



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

1st December 2023

Dear parents,

This has been a truly star-studded week with two special performances, an assembly for 4D and our first Nativity performance for visitors. The assembly talked about school inspections and chocolate – quite a varied topic – and we even had a visit from the Milk Tray Man! The EYFS looked dazzling in their costumes and their singing was beautiful. The children have so much energy and sparkle, it is lovely to see it bringing the Christmas story to life on stage.

As the weather promises to remain freezing cold next week, please do send in named school coats, hats and gloves so that the children can make the most of their frosty playtimes. We will do our very best to ensure they go outside with their various layers, so please do insist that they bring them into school.

Next week we have several performances running throughout the week and we will open up the playground for additional parking for those coming to be in our audiences, thank you for driving carefully and allowing enough time in the morning to have a stress-free start to the day. We look forward to seeing you for our festivities.

I am just about to join the Key Stage 2 children for the Snow Ball Disco, organised by our amazing LGJS Friends. It looks wonderful in the school hall and I have already asked the DJ to line up some classic 80s hits. Thank you to the many volunteers and supporters for making this event happen. Keep your eyes peeled for the new LGJS Friends logo that has been released this week, the winning design created by talented Nico Papapostolou!

Have a warm weekend putting up your tree and then putting up your feet!

Sophia Ashworth Jones
Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday 4 th	Tuesday 5 th	Wednesday 6 th	Thursday 7 th	Friday 8 th
All years					
Kinders			Nativity 9.00am – 10.30am LGJS Friends Movie Night 3pm-5.00pm		
Reception			Nativity 9.00am – 10.30am LGJS Friends Movie Night 3pm-5.00pm		
Year 1			LGJS Friends Movie Night 3pm-5.00pm	Year 1 Nativity Parents 9.00am – 10.30am	
Year 2			LGJS Friends Movie Night 3pm-5.00pm	Swimming 1.30pm-3.00pm	Year 2 Nativity Parents 9.00am – 10.30am
Year 3				Christmas Service St. Cuthbert's Church 2.00pm – 3.00pm	
Year 4			U9A Hockey v Stamford– home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu/MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6698328&SID=81	Christmas Service St. Cuthbert's Church 2.00pm – 3.00pm	
Year 5			U10A Rugby festival – home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu/MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258734&SID=24 U10B Rugby festival – home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu/MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6258735&SID=24 U10C Rugby festival – home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu/MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6683743&SID=24 U10D Rugby festival – home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu/MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6683744&SID=24 U10A Hockey v Stamford - home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu/MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6698322&SID=81		

Year 5 Cont'd			U10B Hockey v Samford – home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu/MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6698324&SID=81 U10C Hockey v Samford – home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu/MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6698326&SID=81		
Year 6	WW2 History Immersion Day - Please dress as an evacuee		House Swimming gala - PM lessons		Swimming 8.45-10.00am

Key Dates and forthcoming events for Advent Term:

Monday 11 th December	Year 1 & 2 Pantomime Loughborough Theatre Trip -Peter Pan
Tuesday 12 th December	Kinders & Reception The Curve Theatre Trip – The Owl who came for Christmas
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 5 Beaumanor Hall Trip
Wednesday 13 th December	Christingle Service – Year 5 & Year 6 Leicester Cathedral – 6.00pm – 7.00pm – Further details to follow
Thursday 14 th December *	Junior School Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children Last day of term - school finishes for Christmas: KS1 - 11.30am (with siblings); KS2 - 12.00 pm

Christmas Lunch for packed lunch pupils – 14th 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>

Please note that the deadline for Christmas lunch orders is **7th December**.

General reminder – Absences Please log onto My School Portal to report absences, this is a quick and easy way to inform us of a child's absence and also request any time off for appointments or exceptional time needed off requests.



