



# NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

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DEAR PARENTS,

29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

It has been a very busy few days and I am pleased that the children have been able to enjoy their week whilst we adults worked hard to cope with the added stresses of temporary traffic lights and concerns about stranger danger. Thank you for all of your support; I'm hoping that both issues will be eased next week and that we can return to a gentler start and a more carefree day.

Many of you attended an online meeting for the Friends Committee this week and I was pleased to enjoy a catch-up with Preena and Jatinder. It was super to hear some of the visions for the committee, focussing on gathering in as many parents as possible to get involved, becoming more inclusive and visible around school, and providing lots of happy child-centred and fun events to bring the community even closer together. They will be sending out a separate mailing to outline the key roles. They are keen to hear from you if you would like to get involved, and a few more dads would be made very welcome. I am looking forward to watching the group flourish – it sounds fun!

Open Morning is on 7<sup>th</sup> October and we are sure it will be another busy occasion. Last year we had a record-breaking number of visitors and this year may follow the same trend. As usual, we look forward to all Year 6 Prefects being in school from 9.30am – 12pm to take visitors on tours of the school, please confirm via <https://forms.office.com/e/m9906KXHhZ> and, additionally, some specialist teachers will be inviting groups of pupils to come in to take part in some demonstration activities. Thank you for supporting our special day.

With warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Jones", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sophia Ashworth Jones  
Headmistress



## Headteacher Awards:

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

Elliot Beaumont	Brilliant Maths
Adam Hussain	Excellent maths
Aiyla Ismail	Great written work
Zayd Dedat Humphrey	Super written work
Anaiya Kulkarni	Amazing maths
Suri Saigal	Fantastic maths
Rhea Thakor	Fabulous maths
Eki Iyasere	Excellent debating
William Inchley	Excellent debating
Philip Wardlaw	Excellent debating
Theo Hegarty	Excellent debating
Kee Han Soh	Excellent debating

## House Points

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
	Annabelle Fulton	Ailidh Beveridge	Ida Brown
	Kayaan Shah	Harry Small	
		Maisie Cao	
		Aryon Sachdev	
<b>TOTAL 156</b>	<b>TOTAL 173</b>	<b>TOTAL 182</b>	<b>TOTAL 180</b>

## Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children

- Boni S ran 1 mile in London and raised (so far) £306 so far for charity, she came 163<sup>rd</sup> out of 1129 all age female runners
- Connie K Broke the Sharks 200 breaststroke record at their club championships and won 7 golds and 3 silver medals
- Ethan B scored a number of tries at the Saints rugby U8s festival recently
- Joseph A for being brave in A&E this week
- Ayvah K completed Macaroni swimming
- Siya M passed Little Blue Penguins swimming award
- Simar D Rockhopper Penguins swimming award
- Zaara M Gentoo penguins swimming award
- Maisie C African Penguins swimming award
- Philippa H received a Netball trophy for shooter and a medal for super centre
- Bella V Rockhopper penguins swimming award
- Thea H 2<sup>nd</sup> place medal in her first dance competition in group dance
- Saanchi has achieved her Stage 4 swimming award
- Samriddhi has achieved her Level 1 swimming award
- Leo S King completed Penguin stage swimming medal and cert
- Paranvir L passed Penguins Macaroni stage swimming
- Deven S completed the Summer Reading Challenge and received a medal
- Avanyaa B passed Turtles swimming level with Penguins
- Aaron Taylor 4C gained his Brazilian Jujitsu grey belt
- Paranvir L Bronze star award and cert for kip points
- Tinka C passed Rockhopper penguins swimming stage
- Alilidh B received 1<sup>st</sup> place and a gold medal in the Atherstone Dance festival
- Felicity B was awarded a medal for dancing
- Philippa H won the playing shirt award, at the Hockey tournament at Oakham School, signed by the England Hockey Team



A message from Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Tuck

For our Young Voices session on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October next week please could we ask the children to learn the following:

- *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* (from the *Get on Board* medley)
- *In the Mood*

**Well Done Everyone**

**Congratulation to our new School Council who have been elected:**

year 3 Rian Purohit & Ida Brown  
year 4 Harry Nurse & Lux Prasad-Somani  
year 5 Adam Mullen & Evelyn Bedenham  
year 6 Noah Michael & Simran Hundle

The new council have already met this week and have some amazing suggestions up their sleeve

**Well Done Everyone**



The BBC's 500 Word story writing competition launched this week, and we would like to encourage as many children as possible to enter.

