



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

DEAR PARENTS,

22nd September 2022

This week has been all about community and it has been very special to have hosted two curriculum evenings for LGJS parents. Mrs Wolfe spoke about our youngest pupils and their journey through phonics and Mrs Weston led the way with our numeracy skills with the older children. Thank you for coming to our sessions and showing your support. Your energy and engagement in all areas of our school makes it all worthwhile, and provides the very best start for your youngster.

On that note, if there are any additional areas of the curriculum that you would like to learn more about, as always, we would love to hear from you. Please email Mr Fulton directly and we will see what we can do to organise an event: fultond@leicestergrammar.org.uk

Mr Jeffries wrote to you all about the dining hall, thank you for your responses which I have been very happy to feed back to him. I hope that your children are enjoying lunchtimes and feel positive about the changes.

It has been great to have the clubs and activities are beginning to run smoothly this week, I am very grateful to Mr Harrison and all the staff running extra-curricular sessions – our children are very lucky to have so much choice! Trips have already started with Year 3 enjoying a rainy Saxon visit to Flag Fen, organised by Miss Hart and Year 6 IAPS hockey has taken place today; the pupils have braved the elements and I can't wait to hear about how they got on.

Pupil voice continues to resound – please look out for their latest idea about a fundraiser. I hope you are able to get behind their enthusiasm and help them to meet their target, with your child's help, of course!

Finally, many of you have been asking about Mrs Gardner who is currently away from school due to ill health. She is in hospital undergoing some very in-depth tests and she is feeling extremely poorly. We are staying in constant touch and Mrs Gardner and her family certainly feel a huge wave of love from our whole school community, thank you. The Kinders Team of Mrs Carnduff, Miss White, Mrs Hill and Miss Booth have been truly wonderful in settling in our youngest pupils and we are really grateful for their amazing teamwork and unfaltering positivity.

With warmest wishes for a happy weekend,

Sophia

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

Sophia Ashworth Jones
Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

| | Monday 25 th | Tuesday 26 th | Wednesday 27 th | Thursday 28 th | Friday 29 th |
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| Kinders | | | School Photos 9.00am – 2.30pm | | |
| Reception | | | School Photos 9.00am – 2.30pm | | |
| Year 1 | | | School Photos 9.00am – 2.30pm | | |
| Year 2 | | | School Photos 9.00am – 2.30pm | | 2P Forest school 9-11am 2BT Forest School 1-3pm |
| Year 3 | | | School Photos 9.00am – 2.30pm | | |
| Year 4 | | | School Photos 9.00am – 2.30pm | | |
| Year 5 | | | School Photos 9.00am – 2.30pm | | |
| Year 6 | | | <p>School Photos 9.00am – 2.30pm</p> <p>Girls U11A Hockey Team Sheet Details: https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258642&SID=81</p> <p>Girls U10A Hockey Team Sheet Details: https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258645&SID=81</p> <p>Girls U10B Hockey Team Sheet Details: https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258647&SID=81</p> <p>Boys U10A Rugby Team Sheet Details: https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258909&SID=24</p> <p>Boys U10B Rugby Team Sheet Details: https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258911&SID=24</p> | | <p>Mixed Cross-Country Years 3,4,5,6 Details: https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6259024&SID=38 Parents are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Boys U11A Rugby Team Sheet Details: https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6478590&SID=24</p> |

Key Dates and forthcoming events for Lent Term

Friday 6th October Forest School Rec H – Morning Rec W – Afternoon



Headteacher Awards:

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

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| Rian Patel | 1A | Superhero writing |
| Peyton McArthur | 1A | Superhero writing |
| Alex Grigg | 2P | Outstanding passion for the library |
| Monary Michael | 5R | Fabutastic English |
| Harry Small | 5R | Royalty wording |

House Points

| St. Andrew's | St. Cuthbert's | St. Giles | St. Mary's |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | | Liliana Sattar | |
| TOTAL 53 | TOTAL 78 | TOTAL 74 | TOTAL 63 |

