



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

19th January 2024

Dear Parents,

I have enjoyed being out and about this week, observing children at work and at play. It is a very special place to be learning and growing together, and the energy in the corridors is truly uplifting. Some highlights were jam sandwich designing in year one and gingerbread making in Reception. STEM sessions have involved some creative group work considering engineering and spatial awareness, and PE has focussed on health-related exercise and the effect on our heart.

This morning saw the first of our Year 6 Prefect Breakfast gatherings and the staff and pupils felt very special indeed enjoying pastries in the Library Loft, looking out onto the frosty fields. We have been thinking about our 'attitude for gratitude' in MyHappyMind and this was a great way to express my thanks for the hard work and responsibility shown by our Prefects. Thank you!

I hope you enjoy a relaxing weekend; we are expecting a bit of a thaw next week but will be braced for some rain as a consequence!

With warmest wishes,

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

Sophia Ashworth Jones
Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday 22 nd	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th	Thursday 25 th	Friday 26 th
All years					
Kinders					
Reception					
Year 1					
Year 2				Swimming 1.30pm	
Year 3		3LH Forest School			
Year 4					
Year 5	Year 5 Severn Trent Water Workshops		Swimming		
Year 6		Year 6 French Trip Meeting 6.00pm – 7.00pm Main Hall	<p>Boys U11A Hockey Sevens v The Elms https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6669457&SID=81</p> <p>Boys U11B Hockey Sevens v The Elms https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6669459&SID=81</p> <p>Boys U11C Hockey Sevens v The Elms https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6669461&SID=81</p> <p>Boys U11D Hockey Sevens v The Elms https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6809433&SID=81</p> <p>Girls U11 A Netball v The Elms https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6669466&SID=18</p>	6E Class Assembly	<p>Class Swimming 8.45am</p> <p>Boys U11A IAPS Hockey @ Repton Team list to follow next week</p>

Year 6			Girls U11 B Netball v The Elms https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6669468&SID=18 Girls U11 C Netball v The Elms https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6805285&SID=18 Girls U11 D Netball v The Elms https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6805302&SID=18		
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Key Dates and forthcoming events for Lent term

Monday 29 th January	Young Shakespeare Company Performance Year 6 classes - 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' In school
Wednesday 31 st January	U10 A & B Boys Hockey -v- Stamford
Wednesday 31 st February	U10 A & B Girls Netball -v- Stamford
Thursday 1 st February	U11A Netball IAPS away @Uppingham
Friday 2 nd February	3LH Class Assembly
Friday 2 nd February	U10 Football fixture v Pitsford (tbc)
Friday 2 nd February	1A Forest School AM 1C Forest School PM

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

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.

Lunch Menu

New School Lunch Menus are now available to view on the website [Leicester Grammar Junior School - Food and Catering \(lgs-junior.org.uk\)](https://leicestergrammarjunior.org.uk/food-and-catering/)



Headteacher Awards:

Congratulations to the following child who has achieved a Headteacher Award this week:

Ethan McNally	'Fabalistic-gabalistic' history
Daisy Morris	'Fantastamamazing' English work
Sasha Patel	'supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' English work!
Molly Bull	Great written work
Isla Chandarana	Brilliant writing and super progress

Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children



- Valerie and Isaac E-W took part in the Punta Sal Jungle Expedition in Honduras, Central America over Christmas
- Aida O received her level 2 in Gymnastics certificate and medal
- James S passed his level 2 Gymnastics and was presented with Gymnast of the Week last week, well done James!
- Daniel H received his level 2 Gymnastics certificate and medal together with 2 cycling medals and a trophy from the Whizz Kids racing league
- Radha D won a Karate medal for being Star of the Week for her Combo Karate
- Avraaj S has achieved his Turtle level at swimming
- Zara D has achieved her Turtle level at swimming
- Ajooni G has passed her Turtles level at swimming
- Layla S has achieved Macaroni level at swimming
- Ariya B has achieved African level at swimming
- Maisie C has achieved African level at swimming
- Daniel H was awarded a trophy for Whizz kids cycling as winner of the U10's league 2023 and a medal for Mallory Racing League RoadRunner.
- Jeona A has made it through to the next round of BBC 500 words competition – congratulation and good luck with the next stage,
- Evelyn B has received her Blue Peter Book Badge for reviewing 'Maria's Island'
- Samridhi S has achieved Level 7 in gymnastics
- Clara B gas achieved Level 8 in gymnastics
- Iqra H has received her Survival Fitness certificate for completing 5x20" Box Jumps
- Sienna P was awarded her Royal Penguin Swimming level
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- Suhani G has completed the Winter Mini Reading Challenge
- Isla C received her level 8 gymnastics certificate and medal
- Sulayman H has received his Survival Fitness Certificate for 5 x 20" Box Jumps
- Garv G was awarded 'Man of the Match' at his football game
- Anushi B has achieved Level 8 in gymnastics
- Arjun D has completed Winter Mini Reading Challenge
- Congratulations to Maariyah and Amara for a super idea to sell 'Special days in school' costumes (for example World Book Day/Victorian Day etc.) at the second-hand uniform sales.





St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
TOTAL 10	TOTAL 17	TOTAL 16	TOTAL 8

PE & Sport

We loved taking 28 pupils to Brooke Priory on Monday. The swimming gala was a real success with smiling faces all round. Performances included Seb, Aarushan & Zane swimming for Year 6 and winning their races! The Year 6 cohort won the gala, and so did Year 5 but were evenly contested to the relay races. We have one more gala in March combining Stoneygate and Year 6 prep!



On Wednesday we braved the weather and hosted U11 netball v Spratton Hall. We were so pleased to host as ALL year 6 girls represented school and it gave Mrs Button a chance to prepare for the IAPS netball entry in two weeks. On Thursday we did a heart rate investigation in the hall for Year 3 - 6 PE lessons. Ask your children what their resting heart rate was and how it changed as the exercise grew more intense.

We wish those boys selected for IAPS hockey next Friday the best of luck!

PE Department

Music

Happy New Year from the Music Department!

There are lots of exciting things to look forward to this year, including three concerts this half term.

Flute Fiesta - Tuesday 6th February at 5:30pm, featuring our toot, recorder and flute groups and some of our older children playing solos or duets. Children that are involved will receive information from their music teacher.

Piano Recital - Friday 9th February at 4pm. For any piano players year 3 upwards. There is a sign-up sheet for auditions on Mrs. Regan's classroom door. Please prepare one piece for audition, a maximum of three mins long.

Instrumental Recital - Tuesday 13th February at 4pm. For any instrument except piano. There is a sign-up sheet for auditions on Mrs. Regan's classroom door. Please prepare one piece for audition, with or without accompaniment on piano or backing track, a maximum of three minutes long.

Any questions please do contact me on regana@leicestergrammar.org.uk

Mrs. Regan



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

Lemon Jelly

Join us for our February Workshop running at Leicester Grammar School on Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February 2024.

The cost per child is £32 per day, individual day bookings can be made.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the workshops booking link.

We will have an exciting mix of Drama, Dance, Film Making and musical theatre activities.

An unforgettable experience for children aged 5 years +

