



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

DEAR PARENTS,

3rd November 2023

It has been a busy week in school which has flown by.

The Friends hosted their first event of the calendar year and I was delighted to be part of it and to see such huge numbers of families getting involved. The pumpkin display was magnificent and the spooky fancy-dress parade provided some ghostly giggles for all. Thank you to Preena and JT for organising the team and for everyone who participated. I understand there are plans in motion for something for Christmas, so please do keep a watch out for details from Friends, coming soon.

Being part of such a tight-knit school community is very special and our children have been showing heart-felt compassion for others, thinking about those affected by the conflict in the Middle East. Spurred on by the Pupil Voice of children in Year 5, we are looking to organise a Trust-wide Bake Sale to raise money for Save the Children. Further details will follow shortly. Thank you, pupils.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

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

Sophia Ashworth Jones
Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
All years				Rescheduled Super Fun Sports Day Non-Uniform Sporty clothing	Deadline for 500 words (information below)
Kinders					
Reception					
Year 1					1B Forest School – A.M.
Year 2					2JT Forest School – P.M
Year 3					
Year 4			Please check below hockey fixture team sheets for details as some year 4 girls are playing at Fairfield - away		
Year 5			<p>Girls U11A Hockey Team Sheet Details: Fairfield – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258687&SID=81</p> <p>Girls U11B Hockey Team Sheet Details: Fairfield – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258689&SID=81</p> <p>Girls U11C Hockey Team Sheet Details: Fairfield – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6562165&SID=81</p>	<p>Mixed U11 Swimming Team Sheet Details: Fairfield – Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258603&SID=29</p>	<p>5R Class Assembly 8.40am Parking will be on the new playground</p> <p>Girls U10 Hockey Team Sheet – 3 Teams Details: Fairfield – Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258691&SID=81</p> <p>Boys U10 'Tigers' Rugby Team Sheet Details: Fairfield – Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258788&SID=24</p> <p>Boys U10 'Lions' Rugby Team Sheet Details: Fairfield – Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258784&SID=24</p>

Year 6			<p>Boys U11 A, Rugby Team Sheet Details: Fairfield – Away https://www.schoolssports.com/school/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258790&SID=24</p> <p>Boys U11 B, Rugby Team Sheet Details: Fairfield – Away https://www.schoolssports.com/school/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258792&SID=24</p> <p>Girls U11A Hockey Team Sheet Details: Fairfield – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258687&SID=81</p> <p>Girls U11B Hockey Team Sheet Details: Fairfield – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258689&SID=81</p> <p>Girls U11C Hockey Team Sheet Details: Fairfield – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6562165&SID=81</p>	<p>Mixed U11 Swimming Team Sheet Details: Fairfield – Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258603&SID=29</p>	
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Key Dates and forthcoming events for Advent Term:

Saturday 11 th November	Cross-Country Mallory Park – Entered pupils only
Tuesday 14 th November	Friends uniform sale – 2.30pm
Wednesday 15 th November	Girls Hockey U11A, B & C Laxton Junior School - Away
Wednesday 15 th November	Boys Rugby U11A, B & C Laxton Junior School – Away
Friday 17 th November	2P morning and 2BT afternoon – Forest School
Wednesday 6 th December	Nativity - Kinders and Reception - LGJS Main Hall - 9.00am to 10.30am
Thursday 7 th December	Nativity Year 1 – LGJS Main Hall – 9.00am – 10.00am
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Service — Year 3 & Year 4 – St. Cuthbert's Church -2.00pm – 3.00pm
Friday 8 th December	Nativity Year 2 - LGJS Main Hall – 9.00am – 10.30am
Wednesday 13 th December	Christingle Service – Year 5 & Year 6 Leicester Cathedral – 6.00pm – 7.00pm (amended)



Headteacher Awards:

