



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

No. 239 9th June 2023

Dear parents,

Mr Watson joined us on Monday, leading an assembly for Junior School. It was a pleasure to welcome him, and the children were enthralled to hear the story of 'Le Petit Prince'. The children loved learning about the moral of the story – to stay young at heart and follow your dreams – and they might have picked up some extra French vocabulary too!

Year 3 were on the 'quiet side' this morning as I joined them this morning at 'Big Camp'. They were focussed on the breakfast banquet – fresh bacon butties, fruit, smoothies and pastries. The children have had a blast, but perhaps there wasn't as much sleeping going on last night, under canvas! Huge well done to all of the children for completing their first residential and enormous thanks to the teaching team for organising and leading the excursion.

Year 5 pupils, having completed their transfer assessments, will be heading out for a week at Cuffley and they will certainly be missed. I hope that the warm weather, promised this weekend, will continue whilst they're away.

I hope you are able to enjoy some sunshine and that, when I see you on the gate on Wednesday, it might be without my Winter coat!

With warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SJA', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sophia Ashworth Jones

Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ALL CHILDREN/ Key Stage Groups					
Kinders				Welcome to Reception (current Kinders) LGJS Hall 4.00pm	
Reception		Rec. W Class Assembly 8.40am. Welcome to Year 1 (current Reception parents) Recital Room 4.00pm.			Rec. O Forest School – am
Year 1					
Year 2					2H Forest School - pm
Year 3					
Year 4					
Year 5	Year 5 Bushcraft Residential Departs				Year 5 Bushcraft Residential Returns
Year 6		Year 6 Transition Day			

Key Upcoming Dates

Saturday 17th June	LGS BRIGHT SPARKS STEM FAIR (10.00AM – 3.00PM)
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Key Dates for Trinity Term

SPORTS WEEK – see separate sheet and Leicester Grammar Junior School - Sports Week (lgs-junior.org.uk)
YEAR 6 PRODUCTION / LEAVERS PARTY/ PRZIE GIVING
28 TH & 29 TH June Year 6 Production (LGS Drama Studio, 7:00pm)
30 TH June Year 6 Leavers' Party
Monday 3rd LGJS Prizegiving (St Nicholas Hall, 1:30pm)

Rising Sports Stars

Evelyn Bedenham for her awesome batting display in the U9 cricket fixture v Ratcliffe.

Aryan Gopal for smashing two rounders in PE with awesome hand-eye coordination.

Match Reports

U10 Girls Cricket v The Elms (A) 26/05/2023

A team (won) - LGJS 253 for 2, The Elms 212 for 7

A team - LGJS lost the toss and were put into bat first. The girls batted pretty well, scoring lots of quick singles and a few 4s. Eleanor & Lily and Connie and Philippa were the highest scoring pairs, hitting both hitting 20 off 3 overs. The Elms made a strong start with the bat, but thanks to some superb fielding (lots of run outs), consistent bowling and an outrageous diving catch from Eleanor, LGJS managed to take 7 wickets and win by 41 runs! Well done to all the girls who played.

Player's Player for A Team (voted by The Elms) - Eleanor Waylett, for her diving catch and some confident batting.

U11A Boys Cricket v Ratcliffe (A) 7/6/2023

Ratcliffe 234-8 / LGJS 273-5 Won

A fantastic performance from the U11As really all came together on their final game. Asking Ratcliffe to bat wickets fell consistently with accurate bowling. Barney Burman taking a wicket maiden, Dilraj Sahdev taking 4 wickets, one of them a golden duck for their better batsmen. Same consistency for the batting display, a highlight being Dilraj's 6 fours, 5 in a row! Runit and Aiden saw the innings out with disciplined batting against their best bowlers. Very proud of their performance.

Dilraj with 4 wickets and 23 runs, hitting some gorgeous 4s around the park.

U11B Boys Cricket v Ratcliffe (A)

Ratcliffe 211-10 / LGJS 274-1 Won

The sun finally decided to come out at the U11's fixture today at Ratcliffe. We opened the innings by batting first. Our innings was littered with fours and plenty of runs and with one 6 hit by Ollie Awdry. Plying the right balls allowed us to be in a good place going into the 2nd innings. Our fielding innings was something to behold with a bucket load of wickets and catches, 2 of our best wickets came from Zorawar in the 10th over which sent the bails to Wales, as the boys loved to say. Overall a great day was had by all.

Stand out batsman was Ollie Awdry for his strong and accurate swing. stand out fielder/bowler was Zorawar and Dominic for their ability to bowl really well.

U11C Boys Cricket v Ratcliffe (A) 7/6/2023

LGJS 371-3 / Ratcliffe 288-6 Won

A completely dominant performance from LGJS proved too strong for Ratcliffe. Strong hitting from Finn and Will who in the first over hit 34 runs set the tone and LGJS amassed a huge score of 171 (95 of which were off the bat). Accurate bowling from Siyaam who got 4 wickets and good work rate in the field meant Ratcliffe struggled to get the ball into the gaps. A great afternoon to finish U11 fixtures - well done!

