



# NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

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**DEAR PARENTS,**

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

I hope that you are beginning to feel some happy festive anticipation in your household. It is beginning to feel a lot like we are nearing the end of term but, with three weeks to go, there is so much to fit in.

This morning's assembly about Fibonacci was really well thought through and 6SW brought drama and art into their maths learning which was brilliant to see. And this afternoon's Pre-Prep assembly saw the children starry-eyed as the stage was being put up and the lights were dimmed in readiness for Nativity rehearsals.

This time next week, many of us will be beside ourselves with excitement about the Friends 'Snow Ball' disco which is selling out very fast.

We have raised hundreds of pounds today for Save the Children through your generous donations, thank you.

Thank you, too, for making the most of our High-vis Heroes at morning drop-off. It was great to receive some positive carpark feedback and we are glad that this initiative is helping parents make a swift getaway in the mornings. Please keep using our Year six Prefects, they are so proud to be being useful in our community!

Have a lovely 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 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec
All years					
Kinders					
Reception					
Year 1			ITV Filming Junior Nativity rehearsal		
Year 2			ITV Filming Junior Nativity rehearsal		
Year 3		3CH Forest School			LGJS Friends SnowBall Disco
Year 4				4D Class Assembly  U9A Rugby – Ratcliffe – Home <a href="https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6258738&amp;SID=24">https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6258738&amp;SID=24</a> U9B Rugby – Ratcliffe – Home <a href="https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6258740&amp;SID=24">https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6258740&amp;SID=24</a> U9A Hockey – Ratcliffe – Home <a href="https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6664349&amp;SID=81">https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6664349&amp;SID=81</a> U9B Hockey – Ratcliffe – Home <a href="https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6664351&amp;SID=81">https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6664351&amp;SID=81</a> U9B Hockey – Ratcliffe – Home <a href="https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6676469&amp;SID=81">https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6676469&amp;SID=81</a>	LGJS Friends SnowBall Disco
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#### Key Dates and forthcoming events for Advent Term:

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Historian Day – Dress as an evacuee
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity - Kinders and Reception - LGJS Main Hall - 9.00am to 10.30am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	LGJS Friends Movie Night 3.00pm-5.00pm Main Hall
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Year 1 – LGJS Main Hall – 9.00am – 10.30am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service — Year 3 & Year 4 – St. Cuthbert's Church -2.00pm – 3.00pm – Further details to follow
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Year 2 - LGJS Main Hall – 9.00am – 10.30am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Pantomime Loughborough Theatre Trip -Peter Pan
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Kinders & Reception The Curve Theatre Trip – The Owl who came for Christmas
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Beaumanor Hall Trip
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service – Year 5 & Year 6 Leicester Cathedral – 6.00pm – 7.00pm – Further details to follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December *	Junior School Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term - school finishes for Christmas: KS1 - 11.30am (with siblings); KS2 - 12.00 pm

#### Christmas Lunch for packed lunch pupils – 14<sup>th</sup> December

\* For children who normally have **PACKED LUNCH ONLY** – if you would like to order Christmas lunch at a charge of £3.45, please use the form on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/JDb2tHZTML>

#### General reminder

Please remember to send children with jackets and coats for break and lunch times, now the weather is turning colder.



## Headteacher Awards:

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

Austen Basnayake	Fantastic history work
Meera Odedra	Fantabulastic history work!
Shreeya Bhalla	Fabulous anti-bullying poem
Maqsooda Arif	Fantastic anti-bullying poem
Will Inchley	Extremely good maths!
Aaron Taylor	Sharing kindness in the class and always putting in lots of effort
Jack Lewis	Effort in class and this week careful detailed work in art
Freya Chudasama	Wonderful effort and facts found about Maya and Olmecs
Lucy Cooper	Determination and effort in her spellings
Maisie Cao	Exemplary attitude and 100% engagement in class
Bethan Thomas	Wonderful ideas and lots of effort used during geography
Ahaan Jaiswal	Amazing maths
Charlie Arif	Magnificent geography and science
Arav Patel	Fantastic, amazing tiger booklet
Arjun Dhutia	Super tiger work

**Head Teachers Awards** were given to the following children for performing 'Stille Nacht' either solo or duets in class without the lyrics with confidence and maturity; Kirily Dubois, Iyla Mistry, Daniel Greenyer, Ethan Shaffu, Zach Haycock-Huss, Sofia-Jasmine Ashraf, Priyal Doshi Sam Sahota, Mikhall Tyukin, Kush Patel, Hakan Shaban, Amelie Armitage, Millie Durrani, Arian Davda, Will Inchley, Lily Trysram, Phillipa Hird, Maryam Ibrahim, Simran Hundle, Tvisha Kamboj, Eki Iyasere, Aishani Sarkar and Lucia Greathead



