



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

DEAR PARENTS,

13th October 2022

With two splendid harvest festival celebrations, heartfelt song and generous donations, what a glorious way to end the half term! The singing in church yesterday was really special and, along with some vigorous acting performances, the message of spreading love and looking after others in the world could not have come at a more poignant time. Thank you for supporting our events and for bringing in donations for those in need.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school – in full Winter uniform - on October 30th, please take a look at The Friends Spooktacular event, I hope you all feel motivated to get stuck in and carving your pumpkins.

Take care and don't forget to spend some time relaxing with your lovely young people getting ready for next half term. We have another very busy program planned for the run up to Christmas only 72 days to go...

With warmest wishes,

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

Sophia Ashworth Jones
Headmistress

Harvest Festival Service – St Cuthbert's Church



Harvest Festival celebrations



Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday 30 th	Tuesday 31 st	Wednesday 1 st Nov	Thursday 2 nd	Friday 3 rd
All years	First day of Term				
Kinders					
Reception					
Year 1					1 C Forest school 9-11am Rec 1 A Forest School 1-3pm
Year 2	Street Detectives Launch – Great Glen Walk				
Year 3					
Year 4		Theatre trip - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre			
Year 5			Boys U10A Rugby Team Sheet Details: Brooke Priory – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258796&SID=24 Boys U10B Team Sheet Details: Brooke Priory – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258798&SID=24		
Year 6			Boys U11 B Rugby Team Sheet Details: Stoneygate - Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6551122&SID=24 Girls U11C Hockey Team Sheet Details: Stoneygate – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6555402&SID=81		

Key Dates and forthcoming events for Advent Term:

Wednesday 8 th November	Girls Hockey U11A & U11B Fairfield - Away
Wednesday 8 th November	Boys Rugby U11A, B & C Fairfield – Away
Thursday 9 th November	Mixed Swimming U11's Fairfield – Home
Friday 10 th November	Girls Hockey U10 A & B Fairfield – Home Boys Rugby U10A, B & C – Home
Friday 10 th November	1B morning and 2JT afternoon – Forest School
Diary Dates!	
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 – 10.30am
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Service — Year 3 & Year 4 – St. Cuthbert's Church -2.00pm – 3.00pm
Thursday 7 th December	Christingle Service – Year 5 & Year 6 Leicester Cathedral – 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 8 th December	Nativity Year 2 - LGJS Main Hall – 9.00am – 10.30am



Headteacher Awards:

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

Israa Mullan	Flabbergasting detailing writing
Ailiah Beveridge	Terrific, spectacular, extravagant direct speech work
William Harrison	Amazing descriptive writing
Nihal Johal	Spectacular-terrific-amazing work!
Beau Cooper- Velthuijsen	Fabtastic, carefully written story
Ranulph Kangurs	Fantastic work worthy of the World Cup!
Kierat Soand	Fantastic maths
Greta Crivelli	Amazing handwriting
Aditya Rao	Brilliant maths and super attitude and confidence
Freya Chakraborti	Flabbergasting awesome topic work on Aztecs
Leo Stewart	Flabbergasting poetry
Medhi Hussain	Phenomenal English writing
Aiden Gorania	"a thousand, billion" good handwriting words!
Haniyah Abdulmajid	Demonstrating excellent explanation skill in her maths lesson
Suhani Gupta	Being very helpful in her first half term are LGJS
Aarav Patel	Positive attitude towards his learning in all areas of the curriculum

Pencil Winner: Aryan Sachdev

House Points

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Evelyn Bedenham	Imogen Gurney	Trinay Than	Isaac Li
Siya Daudia	Vihaan Gupta	William Harrison	Florence Frances
Aida Oyekan	Aarush Patel	Anaya Kakade	Muhammad-Yusuf Alimahomed
Ansh Hundal	Jemima Fulton	Nikolas Papapostolou	Toby Baines
Israa Mullan	Sasha Patel	Harry Nurse	Francesca Taunton-David
Khadijah Yousuf	Harry Phull	Kasen Chauhan	Nico Lokhani
Arjun Desai	Sienna Parmar	Niya Patel	Teddy Awdry
Maariyah Ismail	Prem Parmar	Daisy Morris	Bella Bhandari
Beau Cooper-Velthuijsen	Orla Abraham	Adita Kappor	Rhea Thakor
Lux Prasad-Somani	Gia Tosar	Amaira Bishnoi	Hassan Nandjy
Shayan Raja	Emily Mitchell		Louie Shaffu
Leela Prasad	Tinka Cheung		
Medhi Hussain	Krishan Dashi		
TOTAL 347	TOTAL 365	TOTAL 421	TOTAL 398

Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children:

