



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

15th December 2023

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to include some photographs of LGJS staff, pupils and parents enjoying themselves over the past few weeks, please do take time to enjoy them.

Having you in attendance at our school Nativities and services has meant a great deal to all of us, thank you for your Christmas 'presence.

Have a wonderful break with your loved ones, I hope that time passes gently and that you are able to savour the joy, relax and restore.

With warmest wishes,

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

Sophia Ashworth Jones
Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday 8 th	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
All years	Lent Term begins				
Kinders					
Reception			Storyteller visit		
Year 1					
Year 2	Ukulele Workshop				2JT Forest School AM 2P Forest School PM
Year 3					
Year 4					
Year 5					
Year 6					

Key Dates and forthcoming events for Lent term

Monday 15 th January	Lent Term Co-Curricular clubs begin
Monday 15 th January	LGJS Friends Second Hand Uniform Sale 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Monday 15 th January	U11's Swimming Fixture away v Brooke Priory School 13.45pm return 5.00pm
Tuesday 16 th January	Class 1 C Assembly
Friday 19 th January	Forest School 2BT AM 1B PM
Tuesday 23 rd January	Year 6 French Trip Meeting 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 24 th January	Boys U11 A,B & C Hockey Sevens v The Elms
Wednesday 24 th January	Girls U11 A & B Netball v The Elms
Friday 26 th January	6E Class Assembly
Friday 26 th January	U11 A Hockey Fixture v IAPS Regional
Friday 26 th January	Young Voices Concert 11.30am – 9.00pm – Resorts World Arena Birmingham – Ticket only

Lent Term Music Information Please can the following year groups bring their recorders to music lessons in the Lent term:

Year 2 for their lesson with Mr Jones, Year 4 for their lesson with Mrs Regan, Year 5 for their lesson with Mrs Regan

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 child who has achieved a Headteacher Award this week:

Monary Michael	Extra-fabulous science work
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Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children

- Ethan B was awarded Man of the Match at his Cup Football Match
- Charlie H was awarded the Hyde Award for the most improving young rider and also the Best Under-12 Circuit Rider also at The Welland Valley Cycling Club 2023 Awards
- Aarush G was presented with a medal for his performance for singing on stage in the Stage Coach performance
- Arthur H was awarded a Bronze certificate for gymnastics
- Saanchi has achieved her reading Blue Peter badge and her short story has been shortlisted in the first round of the BBC 500 words competition too! Amazing!



Thank you to Mrs Weiner for organising the Christmas raffle and coordinating the hampers and creating beautiful hampers. Our winners were very grateful and a fantastic £970 was raised for The Friends of LGJS



Certificate:

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
		Maisie Cao	
		Harry Small	

Ruler Winners:

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Paranvir Loyal		Valerie Etok-Weiss	Amaya Lidar
Ahaan Jaiswal		Shreeya Bhalla	Vikram Sahdev
			Abaan Khokhar

Pencil Winners:

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Zahra Tejani	Maqsooda Arif	Aleyna Sadiq	Jayen Bhandari
Kirily Dubois	Jaimin Patel	Iyla Mistry	Rose Vorley
Khalid Yusuff	Jake Downes	Samarrah Thomas	Muhammad-Yussuf Alimahomed
	Rocco Patel	Noah Michael	Pia Patel
	Hakan Shaban	Ada Yarris	Theo Humfrey
	Gia Tosar	Hannah Hawkins	Rhea Thakor
	Aaron Taylor	Isaac Etok-Weiss	Teddy Awdry
		Harry Dalby	Ethan Shaffu

Badge Winners:

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Danyal Greenyer	Zac Haycock-Huss	Deen Limbada	Benny Chakraborti
Samraaj Saholta	Leo Di S'Andrea		Theo Millward
Kush Patel	Leodeb Scott		Kiana Pallipatt
Layla Oyekan	Eleanor Cheung		
Millie Durrani			
TOTAL 1013	TOTAL 1005	TOTAL 1230	TOTAL 1176



PE & Sport

What a way to celebrate our term of sport with assembly Thursday. I have to admit the highlight beyond the wonderful awards, were the Indian Dance team! I enjoy my Thursdays listening to the music, but their performances were outstanding. Cheerleading as usual were up to high standards, we thank them for celebrating with us!

You should have received the pre Lent term sport letter which has all information regarding sport. [It's here if you did miss it!](#) As always, any queries contact the PE department.

We hope that you have a wonderful Christmas break, stay active, can't wait to see everyone in January!

PE Department

CO-CURRICULAR

We hope that you have been ok with registering through My School Portal. I have been ecstatic that we can now use this software to make it easier for you to use. Most importantly you can see when the clubs are on and if your child has a space. If you have any queries or feedback, please contact me

Our very enterprising Elf on a Shelf! Jingle has been up to all sorts this month at school





Our children have loved the postbox and posting their Christmas cards to their friends and teachers.

There was lots of excitement when Year 1 and 2 were visited for ITV Central News to film 'Bethlehem Bakeoff'

<https://youtu.be/gpldLkboHfo> Please click on the link to watch the news footage





Our Kinders and Reception classes had fun at the curve Theatre on Tuesday watching (and taking part) in the Owl Who Came For Christmas





Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday brought smiles to everyone's faces











Lemon Jelly

Join us for our popular Christmas Workshop running at Leicester Grammar School on Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th December. The cost per child is £32 per day, individual day bookings can be made.

Please [CLICK HERE](https://portal.lemonjellyarts.franscape.io/class-overview/307) to go to the workshops booking link. Alternatively click the link below <https://portal.lemonjellyarts.franscape.io/class-overview/307>

We will have an exciting mix of Drama, Dance, Film Making and musical theatre activities. An unforgettable experience for children aged 5yrs

The Winter Mini Reading Challenge

Calling all children!

The Reading Agency have teamed up with the *Youth Sport Trust* once more are back for another fantastic reading challenge – this time known as 'The Winter Mini Reading Challenge'. This is a free reading for pleasure programme designed for **children between the ages of 4 and 11**.

If your child took part in Summer Reading Challenge then this a lovely opportunity for them to keep up their amazing work by adding another reading certificate to their achievement collection. If your child is new to the reading challenge then we hope that they enjoy taking part and have fun reading!

Children will need to read at least three books to complete the Winter Mini Challenge (picture books, chapter books and non-fiction books all count). **The Challenge is based solely online (not in public libraries like the summer one, though children are free to borrow library books to complete the challenge).** Parents will firstly need to create an online profile for their child at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> (click on the blue 'create a profile' rectangle on the home page to get started).

Children will then have the opportunity to rate and review their books on the website while the challenge is on and once completed, they will unlock a limited-edition virtual badge for their profile and **a special certificate that they can print out and keep**. Please ensure that children are always supervised when online.

The Challenge started on Friday 1 December 2023 and will end on 20 February 2024.

To reward the children's efforts in school, if your child brings in a copy of their special certificate up to the 20th February 2024, they will receive a special bookmark in their library session.

Happy reading!

Mrs Rai





Dear Young Voices parents,

Mrs Wolfe and Mrs Tuck would like the children to **Focus on practising all of the movement to the selected songs.**

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>



Toys on the Table charity Christmas appeal

This year we invited parents to join with us in supporting the amazing work of 'Toys on the Table'. Thank you to parents that have donated toys and money 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.

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

Thank you for your support.

HOCKEY CAMP is back!

Our second Hockey camp of the year on Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th December. If you have registered, please arrived between 9am-10am at the Hockey Pitches. Please remember swimming kit, mouthguard, shinpads and food!

Mr. Harrison