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

Abdullah Yousuf	Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious maths!
Peyton McArthur	'Perfecto' computer work
Amara Thakor	Fantastic written work
Riyansh Patel	Fantastic maths
Cecil Brown	Fantabulous written work
Sofiana Davda	Mind-blowing written work
Mustafa Patel	Impeccable manners, kindness and positive engagement in all things
Husayn Tejani	Increasing effort and attitude towards his learning
Clara Bedenham	Helping her friends in MyHappyMind
Sia Prasad	'Pantastic' geography work
Chloe Columbo	Amazing artwork
Maariyah Ismail	'Fabamazing' English work
Imogen Gurney	'Fabmazing' English work

Pencil Winners: Jeona Aulak & Harry Small

House Points

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Ahaan Jaiswal	Kira Mody	Shreeya Bhalla	William Inchley
Anay Patel	Meera Odedra	Arian Davda	Vikram Sahdev
Samir Kulkarni	Nihal Johal	Valerie Etok-Weiss	Nico Lakhani
Simran Hundle	Moqsooda Arif	Monary Michael	Eki Iyasere
Zahra Tejani	Jaimin Patel	Samarah Thomas	Daniel Hardwicke
Somali Panchal	Pippa Rissbrook	Noah Michael	Subaig Singh
Inaaya Makda	Jake Downes	Aleya Sadiq	Lucia Greathead
	Veer Bains	Aran Chandarana	Trisha Kamboj
		Shain Sunderji	Charlie Hardwicke
		Zane Ezzat	Franciszek Fisek
		Ada Yaris	Rose Vorley
			Kayanna Sandhu
			Zayn Hussein
TOTAL 446	TOTAL 463	TOTAL 539	TOTAL 525

Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children:

- Deven S received his Blue Peter Badge for reading, designed by Sir Quentin Blake
- Daniel H took 3rd Place in U9's Leicester Cyclocross League at Western Park
- Charlie H completed the Penguins Swimming Academy programme and received his Stars Medal
- Leo S received the Rugby Star of the Week at Oadby Wyggs. Rugby Club
- Janhvi P passed her gymnastics level 8
- Hermione S passed her gymnastics 8
- Kira M was awarded her 800m Rainbow distance in swimming and won a bronze medal for 50m breaststroke at penguins open meet.
- Eleanor T stage completed level 4 gymnastics and was awarded her medal and certificate
- Beatrix R completed stage 1 swimming and Ducklings 1 and 2 levels
- Amelie A Level passed her grade 1 Dance grade also Leicester sharks 4th place 50m butterfly in their swim comp
- Yahya K achieved a 20" box jump and was awarded a certificate and completed his swimming Gentoo level diploma
- Eashan K completed his Gentoo swimming diploma and his Tae Kwon-Do 4th KUP grading



Dear Young Voices parents,

For our next Young Voices session (Friday 10th November),
please could we ask the children to learn the following:

- *Oh Mary Don't You Weep (from the Get on Board medley)*
- *Today is Gonna be a Great Day*



Here is the link to the Music Room (where you can access all resources) if you haven't already signed up:

<https://yvmusicroom.com/parentRegisterReferral?code=MjUzNC8xNjk3MTI3Mzcx>

Thank you,
Mrs Wolfe and Mrs Tuck

PE & Sport

The morning mile will kickstart again next Tuesday - A reminder that parents are invited to run with us and leave children to change in school as normal. If the weather is ever poor, we will do circuits in the junior hall with the pupils only as we did this week.

A gentle reminder that pupils will only be able to play rugby on the grass with boots. If they don't have them, it is unsafe to now play due to the wet, muddy conditions. Tracksuits are part of the school kit and we won't be able to take pupils on fixtures if they don't have them due to warmth, cleanliness and part of the uniform list.

Rising Sports Stars

Mikhail Tyukin for his superb progression in rugby

Valerie Etok-Weiss for incredible effort on the cross-country circuit and showing the boys how to play rugby!