Celebrating Achievements:

- Leela P was awarded a trophy and medal for tap with distinction and commended for her ballet and ballet team with honours.
- Sia P was awarded a trophy and medal for tap with distinction, ballet team with honors and ballet commended.
- Niamh C-H was awarded a medal in primary tap with honours and primary ballet highly commended she has made her brownie promise and is now a Brownie!
- Lyla W successfully completed the Macaroni diploma at Penguins Swimming Academy
- Eleanor T has been awarded a certificate and medal for the Macaroni penguins swimming diploma
- Aida O has been awarded a certificate and medal for the Macaroni penguins swimming stage
- Emilia B achieved medals and certificates for her Bronze & Silver gymnastics grades and her level 1
- Lilian B achieved her level 3 & 4 gymnastics grade and received medals and certificates
- Riyansh P achieved his Rockhopper penguins swimming diploma with a medal and certificate
- Rohan B-P achieved his Rockhopper penguins swimming diploma with a medal and certificate
- Aryan S achieved his Gentoo penguins swimming diploma with a medal and certificate
- Amaya S achieved her Royal penguins swimming diploma with a medal and certificate



• **The following student are being congratulated on their music achievements:**

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- Zaid G has completed Grade 1 piano
- Boni B-S Initial Piano with merit
- Amara S Initial Piano with Merit
- Siena Z grade 1 Piano with distinction
- Valerie E-W Initial Violin
- Isaac E-W Initial Violin
- Harry S Grade 1 viola practical
- Amelie A Grade 3 piano with merit
- Austen B Grade 2 Cornet

Well Done Everyone

Class News

Year 3 Trip to Flag Fen



Year 3 had an amazing day at Flag Fen Archaeological Park in Peterborough on Wednesday. The children bravely faced the terrible weather and spent all day outside, just like the stone age people would have done! They explored inside replica Stone Age roundhouses and listened to stories around a fire. The houses were dark, only had one room, no windows and they smelled of smoke from the fire! They learned how to make wattle and daub walls, by weaving willow and adding a mixture of dung, mud and clay to the walls! Luckily, we had plastic gloves, unlike the Stone Age people! The children met the sheep the stone age people would have farmed and learned about stone age boats and bridges. They each made a clay pinch pot to bring back to school and even painted rocks with chalk, charcoal and raspberries, just like the Stone Age people would have painted their caves! It was very busy, fun and fact filled day!



PE & Sport

Dear Sports fans,

An interesting week of weather, sorry that Stamford cancelled our U11s Wednesday. Next week it's the U10s turn, taking 2 teams of hockey and rugby to Stamford festivals, then a bumper packed Friday with the U11 boys rugby heading to Warwick festival all day, and 48 buzzing Cross-Country runners to Rutland Water.

Best wishes,
PE Department



Match reports

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| U11A rugby v The Elms & Witham Hall (A) | 9/13/2023 Lost 4-2 v The Elms. Won 6-0 v Witham Hall | A positive start to the rugby term with an accomplished performance against Witham Hall following an abject performance against The Elms! After a slow start to the afternoon strong tackling and breakdown work from Teddy & Charlie allowed players such as Zach, Danyal, Hakan and Philip to break the gain line effectively and as a result, Witham could not handle the direct and confident attacking play. Well done to all involved! | Charlie & Teddy in defence for leading the way in the tackle and Zach for backing his ability showing excellent footwork in attack |
| U11A Hockey v The Elms and Witham Hall | 9/12/2023 Won 2-1 v The Elms Lost 0-3 v Witham Hall | A great start to the hockey season with a win on our first match of the term against the The Elms. Both teams battled to retain possession in mid field but two decisive runs from Eleanor Waylett allowed her to break free and score. A tougher match against Witham Hall followed. The LGJS girls defended valiantly with some fantastic saves in goal from Ada and gutsy tackles from our defence in the D but strong hitting from Witham Hall allowed them to score three times. Lots of positive play from LGJS and some clear areas to work on in the future. Well done! | Players Player v The Elm Eleanor Waylett Player Player v Witham Hall Kirrily Dubois |