U11A Girls Cricket v Ratcliffe (A) 7/6/2023

Lost LGJS 232-10 / Ratcliffe 273-4

LGJS won the toss and chose to put Ratcliffe in bat first. There was some excellent bowling from our girls, who took 4 wickets between them. Nieve took an excellent caught and bowled wicket, while Freya Ives, Abeeha and Amalia also took wickets and bowled brilliantly. There was super fielding and wicket keeping from all of the girls. With a target of 273, the girls had their work cut out, and took a little while to find some confidence with the bat. Their momentum gained through the innings, with the top scoring pair being Freya and Simar (hit 16 between them for 2 loss of wickets in 3 overs). Well done to all the girls who contributed to the team effort.

Players' Player voted by Ratcliffe players: Freya Ives.

U11B Girls Cricket v Ratcliffe (A) 7/6/2023

Won LGJS 270-0 / Ratcliffe 249-2

Teachers' Player: Alexa Mullins

U9A Boys Cricket v Ratcliffe (H) 8/6/2023

LGJS 265-4 / Ratcliffe 276-6 Loss

A great afternoon of cricket against Ratcliffe who ended up winning a close contest. Good bowling from Ethan McNally who took 2 wickets meant Ratcliffe had to hit the winning runs in the last over. Well done to all boys for making it a great fixture.

Ethan McNally

U9B Boys Cricket v Ratcliffe (H) 8/6/2023

LGJS 323-2 vs Ratcliffe 247-3

A really nice day for the U9 boys and girls today with Ratcliffe. LGJS opened the innings by batting first, our innings was littered with 4's and the odd 6 so it is safe to say that our boys put out a strong target to beat in the second innings. Ratcliffe struggled with keeping their batting to the standard that ours was at, paired with some good fielding and bowling from Lennon in particular who made two superman catches.

Batting MVP goes to William and Shanyu as their overs were littered with 4's and 6's. Fielding MVP was Lennon for his 2 Superman catches. Bowling MVP was Austen Basanyake for bowling very accurately and consistently.

U9 Cricket INTRA 8/6/2023

It was really great to see ALL the U9s participate in the fixture, we'd love for it to have been against Ratcliffe, but they don't have enough pupils! The boys played pairs, understanding the flow of the game and the costly wicket which is 5 minus 5 runs! Aabir bowled with accuracy taking two wickets. To more players shone with Mr Kardas - Ollie Clarke all round batting & bowling display & Zane Ezzat for his awareness in game play!

Saihaan Moorshed hit 41 runs more than I have ever witnessed in U9 cricket, I was so impressed!

U9 Girls Cricket v Ratcliffe (H) 8/6/2023

Ratcliffe had a depleted numbers so mixed LGJS-Ratcliffe teams were created.

The Year 4 girls were incredibly excited about their first cricket fixture at home. Ratcliffe weren't able to field complete teams so we decided to mix the teams to level out numbers. It was a brilliant chance for the girls to use the skills they have worked on in cricket lessons, in a more competitive but friendly environment. Some of the girls got to play on the first team pitch, and did really well with their over-arm bowling and batting, scoring lots of runs. It was lovely to see the girls encouraging each other on the field and there was some excellent calling between the batting pairs. Well done to all the girls on their efforts and contributions.

Teachers' Players: Georgia Elliott for accurate bowling, confident batting and excellent encouragement in the field. Evelyn Bedenham for some strong batting, hitting several fours.

IAPS National Swimming Finals - London Aquatic Centre, June 3

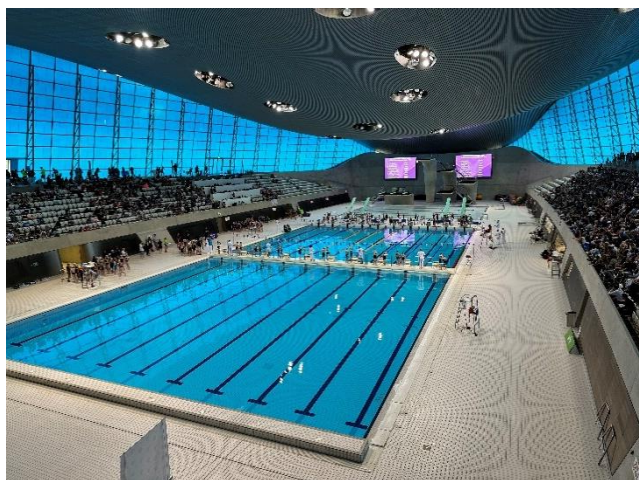
It was a complete privilege to support Connie in the national swimming finals. Having qualified regionally, Connie was entered into the U10 Freestyle. She had a 5 minute window to warm up with her fellow competitors, before she entered her heat. The top 20 qualified and were split into two groups, with the top 10 qualifying for the final.

