not enter this building. There are children changing and we need to protect them. If you do need to use the facilities, please use the visitor toilet located in the LGJS entrance hall. The office staff will be happy to allow you to enter the building.

Thank you for your support and understanding

Second Hand Uniform

LGJS Friends are running low on second hand uniform stock, if you have any clean, good condition items please donate to Junior Reception.

Many thanks, LGJS Friends

Can you help?

- Class 1B are experiencing missing uniform mystery: Arthur Hawes is missing 2 jumpers, Alex Grigg 1 jumper and Teddy Cooley his Blazer. As all these items are named, could we ask parents to check if their child has brought any item home by mistake. With the weather getting warmer the children often take their jumpers off outside and a mix up easily happens. Thank you for your co-operation in this it's much appreciated.
- We are aware of a small incident involving a red car in the carpark on Wednesday week. If you are the owner of the red car involved, please contact Junior Reception.

Match Reports

U10 cricket fixture v Wellingborough

The U10/Prep mixed B team enjoyed a closely matched fixture, away at Wellingborough on Wednesday 10th May.

LGJS won the toss and chose to field first. Consistent bowling and some excellent fielding, including two awesome caught and bowled wickets by Saatvik (Prep) kept the total to beat, achievable for LGJS. The boys batted conservatively at times, but managed to hit a few fours and ran some quick singles to help us take the win! A special mention must go to Kayaan Shah, who is in Year 3, and was selected to play for the U10/11 team due to his impressive bowling and batting skills displayed in games lessons. Kayaan bowled really well and supported the team brilliantly. Well done to all the boys who played in the fixture and to William Neilson (Prep) who was an extremely encouraging captain.

U11A cricket v Bilton Grange (A) 24/05/23

LGJS won by 6 wickets Star player: Ahaan Jaiswal 22 with the bat & 2 wickets in his spell.

Perfect conditions for the U11s for a superb annual fixture with BG. We played 16 overs out, our rules which was a new concept for some. Fielding first, Rumi opened the bowling with fierce pace taking 2 early wickets. It was fantastic to see Toby Baines make his U11 debut bowling with character & a bit of zip!

Wickets fell steady with exceptional fielding, Ethan Shafu getting a run out & Dominic Clarke's excellent backing up. Target was set of 74 to win we knocked them with 4 overs to spare. Barney Burman striking all his runs (23) through the offside. Then Ahaan came in and did the same with some beautiful cover drives for his 22. Winning runs were hit by Rumi (20n/o) and he continued to bludgeon the ball with a 6 to finish the game!

U11B Boys Cricket v Bilton Grange (A) 24/05/2023

Won by 7 runs off the bat (49 runs in total)

The boys were totally dominant against Bilton Grange on a sunny afternoon. Bowling first LGJS managed to get 10 wickets which were shared amongst the team. Accurate and consistent bowling from George (3 wickets and 1 wicket maiden!) and good wicket keeping from Joe Upton were the highlights of the fielding innings. With the bat, LGJS were told they need to HIT the runs (wides & no balls were not counted to the

total!) and they rose to the challenge brilliantly. Some outstanding shots from Aaron and Joe kept the scoreboard ticking over leaving Emerson to smash the winning runs with two 6s. Well played by all.

U11C Boys Cricket v Bilton Grange (A) 24/05/2023

U11C - 251 runs vs 208 runs (W)

A very good day at Bilton Grange was had by the staff and the pupils today. The first batting innings went to Bilton which we were quite pleased about as we knew what target we had to try and beat. 3, 6 ball overs were had by each batting pair before rotating, due to some amazing fielding from the boys at Leicester Grammar after the innings we only conceded 8 runs, surely helped by our 11 wickets! Our battings innings came with flurry of runs and most of our lads managing to hit the ball past the boundary. Overall a successful and enjoyable day was had by all.

U11 Girls Cricket v Witham Hall (A) 24/05/2023

The U11 girls enjoyed a sunny afternoon of cricket away at Witham Hall. We faced four impressive Witham Hall teams, who managed to take four wins due to some strong and confident batting from many of their players. The LGJS girls bowled really consistently and there was some super fielding on show (Simar took and caught and bowled wicket and also bowled a wicket in just one over!). The girls took a lot from the games and can take individual positives and targets to improve on before their next fixture. Well done to everyone who played!