The rules are simple! The children must write an original fictional story in no more than 500 words. It can be about any topic of their choice and the story will be judged on how entertaining it is, not on the accuracy of their spelling, grammar or punctuation. Although here at school, we still hope the children will work on hard on these too!

The story must be typed and this is where the children will need your help, please. All entries must be submitted by an adult and we would be very grateful if you could help your child with this. All details about how to upload the story can be found here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Entries can be submitted in two age categories, 5-7 and 8-11, and the closing date is **Friday, 10th November.**

There are prizes galore for the winning stories, including an invitation to Buckingham Palace and the chance to win Sir Lenny Henry's height in books!

We would also like to reward the children's effort and creativity by offering prizes in school. We would therefore ask that children bring a copy of their finished stories to either Mrs Wolfe (KS1) or Miss Davies (KS2) by the closing date. We will look forward to reading all entries and we will choose our very own winners from each age group

**PE & Sport**





## Match reports

Under 11 IAPS Regional Hockey Finals	22/09/23	<p>A squad of 10 girls travelled to Stamford School to play in the regional round of the IAPS hockey tournament. In the group stages the girls played six matches, winning three (Blablake Junior School 1-0, Kimbolton Prep 2-0, Westbourne School 2-0) and losing three matches (Gresham's Prep 0-3, Stamford Junior School 0-2, Wellingborough Prep 0-2).</p> <p>Throughout the matches the girls improved their tactical play and started to work well as a team with some great passing. The team qualified for the plate semi-finals against local rivals Ratcliffe College. Despite some strong and gutsy defence from the LGJS team Ratcliffe College broke through to win 1-0. Another match followed to decide third and fourth place in the plate competition against Kings College School. This was decided on penalty flicks which LGJS won 3-2 to finish in third place in the plate competition. Well done to all girls involved.</p>	Player of the tournament was awarded to Ada who played goal keeper for some fantastic saves under pressure
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Under 11 Hockey Tournament Oakham School	27/09/23	The Under 11 hockey team used the lessons learnt at the IAPS tournament at the Oakham School Under 11 hockey tournament. In the group stages they played four matches winning 3 and drawing 1. Philippa, Eleanor, Maqsooda and Lucia all scoring goals. Against Kimbolton superb runs down the wing by Eleanor that were passed with accuracy to Lucia allowed Lucia to score three goals in one match. The team qualified top of their group and played in the final for first and second position. Here they met a strong team from Witham Hall who won 2-0. A special mention to Philippa, selected as player of the tournament from ten teams by the organizers Oakham School and was awarded a playing shirt signed by members of the England Hockey team. Well done Philippa!	Player of the tournament Philippa
U10A&B Festival @ Stamford - Hockey	27/09/23	It was an encouraging start to the hockey season at Stamford for our two Year 5 hockey teams. The teams played with an excellent structure and supported each other brilliantly throughout the festival. We had some competitive games - wins, draws and loses, so a great experience in a friendly festival atmosphere. Our two goal keepers for the afternoon, Khadijah and Imogen, played with great determination, saving lots of shots! Congratulations to Orla and Sasha who both scored one goal, and Georgia who scored two fantastic goals after great runs from the half way line, thanks to our defenders who cleared the ball excellently to create some wonderful counter attack opportunities.	Players Player -v- Brooke Priory – Siena  Players Player -v-Witham Mya  Players Player -v- Stamford - Georgia  Players Player for other games - Imogen (x2) and Orla
U10A&B Festival @ Stamford - Rugby	27/09/23	What a fantastic afternoon for both sides. They played 4 schools in a festival style format and so much progression. A few details around the ruck, remembering to protect the ball from the opposition and present back to your team. Toby Baines was electric in attack, showed real power and understanding when to off support.	Player - Toby and Armaan in the AS

# Autumn Open Morning

## SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

**9.30AM - 12.00PM**

Book your place at  
[www.lgs-junior.org.uk/visit-us](http://www.lgs-junior.org.uk/visit-us)