### Ruler Winners:

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
		Harry Small	
		Ailidh Beveridge	
		Maisy Cao	

### Pencil Winners:

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Paranvir Loyal	Meera Odedra	Monary Michael	Vikram Sahdev
Zaara Makda	Vihaan Gupta	Shreeya Bhalla	Amaya Lidor
Ariana Adat		Ariya Bhalla	Farhaan Khokhar
Ahaan Jaswal		Aditi Kapoor	Subaig Singh
Medhi Hussain			

### Badge Winners:

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Theo Hegarty	Rocco Gill	Shanyu Boora	Louis Elliott
Maryam Ibrahim	Zanirah Imran	Connie Kyle	Amara Singh
Ranulph Kangurs	Radha Dhutia	Harry Dalby	Uma Verma
Philippa Hird	Ethan Beaumont		Abubaker Kasak
Lily Trysram	Kee Haan Soh		Philip Wardlaw
Montague Furness			
<b>TOTAL 717</b>	<b>TOTAL 695</b>	<b>TOTAL 891</b>	<b>TOTAL 852</b>



**Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children:**

- Daniel H won his cycling race at Corby racing in the U8's
- Reuben G passed his 9<sup>th</sup> KYU in Karate and received his Yellow belt
- Zahra T has passed her Red belt in Karate
- Krishan D won a trophy and medal for coming 1<sup>st</sup> at Go-Karting
- Aishani S passed her King Penguin level at swimming and received her medal
- Aarav R was awarded a certificate for his 16" box jumps at Survival Fitness
- Valerie E-W came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 90 runners at the Leicestershire & Rutland Cross-Country race at Mallory Park
- Kirilly D took 1<sup>st</sup> place again in the U11's Leicestershire & Rutland Cross-Country 2<sup>nd</sup> race.
- Leo S was awarded 'Player of the week' at Market Harborough Rugby Club; he scored 5 tries!
- Genevie C passed her Turtles level in swimming – well done!
- Lucia G has received her Blue Peter Badge for Sport – congratulation Lucia
- Savraaj P received a Blue Peter badge for reviewing the Harry Potter series and Supertato
- Albert G received his Blue Peter badge for sports for playing football





## PE & Sport

Thank you to everyone who was a part of a successful week in sport. Such a wonderful feeling Wednesday to see ALL of our grass space and Astro in use from junior to senior. A festival of sport. Thursday was then the pool's turn with LGJS narrowly winning the Gala by a single race to The Elms! Congrats Siena & Connie who continue to be undefeated in their individual events over two Galas! Today we take the U10s to Ratcliffe, as we don't slow down just yet.

The weather is changing next week, with potential snow by Friday. Please can we make sure ALL pupils have tracksuit bottoms and royal fleeces tops. Pupils are welcome to wear base layers underneath top and bottoms, but they have to be NAVY!

### Rising Sports Stars

- Aida Oyekan for her infectious attitude in sport, giving staff a continual smile with her commitment approach to our subject
- Anay Patel for his incredible strength and core stability demonstrated in gymnastics

**Please be reminded that now the weather has turned colder to ensure tracksuits/leggings and fleeces are packed for pe, hockey and sports fixtures.**

### Cross-Country

Congratulations to all of our dedicated cross-country runners who raced on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at Mallory Park. They showed excellent perseverance to compete on a hilly and very muddy course (lots of slipping and sliding) - we are proud of you all! Special mention to Louie S who lost his shoe half way around the course, but still managed to finish! What a hero!!

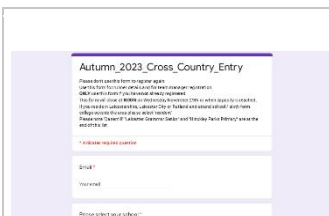
Year 3 - Valerie, Mathilde, Kayanna, Isaac L, Isaac E-W, Louie, Year 4 - Sienna P, Enzo Year 5 - Aditi, Siena Z, Ethan M, William H, Ted N