Match Reports

U10A&B Rugby Brooke Priory festival	1/11/23	So good to get them boys going again in rugby. Now they've embedded a firm understanding the game is starting to flow. Ethan, Toby & Louis especially running hard, direct lines to soak up defenders. Whilst Mikey & Anay showed how to utilise space with excellent speed. All of our games were so even with one try in it each time. Our physicality certainly improved as did our line speed to close down space. Contact session for them Friday and look forward to another fixture next Friday. The B had a tough start v Copt Hill who were well organised and dominated the tackling element of the game. We need to increase our physicality in confidently tackling players from good onside positions. Against Stoneygate, the game opened up more and with space we are fantastic at ball speed and continuity.	A - Armaan Takhar for his superb defensive display / B - Ansh Hundal for his physicality and excellent support play
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Cross-Country report:

LGJS had 22 dedicated cross-country runners racing at Mallory Park on Saturday 28th October. The weather was calm and it wasn't too chilly, however after storm Babat the week before which brought lots of rain, the underfoot conditions were soft, wet and muddy!

The Yr3s had a strong turnout, with the girls first to take on the tough, 1.1km undulating course. Valerie ran confidently, showing great stamina to finish in a strong 13th place. She was followed by Mathilde (35th), Ida (36th), Zuri (41st), Sienna D (42nd) and Kayanna (66th), out of a field of 88 runners.

The Yr3 boys team ran the same course, Oscar Wright racing competitively to 47th, supported by Issac Li (68th), Harry D (80th) and Issac E-W (104th), out of 133 runners.

Yr4 only had two representatives (who would love some teammates for the next two league races). Sienna P showed her consistency in always finishing at the front end of a cross country field. She paced herself brilliantly over the 1.3km race, to finish 16th out of 82 runners. Arushan worked hard throughout his race, showing great awareness on the course. He finished 120th out of 159 runners - the largest race of the day!

Next up were Yr5 who ran a hilly 1.6km course! Aditi always runs with great determination in cross country, and finish in 47th. Following closely behind, was the ever improving and committed Sasha Patel, finishing 66th out of 99 runners. The Yr4 boys followed, with Ethan McNally storming to a strong 11th place finish. He was targeting a top 10 finish, but must be proud to be so competitive and close to the leaders. William H took the race on and ran strongly in 57th, followed by Ted North in a solid 78th and Trinay in 86th, out of 111 finishers.

Yr6 were last to race, but eager to impress. Kirily went out on mission from the start line, leading every step of the way and building her lead throughout the 2km race. She paced herself so well, speeding to a comfortable victory and shiny gold medal! Boni worked hard over the challenging course, finishing 58th out of 73 runners. The last race of the morning, Yr6 boys had the roughest ground to contend with. Philip pushed himself the whole way, racing to a strong 14th place, along with Jaimin who also ran to a super 36th out of 77 runners.

A big well done to all the pupils to took part and thank you to the parents who supported on the day.

A few happy runners below!



The second league race is on **Saturday 18th November** and the third and final race on **Saturday 2nd December**. All pupils in Yr3-6 are welcome to take part.

Parents, if you haven't already registered your child to compete and they would like to, please do so via this link asap (NB the organiser chooses when the form closes and hasn't published when this will be): <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZLx2NxXU937EunpqCg-6HJ8VJr1gsd79Y30cHI7H9ry9YQ/viewform>

The organiser has also now communicated that there will be **NO ON THE DAY ENTRIES**.

Happy running!
Mrs Speed

Dodgeball

House dodgeball results below:

	overall points	overall points difference	overall position	house points
St Giles	24	10	2nd	50
St Mary's	25	14	1st	75
St Cuthbert's	24	-15	3rd	25
St Andrew's	23	-9	4th	10

Congratulations to two of our pupils Kirrily & Philip, who in the summer won the year 5 Duathlon race! The whole year group competed with 3 cycled laps of our lower field and 2 running laps. They are into our legacy books with their names printed on our yellow jerseys, which is on display near The Hive corridor. Let's see if they both enter the triathlon in year 6 with the same outcome. Well done both.