Headteacher Awards:

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

Sophia Ashraf	Fantabulous history writing
Kirrily Dubois	Amazing English writing
Amelie Armitage	Fandabidozy history poster
Ethan Shaffu	Fantastic English work
Danyal Greenyer	Fabulous English writing
Khadijah Yousuf	Fab-a-tastic science work
Dylan Singla	Super-flabergastic science work
Sasha Patel	Fabtastic science work
Khalid Yusuff	Super-Khalid-ocious English
Abaan Khokhar	Supertastic English writing
Tinka Cheung	Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious English
Jayen Bhandari	Fantastic written work in English
Arjun Bhardwaj	Amazing writing and independence
Noah Greenyer	Wonderful collaborative poetry
Zane Ezzat	Wonderful collaborative poetry
Zane Ezzat	Fabatastic history writing
Maahi Obeja	An excellent attitude for learning in the classroom
Zahra Tejani	Colourtastic D.T.
Mikey Mullaney	Fantabadosy history writing
Maisie Cao	Fantastic,flamingotastic D.T

Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children



- Yahya K has achieved 5 x 24" box jumps at Survival fitness class
 - Cecil B was awarded 'Poppet of the week' from his theatre group
 - Emilia B won a gold medal at her gymnastics competition
 - Hugo M was awarded a football trophy from Borough Alliance FC
 - Sansar S-D achieved 10 full press-ups at Survival fitness classes
 - Paranvir L Silver star award for achieving 7000 KIP points
 - Priyal D has achieved her Stage 8 swimming level and completed her 800 metres badge
 - Samarah T achieved a Bronze certificate and medal for her gymnastics
 - Jaikara A made her Rainbows promise
 - Tvisha K passed her Grade 1 Piano exam
 - Arushan D passed his Grade 1 Piano exam with merit
 - Nihal J passed his grade 1 Piano exam
 - Emilia B competed in her Club 'gymnastics for all' competition at the weekend.
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- Anay P competed in the Robert Rock Junior Golf Tour this season and was crowned U12's Nett Champion for the third year running. He also won the Lorrimer Cup, this is an adult competition and is now the youngest recipient in his Clubs history .



PE & Sport

Mallory Park Cross Country - First race Saturday 2nd December 2023 – Cancelled

Due to the weather conditions forecast for this Saturday the Cross-Country fixture at Mallory Park has been cancelled by the organisers. The race organisers are hoping to reschedule the race for the New Year. Once we are informed of this date will let you know.

Match Reports

U11ABC Hockey Stamford Festival (A)	29/11/2023	A - v Stamford School Drew 1-1, v Brooke Priory Won 3-1, v Stoneygate Won 3-0	<p>The A team finished their season with a mini festival at Stamford School. The goals took the opportunity to demonstrate their hard work with much stronger passes moving from attack to defence. The team was very pleased with a draw against Stamford School. Connie Kyle was excellent in defence and Ada Yaris made several saves in goal. Against Stoneygate and Brooke Priory strong elimination skills allowed to LGJS to break through the defence of both Brooke Priory and Stoneygate allowing the girls many attempts on goal and Eleanor Waylett, Philippa Hird and Kirrily Dubois all scored goals. It has been a pleasure to work with the girls this term and they should be very proud of the progress they have made. Well Done!</p> <p>The B team played three 10-minute matches at Stamford. They started with a 2-0 win against the hosts and continued their winning form with a game straight after against Brooke Priory with a score of 2-1! They then had a long break to try and keep warm in and finished their day with a win against Grantham 1-0! The girls played with excellent awareness, powerful hits and awesome stick skills.</p> <p>The C and D teams played a round robin of 10-minute matches against Stamford C and D and Grantham C. The C team started with a 0-0 draw against Stamford C in their first game, and then found their flow winning 3-0 against Grantham C. LGJS C then played Stamford C for a second time on a larger pitch and won 1-0, and finished playing Stamford D with a 2-0 victory. The D team drew 0-0 against Stamford D and had a second 0-0 draw against Grantham C, before a 1-0 loss to Stamford C team. The girls showed initiative and confidence in organisation and their play on pitch. Well done to everyone who took played.</p>	<p>Players Player(s) A team - Philippa Hird and Eki Iyasere Players player(s) B team: Shreeya for amazing saves and Maryam for great defending Players Player(s) C Team: Samarrah and Georgia (x2) for great defending and super attack - lots of goals from Georgia! Players Player D: Imogen (GK) for some great reactions in goal to keep a clean sheet for her team.</p>
U10 Rugby Festival (H) U11ABC Rugby Triangular v Spratton Hall & Wellingborough (A)	29/11/2023	Played 2 won 2 - LGJS 4 - W'Boro 0; LGJS 4 - Spratton 1	<p>The U11A team put truth to the saying "saving the best till last" when they performed the best, they have done all season at Spratton Hall. The physicality in defence lead by Ethan, Philip, Teddy and Charlie along with superb and relentless attacking from James and Philip meant Wellingborough could not cope and LGJS kept their sheets clean with a convincing 4-0 win. Spratton Hall were up next and they were characteristically organised but LGJS' excellent defence and determined line speed in the tight channels meant the ball could not get out wide and our superb tackling and controlled aggression at the breakdown meant Spratton could not get a real foothold in the game. LGJS ran out patient 4-1 winners. Notable performances from</p>	<p>Players Player - Ethan Shaffu.</p> <p>Coaches Player(s) - James Bolton & Philp Wardlaw</p>