U11D&E Boys Cricket v Bilton Grange (A) 24/05/23

Won by 25 runs

An awesome afternoon of cricket in the sunshine where ALL year 6 and prep boys were playing. Great performances from Saatvik Pissay, Rian Madlani, Joshua Vaughan-Smith & Charlie Westerman meant Bilton Grange could not get a look in with the bat or ball. Well done to all for representing the school so well.

Players' Player voted by Witham Hall pupils: A team - Yasmin Ezzat (all round), B team - Alexa Mullins (batting) and Millie Shah (fielding), C team - Seren (batting), Amelia Ashraf (bowling) and Unnathi Aryan (fielding) D team - Emily Keenan (all round)

Music

As we move into the last half term of the year, after a highly successful concert. I would like to encourage new members to join our music groups. Any questions please speak to Mrs Regan. Children do not need sign up, they can just come along.

Thank you

Mrs Regan and the Music Team

Who	What	Where	When
Year 3	String group (violins, violas, cellos)	Junior Music Room	Monday 10:30-11:00
Year 6	String group (violins, violas, cellos)	Recital Room or Mrs Mainard's Room	Monday 10:30 - 11
Years 3-6	Recorder and Flute Group	Junior Music Room	Monday 1-1:30
Years 3-6	String Orchestra (violins, violas, cellos)	Recital Room	Tuesday 10:30-11
Years 1 and 2	Infant Singing Club	Hall	Wednesday 12:30-12:55
Years 5 and 6 singers. <i>Speak to Mrs Regan if you would like to join</i>	Senior Choir	Meet at Junior Music room	Wednesday 1:15-1:30
Years 3- 6 <i>Anyone who has passed Grade 1 on an orchestral instrument</i>	Orchestra	Recital Room	Thursday 1-1:30
Years 3-6	Choir	Junior Music Room	Friday 1-1:30

Year 2

On the first **Monday back (5.6.23)**, we will be starting our new topic, 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. To launch this topic, the Year 2 children will be visiting Forest School to take part in a messy/sensory session.

For this, children will need:

- Forest School clothes (Children are to come to school in their Forest School clothes, no uniform is required)
- Wellington boots
- A small, plastic bag for children to collect natural materials
- A clean, plastic bottle for creating a messy mixture

If needed, please can we ask that sun cream is applied before school. The weather is becoming warmer, and we will be outside for this activity.

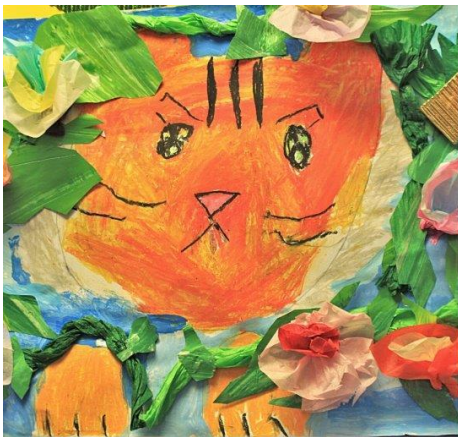
Kinders Farm Trip







3LH Henri Rousseau Inspired Art



LGJS Talent Show





Y1 Enchanted Woodland





Summer Concert





Bright Sparks STEM Fair - Saturday 17 June 2023

Come along to our Bright Sparks STEM Fair at Leicester Grammar School on Saturday 17 June 2023, between 10am and 3pm. This is a free event, specifically aimed at pupils within the Trust, but also open to the general public, aimed to excite pupils about STEM subjects.

Our last Big Bang Fair in 2019 (pre Covid!) was a resounding success, with over 3000 visitors joining us over the course of the day, to experience a wide range of 60 different hands-on exhibits. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever; highlights being a tethered hot air balloon, a chance to perform key-hole surgery with the Medical Mavericks and race against Usain Bolt in the 25m Accelerator Tube, the opportunity to meet a variety of animals with Wild Science and explore the solar system in Warwick University's 360° Planetarium! We have booked over 70 exhibitors from local businesses, Universities and STEM organisations, so it promises to be a fantastic day out for all ages.