Year 6 - Kirrily, Boni, Philip, Leodeb, Ethan S

**Top 20 results:** Kirrily 1<sup>st</sup> 🏆, Valerie 6th, Sienna P 13th, Aditi 14th, Ethan M 14th, Philip 14th.

The third and final Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Schools Cross Country League race is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at Mallory Park. We hope to have our biggest team out yet! If you haven't entered before and would like to run, you can enter via the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZLx2NxXU937EunpqCg-6HJ8VJr1gsd\\_79Y30cHI7H9ry9YQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZLx2NxXU937EunpqCg-6HJ8VJr1gsd_79Y30cHI7H9ry9YQ/viewform)



Autumn 2023 Cross Country Entry

Please don't use this form to register again. Use this form for runner details and for team manager registration. ONLY use this form if you have not already registered. This form will close at NOON on Wednesday November 29th or when capacity is reached. If you reside in Leicestershire, Leicester City or Rutland and attend school / sixth form college outside the area please select 'resident' Please note "Danemill" "Leicester Grammar Senior" and "Hinckley Parks Primary" are at the end of this list

First name

Last name

Please select your school

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## Match Reports

U11A&B Rugby v Ratcliffe (H)	21/11/2023	The FIRST! (and only!) home fixture for the U11s was a nice change to the norm on Wednesday afternoon when we welcomed Ratcliffe College for another whole year group (+ prep) fixture. The C team played a really enjoyable progressive/training fixture with Mr. Kardas where tackles and tries were aplenty! The As played what Mr. Wildsmith called a 'proper' game of rugby with the intensity being high throughout. The score line of 6-3 to Ratcliffe paints a disappointing picture of the match but the game was extremely close throughout and all the boys performed the best they have done all term - extremely well done.	Players Player – Zaid Gaibie.  Coaches Player – Ethan Shaffu & Philip Wardlaw
U11B Rugby v Ratcliffe (H)	22\11\2023	. Really enjoyed this fixture, with both teams running away through early tries from individual speed. The defense began to grow, Veer, Ahaan and especially George tackling with much more efficiency. The game then opened up, with Leicester Grammar creating some lovely breaks for a really mixture of try scorers. LGJS came out on top but only by a couple of tries with James, Ahaan & Oliver scoring with superb agility.	Most valuable player: James for his attacking skills & George for defending above and beyond
U11C Rugby v Ratcliffe (H)	22/11/2023	Enjoyable, training style fixture with plenty tries scored and great learning curve for everybody. The confidence amongst all players grew with every minute of the game. Kee Han scored his first try! William Inchley was running forwards with great confidence. Jayen showing his speed and foot work. Kush being very active distributing the ball well. Year 6 prep boys supported the fixture very well showing good skills and understanding of the game. Well done everybody!!!	
U11 A, B and C Hockey v Ratcliffe (H)	22/11/2023	The Under 11 A team played a very competitive and skillful team from Ratcliffe College. Ratcliffe had a very strong attacking front line and broke through our defense on many occasions however LGJS did not let this deter their efforts and they used the experience to learn and improve and this was demonstrated in the final quarter when we did not concede a goal. Ada Yaris was outstanding as goal keeper making some fantastic saves and she is showing a real talent for this position. A mention also needs to go to Connie Kyle who demonstrated some very skillful hockey under pressure. Despite the loss the team needs to be very proud of their efforts and their support for each other. Well done! The B team had a similar experience, facing a very strong and drilled team. Our girls continued to defend with confidence and did not give up, with Amelie scoring a goal in the last 10-minute quarter. Goal keeper, Shreeya, made too many excellent saves to count!! Well done to the whole team for showing great resilience.	





**Mallory Park Cross Country League Race 2**  
**18/11/2023 – Well done to all our runners!**



Dear Young Voices parents,

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

- 'The Pop Medley'

Please could we also remind parents that should you wish your child to be collected by another parent, after Young Voices practice on a Friday, to please inform Mrs. Wolfe in by email beforehand [wolfem@leicestergrammar.org.uk](mailto:wolfem@leicestergrammar.org.uk)

Thanks you  
Mrs Wolfe and Mrs Tuck



### School Council

Some of our Children in Need fundraiser 'wear something spotty' photos below

The final total was £1233.42









## Toys on the Table charity Christmas appeal

This year we are inviting parents to join with us in supporting the amazing work of 'Toys on the Table'. Thank you to parents that have already dropped in toys for the appeal. The charity works across the Leicester and Leicestershire area to provide toys and gifts for children, regardless of faith, who might otherwise not receive anything during the festive season. We will be talking to our pupils about how small acts of kindness have the potential to make a significant impact on the local community.



Please bring any donations of **NEW** toys or gifts to school and leave them at reception or under the Christmas tree. The donations will be collected by the charity on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, so we would kindly ask for donation from now and up to the 13<sup>th</sup> December. The Charity have asked, if at all possible, for some gifts for either girls or boys aged 8 year and older, up to the age of 16 years.