			Ethan who has become a true leader in both defence and attack and to James (from prep) who consistently showed a real "need for speed" and when he is in full flow there are not many who can catch him!	
U11B Rugby Triangular v Spratton Hall & Wellingborough (A)	29/11/2023	Played 2 lost 2 - LGJS 3 - W'Boro 5; LGJS 2 - Spratton 6	Despite losing both games the Bs performed very well showing excellent resilience in what was a very cold afternoon at Spratton Hall. Hakan lead the way in defence with his superb work rate and determination in the tackle and Mikhail proved that when he gets to full speed in attack, he is VERY difficult to stop!	Most valuable player(s)- Hakan Shaban (defence) and Mikhail Tyukin (attack)



Please don't forget to buy your Raffle tickets
These can be returned to the class teacher or Junior school reception with the reply slip and money in a sealed envelope by **Friday 8th December please.**

Our beautiful Post Box is now in situ in the foyer area.

If your child would like to send Christmas cards, the post box will be in the entrance hall from 1st 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.





Children in Need Cake Sale

Congratulation to our thoughtful year 5 girls; Zanirah, Sasha, Israa, Fatima, Florence, Khadija and Ailidh who came up with the idea to hold a bake sale the sale raised a whopping **£921.67**

Many thanks to our parents and grandparents for donating so many delicious cakes and biscuits, without your generosity and time we wouldn't be able to raise such a large amount of money for such a good cause.

We would also like to thank our Sixth form helpers for helping on the day with lots of very excited children.







Dear Young Voices parents,

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



Year 1 have been learning all about animals this term in our topic 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. We were fortunate enough to be able to interact with many different animals when the company Animal Club came to visit us.

The children were so brave when holding these animals. Some children were a little nervous to start, but they all had a go at holding or stroking the animals. We all thought the Pygmy hedgehog was very cute, if not a little spiky, but we didn't think the same about the hissing cockroaches and snake. The bearded

dragon really liked our art room floor and he went for a little walk around, it was amazing to watch the way he moved. We were able to learn a little more about these animals from their keeper who told us their name, where they came from, what they eat and what they like to do. We all had an enjoyable day.





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 and gifts to school and leave them at reception or under the Christmas tree. The donations will be collected by the charity on the 14th December, so we would kindly ask for donation from now and up to the 13th 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.