Year 4

Enjoyed a magical treat on Tuesday with a trip to see the West End hit musical 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' We were intrigued to see just how Augustus Gloop would meet his sticky end trapped inside the pipe and Violet Beauregard would explode before our very eyes, but we can honestly say we were not disappointed. The special effects, singing, dancing, acting and costumes were all simply spectacular and we enjoyed every minute. However, somebody 'forgot' to tell Mr. Fulton that it was full school uniform, not costumes, and so the Oompa Loompas had an unexpected addition to their team!



Super Fun Sports Day

This is now taking place on Thursday 8th November!

Some of our very enthusiastic year 6 girls; Tvisha, Amelie, Eki, Lucia, Aishani and Hannah are organising this event to raise money for new storage equipment and fun things for the playground. Please bring in your sponsorship forms together with any money raised in a sealed envelope and hand this to class teachers.

All children can take part should they wish and wear sporty clothing on Thursday 9th November.



BBC 500 Words 2023



The BBC's 500 Word story writing competition is about to close, 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. Miss Davies and Mrs. Wolfe

St. Cuthbert's Church

Following our lovely Harvest Festival celebration at St. Cuthbert's church before last term. We would like to draw your attention the collect in church on that day. We would like to thank you if you or your child donated and draw your attention to the appeal should you wish to donate to the UNICEF Ukraine appeal: You can access the website on the link below.

https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-now-to-protect-children-in-ukraine/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwy4KqBhD0ARIsAEbCt6jfAM3iRvzlkybUEy6Lvqcr7GHtpOMwugL4w_PMrz88nxpxQA0-B5kaAsydEALw_wcB Many thanks on behalf of St. Cuthbert's Church



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other fund-raising items, such as keys rings, wrist bands and button hole badges are on sale at the Junior School Office.

Music

Guitar lessons with some of our Year 3 children.



We have a message from John Barker, Director of Music for Leicester Grammar School.

This Sunday's concert for 'Space to Inspire' is going to be a wonderful event. It is aimed at raising funds for the acoustic transformation of St Nicholas' Hall. Do come if you possibly can!

LGS is partnering with two exceptional ensembles, Youth Brass 2000 and the Bardi Symphony Orchestra. We would love you to join us. If you can't make it, please do "like" and share the Facebook link. This will be an enormous help.

For more information see below and follow the link for tickets.



**SPACE TO
INSPIRE
CONCERT**

Sunday 5th November 2023 at 3pm
St Nicholas' Hall, Leicester Grammar School

Bardi Concert in aid of Space to Inspire

 Sun 5 Nov 2023, 3:00PM
 St Nicholas Hall
 London Rd

Tickets sold by TicketSource

Please click on the below link for more information and tickets

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/leicester-grammar-school/bardi-concert-in-aid-of-space-to-inspire/e-yxarbr?fbclid=IwAR1JXBC9emf85YFerkE0cUEFrwvotbl9gmILH7ZE6HqugGAiWP20f2tBxNY>

Year 3 - Papier mâché pumpkins

In their art lessons, Year 3 have each completed their Yayoi Kusama inspired pumpkins! They made the pumpkin shapes out of plastic bags, paper and elastic bands. Then they mod-rocked them and finally painted them bright colours and covered them with her signature black polka dots! Their amazing sculptures are on display in the Year 3 corridor or you can see them through the windows if you look upstairs from the playground shelter.



Fiends News

Pumpkin Carving Spooktacular Dress Up event.

Congratulations to all the children that entered the Pumpkin carving competition and well done to the winners listed below.



Millie Mann	Kinders
Samriddhi Singh	Reception
Chloe Colombo	Year 1
Catherine Leng	Year 2
Daniel Hardwicke	Year 3
Zayn Hussein	Year 4
Freya Chakraborti	Special Mention to Year 4
Annabelle Fulton	Year 5
Tvisha Kamboj	Year 6

Spooky costumes



Amazing pumpkin carving creations