Connie smashed her heat in 3rd place with an overall position of 4th with a time of 15:08. She was then into the top 10 which pitted her against the likes of Mount Kelly, Millfield, Cranleigh, St Georges all over the country. In the final she finished 7th, outside the medal count with a time of 15:48. The winner timed 14:15.

The event itself was where they hosted the Olympics in 2012, it was great to see the legacy in full flow. The morning was the girls' events, so Connie was wrapped up by 1:00pm and enjoyed the day in London.

We're looking forward to Connie and other pupils attempting to reach these finals next year!

Mr Harrison



U11A cricket team away at Ratcliffe



Missing Coat

Hassan (Rec H) has lost his coat we have checked lost property and classrooms, please can you check to see if you have at home.

Year 6 at LGS DT



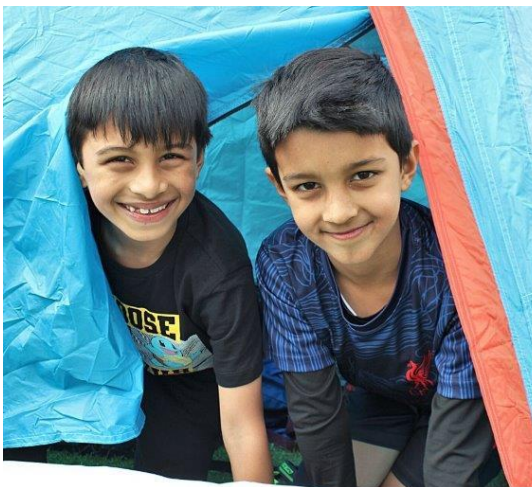


Rounders



Big School Camp 2023





Year 1 Birdwatching



Year 5 Bubbles Science



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 are 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!

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

BRIGHT SPARKS STEM FAIR

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

FREE!

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



Headteacher Awards:

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

Ajooni Gill	Kinders	Brilliant progress and independence
Joseph Aston	Kinders	Great Labelling
Florence Francis	4T	Stunning English writing
Harry Small	4T	Wish-worthy writing!
Beau Cooper-Velthuisen	4T	Fab-tastic History work
Aditi Kapoor	4T	Breathtaking History work
James Small	1C	Taco-tastic written work!
Sulaiman Hingora	2H	Excellent written work
Dhruv Tanna	2H	Ultra Super written work!

Housepoints:

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
	Annabelle Fulton		Philip Wardlaw
	Magsooda Arif		Rhea Thakor
TOTAL 319	TOTAL 334	TOTAL 315	TOTAL 336

Celebrating Achievements:

- Connie Kyle won Bronze, Silver and Gold medals in freestyle, backstroke, butterfly and breaststroke a swimming competition.
- Amaya Sachdev was awarded a certificate for successfully completing a 20 inch Box Jump in Survival Fitness
- Arjun Goyal was awarded his Level 4 certificate from Oadby & Leicester Gymnastics Club
- Oscar Welsh achieved his Level 4 Gymnastic award from Oadby & Leicester Gymnastics Club
- George Francis Welsh also achieved his Level 4 Gymnastic award and his Level 4 Rockhopper swimming award
- Lyla Watts has completed the Rockhopper stage at Penguins Swimming Academy
- Lana Khetia was awarded a medal for completing a 1 mile jog for Joe's Jog Charity
- Emily Mitchell was awarded her level 4 medal from Oadby & Leicester Gymnastics Club
- Eleanor Waylett was awarded a medal for being 'Best in her Group' in her football camp
- Quinn Dudley was awarded her Level 1 swimming certificate from Swim England
- Lara Sharma was awarded her Level 3 medal from Oadby & Leicester Gymnastics Club
- Mia Saigal was awarded her Level 5 medal from Oadby & Leicester Gymnastics Club
- Suri Saigal was awarded her Red Belt certificate from Deacons Martial Arts & Fitness
- Sofia Patel was awarded her Breast Stroke swimming medal
- Anoushka Rai has been awarded a Rainbow Theme Award at 1st Great Glen Rainbows
- Philip Wardlaw was awarded the 2022/2023 Under 10's Coaches Player of the Year
- Boni Budhdeo-Sherwin was awarded her Musical Theatre Stage 2 and Ballet Team Dance & Theatre Craft Team
- Saihaan Morshed was awarded his Orange Belt
- Layla Oyekan was awarded her British Fencing Foil-Grade 1
- Bella Verma was awarded her Bronze Steelbacks Skills batting, bowling and fielding awards

Well Done Everyone



Evelyn climbed Ben Nevis on Saturday with her Dad, cousin and friend. It was tough going but smiles all round at the top (with handstands to celebrate!).

Snowdon

Aanya climbed Snowdon (PYG and Miners tracks) over May Half Term to raise money for the local Leicester charity Loros with her sister and friends. They raised over £4500!!!