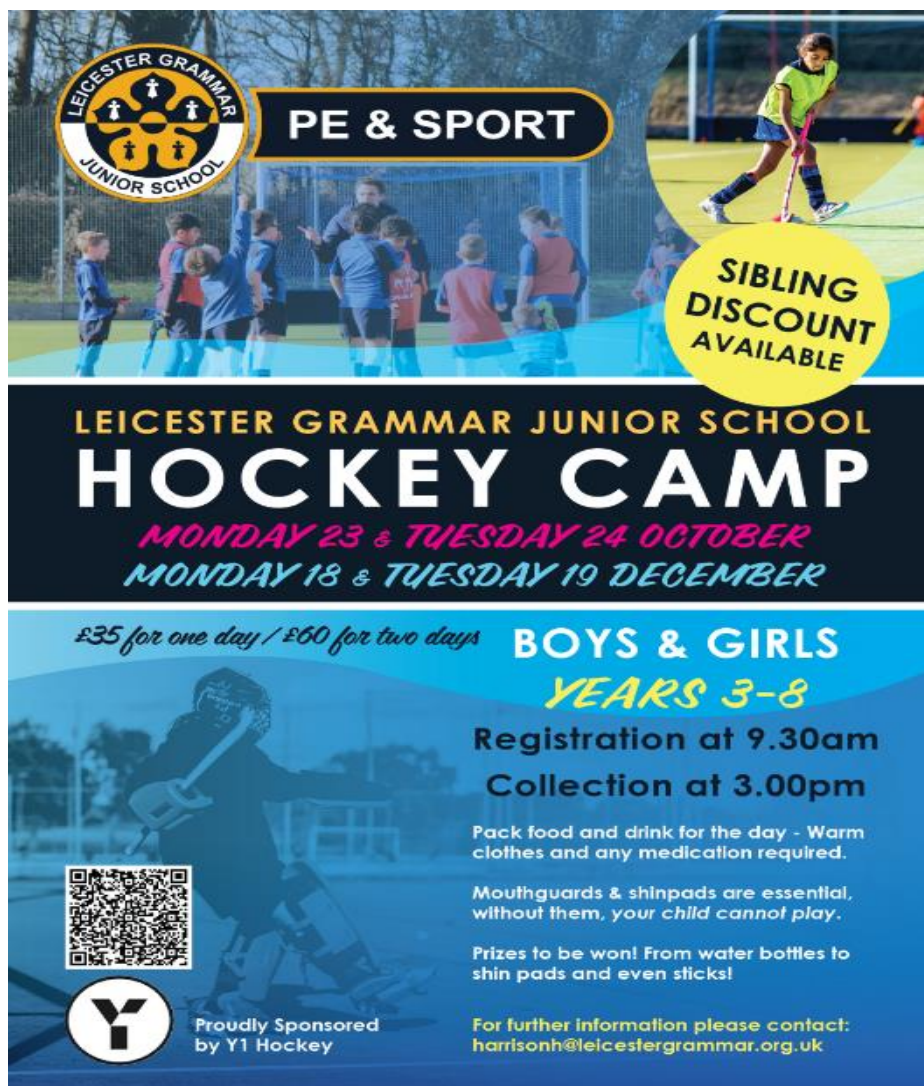
To find out more about the charity, please visit their website: <https://www.toysonthetable.org.uk/>

Thank you for your support.

LGJS HOCKEY CAMP is back!

As advertised, we are running our second camp of the year on Monday 18th/Tuesday 19th December. However we have some EXCITING news. In the afternoon for both days, we will be SWIMMING and playing INDOOR Hockey! It worked great last year and gives us plenty of opportunity if the weather is poor!

Please complete the registration form: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-IYS549WfUya2LAX_h3Pp8FPdbSLUBIJr9nx6JxgC95UNTkwTkdWSIJWMzFMRkRCMEs2MidXNFg3WC4u



The poster features a top section with a blue background showing children playing hockey. On the left is the Leicester Grammar Junior School logo, a circular emblem with a stylized 'Y' and the school's name. To its right is a black banner with 'PE & SPORT' in white. Further right is a yellow circle with 'SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE' in black. Below this is a black banner with 'LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL' in yellow and 'HOCKEY CAMP' in large white letters. Underneath, the dates 'MONDAY 23 & TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER' and 'MONDAY 18 & TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER' are listed in pink and blue respectively. The bottom section has a blue background with a faded image of a hockey player. It includes the price '£35 for one day / £60 for two days' in white, the text 'BOYS & GIRLS YEARS 3-8' in white and yellow, and registration/collection times. A QR code is on the left, and the Y1 Hockey logo is at the bottom left. Sponsors and contact information are 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 & shin pads are essential, without them, your child cannot play.

Prizes to be won! From water bottles to shin pads and even sticks!

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