- Robin Y has been competing in the Junior Shires Golf Tour, he also came 3rd at Kibworth and played at Market Harborough for the Kibworth G.C Juniors.
- Zahra T achieved her Rockhopper stage in swimming
- Maisie C has achieved her grade 3 Piano practical with distinction
- Jaikara A was awarded Cheerleader of the Week this week by her Cheer coach
- Brodhi S has successfully completed Level 2 Mini Bikers award
- Umar K was awarded his Red belt in JiuJitsu with black belt attitude, determination and spirit
- Siena Z completed a 5k inflatable obstacle course and was awarded a medal
- Enzo Z completed a 5k inflatable obstacle course and was awarded a medal
- Lucy C for her Beavers badges and sewing them on herself and gaining her gymnastics medal level 7
- Bella V achieved her 8th KUP in Tae Kwon-Do
- Valerie E-W earning the title of 'Rising rugby star' after her debut with Leicester Lions RFC
- Isaac and Valerie E-W have been selected for the cast of the 'Annie' production at the Y Theatre in January 2024
- Abdullah A has completed his Stage 2 swimming stage
- Trinity College London Arts Awards were given to the following children for taking part/attending Indian Dance Classes; Amaya S, Ariana A, Felicity B, Molly D, Amaira B and Hana R.
- Vivaan A for his Tae Kwon-Do 6th Cup Green belt and passing Stage 2 swimming
- Delilah G was awarded the Gannons Dojo Instructor award for her Karate



Dear Young Voices parents,

For our next Young Voices session (Friday 3rd November),

please could we ask the children to learn the following:

- *Walk All Over God's Heaven (from the Get on Board medley)*
- *Arirang*

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



[YV Music Room](#)

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Thank you,
Mrs Wolfe and Mrs Tuck

PE & Sport

Thanks for a fun packed six weeks of sport. We are going to do our best to cram in as much as we can before Christmas with every pupil in Year 4 - 6 representing school this term!

MORNING MILE: We had record attendance in our final one of the half term! therefore **we would like to open it up to parents** to join us every week next term. ALL ROUTINES will remain the same, bag drop off, changing & toast afterwards, you simply run then say goodbye at the gate!

7:45am arrival, for 7:50am start.

Don't forget Mallory Park first XC event of the season on 28th October! Mrs. Speed looks forward to seeing you there. (see information below regarding Cross-Country details)

Best wishes,

PE Department

Match reports:

Girls U11BC Hockey Brooke Priory	11.10.23	Nine year 6 girls travelled to Brooke Priory to take part in a 4 a side hockey festival. Lots of hockey was played and the girls' skills were put to the test in short fast paced games. Both teams adapted their play to the smaller side format and enjoyed the opportunity to have lots of chances to score goals. Both May Wright and Samarra Thomas were strong in defence and players in both teams improved their tackling skills throughout the tournament. An enjoyable afternoon of hockey. Well Done!	
Boys U11 Rugby Brooke House	11.10.23	A great afternoon of rugby at Brooke Priory where the U11 boys played the best rugby of the term so far. Excellent line speed and confidence in the tackle from Zaid and Teddy allowed Philip and Ethan to attack in the wide channels. Philip scored the try of the day running the length of the pitch from the kick off! Excellent work, year 6. Looking forward to progressing further after half term.	Player of the day: Ethan Shaffu
Girls U9 Hockey Spratton Hall	12.10.23	The Year 4 girls were very excited for their first hockey fixture against Spratton Hall. We observed great encouragement and support for their teammates and we were so pleased to see the girls applying their hockey skills successfully in a competitive fixture. The A team had a thrilling game, from a 1-0 LGJS lead to 1-1, 2-1 to 2-2 and then Spratton scoring to a 3-2 lead before LGJS equalised with an awesome pass into the D from Myra and Lilliana scoring through a reverse stick touch. The B team had a really close game and	Players Player: Rose Vorley for awesome defending and relentless workrate, Hana Rahuf. Teachers Players: Margaret Hawes, Ariana Adat, Charlotte Rissbrook

Girls U9 Hockey Spratton Hall Cont'd		good chances to score, however the result finished with Spratton winning 1-0. The C team was played on a rotation with 3 x 10 minutes thirds. Spratton finished that rotation 4 goals up to our 2 goals. The girls really impressed up with their dribbling, passing and defending skills. Well done to everyone!	
U9 Rugby v Spratton Hall (H)	12.10.23	Quite a showcase for the U9s on our stunning grounds. Wonderful to see evenly matched schools and 5 weeks of learning contact rugby. For the Ds we found our feet in the second half, Keshav, Yuvraj especially running with excellent intent to go forward. Yuvraj was our star defender bringing players to ground. We grew as a team and the try count was almost even!	D- Yuvraj Bagga C - B - A - Enzo Zarola

Mallory Park Cross Country - First race Saturday 28th October 2023

Online entries will close at 6pm on Monday October 23rd. The organiser has decided there will no longer be the facility for entries on the day, so you must enter by the date above if your child wants to be eligible for any of the league race dates:

October 28th 2023

November 18th 2023

December 2nd 2023

Please go to the website <https://www.primarycrosscountry.org.uk/> for online entry, the latest details on race timings and any updates or changes to the timetable.