We hope you can join us and would very much appreciate it if you can register in advance at <https://www.lgs-senior.org.uk/bright-sparks> to give us an idea of expected numbers. However, you very welcome to just turn up on the day, whether or not you have registered already. Please feel free to share details of the event with your friends and family!



BRIGHT SPARKS STEM FAIR

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2023
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
LEICESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL
LONDON ROAD, GREAT GLEN LE8 9FL



REGISTER AT [WWW.LGS-SENIOR.ORG.UK/BRIGHT-SPARKS](https://www.lgs-senior.org.uk/bright-sparks)

[Leicester Grammar School - Bright Sparks STEM Fair \(lgs-senior.org.uk\)](https://www.lgs-senior.org.uk)

The Royal Academy of Arts Summer Show Results

Some of our LGJS children entered the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Show last term. Although they were not winners this year, we are very proud of their submissions and for representing our school. I'm sure you will agree, we have some fabulous budding artists among our junior school community.



Picasso's lady
Aran Chandarana



Forever flowers!
Idil Ozyigit



Bubbles the Hamster
Milly Edwards

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Nieve Heslop



The mystery of circles
Deven Shah



Paradise apocalypse
Maya Patel



The Bridge to the Unknown
Amelie Armitage



Ball gown
Poppy Scales



The Famous Drink Parlour
Catherine Leng



Rainbow Lovehearts
Riya Chandarana



Our Roman Shield
Samir Kulkarni



Trip to Space
Vihaan Gupta



My Dream
Aarush Gupta



Kindness Mends a Broken Heart
Freya Chakraborti



Skyline Sensation
Layla Oyekan



Roller bunny
Rose Vorley

Miss Hart



Headteacher Awards:

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

Chloe Colombo	Reception O	Fantastic writing
Alia Chaudhry	Reception H	Excellent writing
Abaan Khokhar	3D	Great creative writing
Ariya Bhalla	3D	Thought-provoking persuasive letter writing
Keshav Solanki	3D	Thought-provoking letter writing
Rhea Thakor	3D	Thought-provoking letter writing
Gia Tosar	3D	Action-packed creative writing
Liliana Sattar	3D	Thought-provoking letter writing
Liliana Sattar	3D	Amazing vocabulary in creative writing
Eashan Karir	3D	Fabulous phrases in creative writing
Zhanvi Rayarel	3D	Huge progress in creative writing
Austen Basnayake	4T	Super letter writing
BeauCooper-Velthuijsen	4T	Super letter writing
Florence Francis	4T	Super letter writing
Siena Zarola	4T	Super letter writing
Muhammad Masters	2JT	Brilliant! performance of a pirate shanty
Ida Brown	2JT	Excellent performance of a pirate shanty
Nihal Johal	4T	Brilliant presentation about Sikhism
George Dalby	1B	Wonderful kindness, always

Housepoints:

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
	Sienna Palmer	Ariya Bhalla	Rhea Thakor
	Imogen Gurney		
TOTAL 201	TOTAL 262	TOTAL 235	TOTAL 243

Celebrating Achievements:

- Daniel Hardwicke was awarded an end of season medal at Market Harborough Rugby Club
- Layla Somani was awarded her Level 4 certificate and Badge 4 from Oadby & Leicester Gymnastic Club
- Paranvir Singh Loyal was awarded his Gold Medal for his 4,000 Kip Points Achievement
- James Small has received a Certificate of Investiture from 1st Great Glen Beaver Colony
- Ayvah Kang was awarded a Certificate of Achievement and Badge 8 from Oadby & Leicester Gymnastic Club
- Cecil Brown has been awarded Poppet of the Week from PQA Poppets
- Cecil Brown was awarded a Certificate of Achievement and Badge 5 from Oadby & Leicester Gymnastic Club
- Anoushka Rai was awarded a Certificate of Achievement and Badge 6 from Oadby & Leicester Gymnastic Club
- Saanchi Singh was awarded her Level 5 Gymnastics Certificate
- Zayn from 3LH climbed Mount Snowden on the weekend for the first time. He endured the most challenging trail and reached the summit. A true mountain goat.
- Ariana Adat was awarded 3 x Certificate of Achievement and Badges 6, 7 and 8 from Oadby & Leicester Gymnastic Club

Well Done Everyone

