



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

15th September 2023

Dear parents,

As they school year gets fully underway and the children show us that they are settling in well, it was really exciting to meet with the Friends Association this morning. We filled The Hive, and with the positive energy and buzz it proved to be the ideal place! LGJS Friends are at an exciting juncture and they will be writing to all parents very soon to introduce role descriptors in order to appoint new Chair and Vice Chair. A few names have already been put forward and they would love to receive any and all offers of support. There were some great ideas for pupil events, including movie nights, quiz and curry evenings and perhaps a Spring Fayre. Mrs Strong and I spoke to a group of pupils about their ideas and they had some similar plans! I really do encourage you to get involved with your parent association, it is a wonderfully rewarding way to make friends and make a difference to our beautiful community.

Assembly introduced the school council elections and pupils will be voting next week to elect councillors and I look forward to meeting them during this term to hear about their experiences and ideas to add even more to LGJS. They will be contributing to our resounding Pupil Voice and helping to make a real and positive difference where they can.

Thank you for your patience as we embarked on our expansive co-curricular program this week. I understand that there were various teething problems and apologise for any confusion caused. Next term will be much smoother as we have taken on board the pinch points and gaps in communications which were the main downfalls this time around. My School Portal is gradually becoming second nature, if you are experiencing difficulties, please do not hesitate to give Michelle Dubois a call and she will do her best to assist.

Open Morning is fast approaching, on Saturday. October 7th from 9.30-12.00pm. Current families are welcome to attend and there will be several 'showcase' activities that will be timetabled to excite our prospective visitors. Please do pass on the booking link if you know anyone who may be interested in attending [Leicester Grammar Junior School - Visit us \(lgs-junior.org.uk\)](https://lgs-junior.org.uk). All Year 6 prefects are expected in that morning to assist with showing around visitors – we are grateful that they are our very best advocates of the school!

Have a super weekend, collecting conkers perhaps?

With warmest wishes,

Sophia

Sophia Ashworth Jones
Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kinders	Phonics Information Session 4.30-5.30pm				
Reception	Phonics Information Session 4.30-5.30pm				
Year 1	Phonics Information Session 4.30-5.30pm				1A Forest school 9-11am 2JT Forest School 1-3pm
Year 2					
Year 3				Maths Information Eve7.00pm	
Year 4				Maths Information Eve7.00pm	
Year 5				Maths Information Eve7.00pm	
Year 6			Girls U11A Hockey Team Sheet Details: https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258626&SID=81 Girls U11B Hockey Team Sheet Details: https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258628&SID=81 Boys U11A Rugby Team Sheet Details: https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258913&SID=24 Boys U11B Rugby Team Sheet Details: https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258915&SID=24	Maths Information Eve7.00pm	Girls U11A Hockey Team Sheet Details: https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6465779&SID=81

Key Dates and forthcoming events for Lent Term

Wednesday 27 th September Individual and sibling photographs 9.00 am – 2.30 pm
Friday 29 th September - 2P morning and 2BT afternoon – Forest School
Friday 29 th September – Rugby Union: U11's away -v- Warwick School



Headteacher Awards:

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

Lyla Mistry	6E	Outstanding progress in Music
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Celebrating Achievements:

- Shreya G was awarded a Blue Peter badge and a Summer Reading Challenge medal and completed the ECD All Stars Cricket course.
- Annabelle F was awarded her Grade 1 Flute with Distinction
- Theo H received a certificate and medal for the summer reading challenge
- Kasen C has achieved his Gentoo Swimming diploma and is now in Adelie group
- Layla O was awarded her grade 2 in Fencing
- Niamh C-H passes grade 5 swimming stage and received her badge and certificate
- Sia P passed Little Blue Penguins swimming stage and received certificate and badge
- Jaiya M received highly commended for Ballet and 3 Rosettes for Theatre Craft and Dance
- Charlie H has won a trophy for 3rd place in the Mallory Park boys road race and a medal for Go Ride for Kettering Cyclones
- Danielle H won first place in the off-road Kettering Cyclones cycling race and a trophy at Mallory Park
- Ada Y has gained Grades in tap with Merit, ballet with honours and jazz with distinction
- Chloe C was awarded a medal for running
- Mia S Was awarded a medal and 3 certificates for ballet, tap and team ballet and a Dance medal
- Eleanor T achieved stage 5 in gymnastics and received her certificate & medal
- Aishani S completed the Summer Reading Challenge and received a medal and certificate
- Sienna P received her Initial Cello award
- Danielle H was awarded Grade 1 for Cello with Merit
- Meera O was awarded Grade 1 for Cello with Merit
- Kira M was awarded Grade 2 for Cello with Distinction
- Ranulph K was awarded Grade 2 for Cello with Merit
- Amelie A passed her Grade 3 piano with Merit
- Annabelle F Passed her Grade 2 Piano with Merit
- Harry A passed his Grade 2 piano
- Priyal D has passed Grade 1 Piano with Merit
- Zayn H achieved a Young Aviators certificate and took flight in a Microlight aircraft at over 1000 feet



Well Done Everyone!



PE & Sport

What a first full week it has been. Thank you to all parents and pupils for their engagement in sport. We are impressed with the kit, looking strong for the term ahead. If you do see a kit sticker in planners it's a simple reminder they are missing at item!

If you ever want to know what clubs are available locally from athletics to rugby, all information has been collated on our sports webpage: <https://www.lgs-junior.org.uk/local-sports-club-directory>

We enjoyed taking U11s to Witham Hall for a triangular Wednesday & look forward to doing the same at Stamford next week. Good luck to those pupils representing school next Friday in our first IAPs regional qualifier in girls' hockey!

Enjoy another weekend filled with the Rugby World Cup.



Match reports

13/9/23 - U11B rugby v The Elms & Witham Hall (A) - Lost -v- The Elms & Win -v- Witham Hall

A fantastic triangular with two schools starting their rugby season. We were tentative in the tackle with lots of space to run, we needed to work better in pairs. Veer & Zaid scored some lovely break away tries, with Vikram showing an all-round tenacity in the game. Our defence left a lot to be desired but for a first run out we did great!

Noah Michael for growing into the game, comfortably making the most amount of tackles, setting a fine defence example



The deadline for nominating names for the new Guinea Pigs is on Monday
Children can make their suggestion in the foyer.



The refectory will be incorporating a theme day once a month into their menus, the next one is on Tuesday!

Bamboo Street food pop up 19/09/23

Vietnamese Yellow Curry, Panko Breaded Chicken,
Brown Rice & Stir-Fried Oriental Style Veggies
Vietnamese Yellow Curry, Panko Breaded Quorn, Brown
Rice & Stir-Fried Oriental Style Veggies
Mini Spring Rolls
Prawn Crackers
Curiosity Pots
Daikon Radish, Dragon Fruit etc....
Individual Ice-cream Pots & Raspberry Sauce

Lemon Jelly



There are still spaces in our very popular Street Dance clubs, with Lemon Jelly which started this week. Children will improve coordination, flexibility, spacing and rhythm, all while dancing along to their favourite songs. We have so much fun in these sessions and it's amazing to see how much confidence is released from all of the children we work with. To sign up to your year groups class, please click the link below to access the website and book sessions

Year 2 Street Dance Wednesday 3pm
Year 3&4 Street Dance Wednesday 3:45pm
Year 1 Street Dance Friday 3pm
Year 5&6 Street Dance Friday 3:45pm

<https://www.lgs-junior.org.uk/clubs-and-activities-lqjs>