Cross Country Races



[2023-Cross-Country - Leicester\(shire\) and Rutland Schools Cross Country](#)

Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland primary cross-country leagues.

www.primarycrosscountry.org.uk

Key details to be prepared for your daughter's/son's race:

- Make sure your child has eaten a good breakfast/snack by 2 hours before their race start time. Also bring a snack to replace energy after their race.
- **Children must wear their PE kit** (white polo shirt, blue shorts, socks and running trainers). Spikes are allowed for Year 5 pupils upwards, but are not compulsory. Running trainers or trail shoes are more than sufficient.
- Your child will be given a specific race number by LGJS staff on the day. Message from organiser: **Please bring 4 safety pins for your child to attach their race number to their PE shirt.** PLEASE KEEP THIS NUMBER – they are to last for the season - all 3 league races! They're fairly expensive and are tough and pre-drilled to make sure they are easy to fix.

- The organisers have listed the DRAFT guidance below on carparking and race start times:

Timetable and Car Park Information				
DRAFT – OCTOBER 26th				
This timetable is draft and could be subject to change.				
In order to reduce queuing problems and ensure safe movement around the site car parking will be allocated to age groups.				
Further information to follow				
Race	Start	Arrive	Carpark	Carpark open to leave
Year 7	9:30	8:15	S2	10:20
Juniors (8/9)	9:45	8:30	S2	10:20
Inters/Seniors (10/11/12/13)	10:10	8:45	S2	10:20
Year 3 Girls	10:45	9:15	P1	11:15
Year 3 Boys	11:00	9:30	P1	11:15
Year 4 Girls	11:15	9:45	P1	11:15
Year 4 Boys	11:30	10:00	P1	11:15
Year 5 Girls	11:45	10:15	P2	12:15
Year 5 Boys	12:00	10:30	P2	12:15
Year 6 Girls	12:15	10:45	P2	12:15
Year 6 Boys	12:30	11:00	P2	12:15

PE staff plan to bring the Leicester Grammar Junior School cross country flag with us. Look out for the flag when you arrive at the venue.

We look forward to seeing you at Mallory Park on Saturday 28th October.

PE department

BBC 500 Words 2023

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.

Miss Davies and Mrs Wolfe

Christmas Card Project 2023

Dear parents,

Before half term each child designed an imaginative Christmas design with their class teacher. From these designs you can buy cards, gift tags, coasters and mugs with their designs printed on.

If you would like to order some cards, gift tags, coasters or mugs it couldn't be easier. You need to log onto the website, following the link and code on the form your child is bringing home.



You then order and pay online. The online shop **CLOSES on Tuesday 17th October 2023**. The designs will then be printed and sent back to school for us to distribute to you. Please note **NO cards, mugs etc. can be ordered on or after this date.**

The deadline for ordering is short due to our 2 week half term and securing an early November delivery date for purchased items to arrive back into school.

Please double check your child's name is correct when you log in, the computer scans the names and there are some inevitable errors. The spelling of names can be corrected by yourself when you log on.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other fund-raising items, such as keys rings, wrist bands and button hole badges will be on sale at the Junior School Office from the start of next term.



Leicester Grammar Friends

Hello, a friendly reminder to connect with the LGJS Friends' social media pages.

Give the LGJS Friends a 'Like' or a 'Follow' via Instagram and Facebook pages below: [https://eu-west-](https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com/?d=instagram.com&u=aHR0cHM6Ly9pbmN0YWdyYW0uY29tL2ZyaWVudHNVZmxnaN_M_aWdzaGlkPU9HUTVaRGMyT0RmlpBJTNEJTNEJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9cXI=&i=NjMwZjMzNGJmMzAwYjYjMWRlNTkwMTU5&t=eXIPcTBrQ2ZlNcndNOXR4WS9tOCs5emtCUIYyWHMvTUZUUKezOXQvM2NjRT0=&h=f0dbed8362074f51a174c0cd460c8a97&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVYVYL0DT-7gCGSvmGFGznoXakAR-5J_57RK8luGdbnk8w)

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Stay up to date with all communications, relating to events and competitions run by LGJS Friends.

Thank you,

LGJS Friend



Exciting Book News!

You may like to visit Kibworth books The Barn 29 Hight Street Kibworth, on Tuesday 24th October 4.30pm – 5.45pm, for a book signing with Joseph Coelho, children's Laureate. Also you may be interested in 'An Evening' with John Boyne visiting us on 2nd November. Details of this event can be found



here: <https://kibworthbooks.com/collections/events/products/thursday-2nd-november-an-evening-with-john-boyne>