All donated toys must be new and will be inspected before distribution to ensure they meet health and safety standards, therefore please **do not wrap** anything. The charity will wrap the gifts once categorised. Please do not donate chocolates or sweets, the charity is unable to distribute these due to allergens.

To find out more about the charity, please visit their website: <https://www.toysonthetable.org.uk/>

Thank you for your support.

## LGJS HOCKEY CAMP is back!

We are hosting our second LGJS hockey camp of the academic year with a twist! We have secured the swimming pool and indoor senior sports hall for both afternoons! Skill based outside in the morning followed by indoor action and splash in the pool! If you would like to register your child, please do so following the link below

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-IYS549WfUya2LAX\\_h3Pp8FPdbslUBIJr9nx6JxgC95UNTkwTkDWSIJWMzFMRkRCMEs2MidXNFg3WC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-IYS549WfUya2LAX_h3Pp8FPdbslUBIJr9nx6JxgC95UNTkwTkDWSIJWMzFMRkRCMEs2MidXNFg3WC4u)

Payment is requested prior to camp attendance through the school bank details, REF: LGJSHockeyDec  
Any questions, please contact [harrisonh@leicestergrammar.org.uk](mailto:harrisonh@leicestergrammar.org.uk)

Many thanks  
Mr Harrison

The poster for Leicester Grammar Junior School Hockey Camp features a blue and yellow color scheme. At the top left is the school's crest, and next to it is a 'PE & SPORT' banner. The main title 'HOCKEY CAMP' is in large white letters on a black background. Below this, the dates 'MONDAY 23 & TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER' and 'MONDAY 18 & TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER' are listed. A yellow circle on the right says 'SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE'. The bottom section, on a blue background, lists the age range 'BOYS & GIRLS YEARS 3-8', registration and collection times, and a list of requirements and prizes. A QR code and the Y1 Hockey logo are at the bottom left, and contact information is at the bottom right.

**LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
**HOCKEY CAMP**  
*MONDAY 23 & TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER*  
*MONDAY 18 & TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER*

*£35 for one day / £60 for two days* **BOYS & GIRLS**  
**YEARS 3-8**  
Registration at 9.30am  
Collection at 3.00pm  
Pack food and drink for the day - Warm clothes and any medication required.  
Mouthguards & shinpads are essential, without them, your child cannot play.  
Prizes to be won! From water bottles to shin pads and even sticks!

For further information please contact:  
[harrisonh@leicestergrammar.org.uk](mailto:harrisonh@leicestergrammar.org.uk)

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Christmas is coming.....



We are rapidly approaching one of the most wonderful times of the year and it is with great excitement that we can unveil the LGJS Christmas postbox. This was an integral part of Christmas at LGJS before the pandemic and we are pleased to be resurrecting the tradition.

If your child would like to send Christmas cards, the post box will be in the entrance hall from 1<sup>st</sup> December and cards will be delivered daily by the LGJS Christmas elves.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADD CLASS NAMES TO THE ENVELOPE.**

If you would prefer to make a donation to charity rather than sending individual cards, we will also be taking monetary donations for 'Toys on the Table' the charity we are supporting with Christmas gifts under the tree. They use monetary donations to buy specific toys. If you would like to send a charity Christmas card, please drop it in the post box addressed to 'Toys on the Table'. The (adult) Christmas elves will open the card, remove the donation and display all charity cards in the entrance hall.

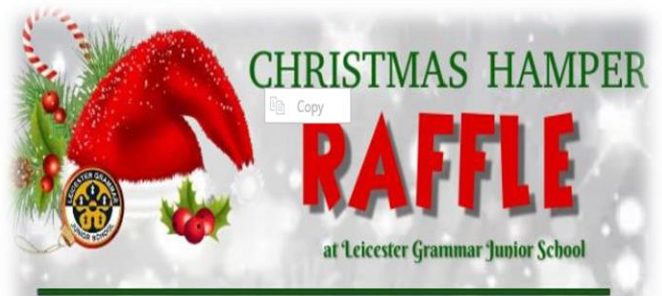
Many thanks

Mrs. Strong



#### LGJS Friends reminders

Raffle tickets should be returned to the class teacher or Junior school reception with the reply slip and money in a sealed envelope by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December please



Movie Night and SnowBall tickets have been extended until Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Please hand to class teacher or Junior School reception in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and event marked on the front of the envelope