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Schools Cross Country League 2023 - Mallory Park

www.primarycrosscountry.org.uk



Goodbye Prestwold Hall... Hello **Mallory Park!**

Mallory Park is the new host to the Leicestershire & Rutland Schools Cross Country League this autumn/winter. There is a new organiser this year and a **new online entry system. Parents are asked to register their child in advance for this year's league (by October 8th)**. Entry is free - the only charge is for parking, which is reduced for online entry. You can still enter your child on the day of the league races. It really helps the PE department if you are able to complete online entry, so we have a good idea of who to expect on the day.

We hope to see a good team of LGJS pupils entering this year. Races are open to pupils in Year 3 - Year 6, and also secondary school pupils.

There are individual and team medals to be won, along with opportunities to earn county selection!

To enter by October 8th, please use this

link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZLx2NxXU937EunpqCg-6HJ8VJr1gsd_79Y30cHI7H9ry9YQ/viewform

Mallory Park - Leicestershire & Rutland Schools Cross Country League Dates for your diary:

Saturday 28th October 2023

Saturday 18th November 2023

Saturday 2nd December 2023

The website lists more details, and will be updated by the organiser closer to the first race date.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Speed (speedl@leicestergrammar.org.uk).

Many thanks,

Mrs. Lucy Speed

Teacher of PE & Sport i/c of athletics



The big reveal

The guineapigs are now named.....

The fluffy one is called – Cookie and the
Silky one is called - Marmalade

**LEICESTER GRAMMAR
JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Autumn Open Morning

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

9.30AM - 12.00PM

Book your place at
www.lgs-junior.org.uk/visit-us



FRIENDS OF LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEXT AGM

25

September
Monday
21:00



The above equipment was funded
by FRIENDS OF LGJS

WHO ARE THE FRIENDS? ALL OF US

We all, as parents and carers, are part of the school support system. The work is coordinated by a committee of volunteer parents who aim to create an inclusive and friendly group, and to foster a close relationship between the school and parents through a range of fundraising and social events.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

- To help deliver children centred events and activities
- To meet parents from across the school
- To raise funds for exciting school initiatives
- To support the work of a registered charity
- To ensure the school benefits from your expertise

READY TO VOLUNTEER YET?

Of course you are ... so let us know if you would like to join the committee (all roles below currently available) or if you would happily volunteer to support specific events and activities.

Come join the **Volunteers WhatsApp group** to keep up to date with what's going on and ways you can help.

NEXT MEETING (AGM): MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 21:00 VIA ZOOM

<https://jpboden.zoom.us/j/99965301022?pwd=bml1VVh3MjhvZHIQaXN2NXNFOE1GQT09>

Meeting ID: 999 6530 1022 • Passcode: 751915

COMMITTEE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

THE CHAIR: Leading meetings, guiding the team, setting agendas, and being the committee's friendly face to the school community.

TREASURER: In charge of all things money – budgeting, reporting, and keeping a close eye on expenses.

SECRETARY: The admin whizz, organising meetings, agendas, records, and minutes.

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS: The fundraising expert, planning and delivering amazing events that make our school community even happier.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATION: Ensuring that clear and timely messages are spread across the School network.

DEPUTIES: Because this work takes time and we all volunteer, deputies are needed to ensure everything runs smoothly in all eventualities.



OTHER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

SCHOOL UNIFORM

COORDINATOR: You'll team up with our army of volunteers to run the second-hand uniform shop.

SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR:

The social media guru who can ensure that our messages are engaging across all our online platforms.

GRAPHIC DESIGNER: A creative who can make event materials visually appealing and help build any messaging and excitement.

VOLUNTEERS (The most important role we have!) Joining forces with the LGJS Friends committee to make events happen, whether it's ad hoc or for a specific event.