



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

26th January 2024

Some weeks don't go as planned! Having received the telephone call on Monday morning, it has been non-stop in working with the school inspectors to show them as much as possible in three days. One of the team inspectors asked us to treat it like a huge 'Show and Tell', and we didn't need to be asked twice! Our enthusiasm – pupils and teachers – bowled over the inspection team and made them late for some of their meetings, which is rarely ever the case. Well done to all of the staff and children for Showing and Telling our story.

Thank you, too, for engaging with the parent survey, the feedback was useful to the inspection team in that it provided them with a rounded picture of the children's experience in school.

The school has undergone a very rigorous process of close scrutiny of the Independent School Standards Regulations (over 400 of them) by a team of eight inspectors. The different sections of the new inspection framework are built around these standards, with pupils' wellbeing in all aspects of school life at the heart. There are no grades given under this new framework although every report has to contain recommended next steps, which I am pleased to say will in our case reflect our own identified priorities and thus support us with that direction of travel.

The inspection report will be published in approximately 35 working days and, unfortunately, until then, I am not permitted to share the provisional findings. I know that you will be very pleased and reassured by what you will read in due course – even if it will be written in quite bland inspector-speak with no superlatives permitted.

I could not feel prouder and more elated following this week's Inspection experience. The children were absolute stars in every way.

I know that the staff are looking forward to this weekend, and I hope you are able to enjoy some family time too, perhaps reflecting a little on your child's enriching and happy experiences in early education in our very special Leicester Grammar School Trust.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on 15th February, more details to follow next week!

With warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Ashworth Jones".

Sophia Ashworth Jones
Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday 29 th	Tuesday 30 th	Wednesday 31 st	Thursday 1 st	Friday 2 nd
All years					
Kinders					
Reception					
Year 1					1A Forest School AM 1C Forest School PM
Year 2				Class Swimming	
Year 3	Class Swimming	3LH Forest School			3LH Class Assembly
Year 4	Class Swimming				
Year 5			Class Swimming		U10 Boys Football v Pitsford TBC U10 Girls Netball v Pitsford TBC
Year 6	A Midsummer Night's Dream Shakespeare Theatre Company		U11A Girls Netball v Oakham Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6669484&SID=18 U11B Girls Netball v Stamford Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6827720&SID=18 U11C Girls Netball v Stamford Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6827722&SID=18 U11D Girls Netball v Oakham Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6828499&SID=18	U11A Girls Netball IAPS Tournament https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6811728&SID=18	Class Swimming

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Key Dates and forthcoming events for Lent term

Monday 5 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day – All Years
Tuesday 6 th February	1B Class Assembly
Tuesday 6 th February	3D Forest School
Tuesday 6 th February	Flute Fiesta 5.30pm – 6.45pm Recital Room
Wednesday 7 th February	Boys U11A & B Hockey vs Stamford Home
Wednesday 7 th February	Girls U11A,B,c & D Netball vs Stamford Home
Thursday 8 th February	U11 & U9 Mixed Cross-Country Fixture – County Meet
Friday 9 th February	Chinese New Year – Traditional dress accepted
Friday 9 th February	3CH Assembly 8.30am – 9.00am
Friday 9 th February	Forest School Kinders AM - Rec H & Rec W PM
Friday 9 th February	Piano Recital 4.00pm – 5.30pm Years 3-6 Recital Room
FUTURE DIARY DATES	
Friday 16 th February	Last Day of Term
Thursday 21 st March	LGJS Year 3 – 6 Easter Service St Cuthbert's Church 10am – 11.30am

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.

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://lgs-junior.org.uk)

Headteacher Awards:



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

Krish Doshi	Fantastic maths calculations
Vihaan Gupta	Effort and stamina in lessons
Eashan Karir	Effort and stamina in lessons
Humayl Iqbal	Handwriting, effort and presentation
Freya Chundasama	Beautiful detailed writing
Margaret Hawes	Beautiful detailed writing
Anushi Bathia	Really good independent writing
Anoushka Rai	Brilliant facts about space
Ruben Hayre	Superduper maths
Aarav Rayarel	Amazing number work
Layla Somani	Crackertastic writing
Belle Chudasama	Fantastic maths

Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children

- Felicity B was awarded a trophy from her Dance Classes for 2023 Progress Award
- Freya C has received her Blue Peter Book Badge
- Aarav P passed his Gentoo Swimming stage
- Sia P has achieved the Mathletics Bronze II certificate
- Hugo M has passed Little Blue Swimming stage
- Emily M has passed Gentoo swimming stage
- Shain S has received his Blue Peter Book Badge and his Blue Peter Sport Badge for rugby.
- Ananya B was awarded '1st Etoile for skiing and received a silver pin badge
- Aida O has achieved her Gentoo Swimming stage
- Kee Han S has completed 2nd Kup Red Belt grading in Taekwondo
- Alexander G has passed his swimming stage 3 and also achieved his 10-meter distance award too
- Arjun G has completed the Winter Mini Reading Challenge and will receive his book mark!
- Hana R has completed 2nd Kup Red Tripe grading in Taekwondo



St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
TOTAL 26	TOTAL 25	TOTAL 31	TOTAL 22

Year 5 - Severn Trent Water information morning

On Monday, Phil Pearce from Severn Trent came into school to deliver the morning assembly and then lead some water workshops with Year 5.

The assembly had a clear message to consider what we should and shouldn't be flushing down the toilet. Phil assured us that Severn Trent do a wonderful job sorting out our sewage and cleaning our water but it is a shared responsibility and we must all think carefully. A survey is attached from and for Severn Trent so your child can recall what they learnt in the assembly!



Each Year 5 class then had a water workshop with Phil. They explored how 5 different families used water around their homes. To their surprise, there was a lot of water of wasting going on and the children soon learnt so many ways that they themselves could save water in their own lives. Phil made the workshops lots of fun and the children certainly took away the message that water is a valuable resource to be treated carefully



PE & Sport

Another wonderful week in the World of sport at LGJS. We enjoyed the U11s hosting The Elms Wednesday. In hockey the A&B team struggled to keep up with the skill level and The Elms took the game away from them in the second half, especially in the As with 6 unanswered goals. The C&D were fantastic winning both of their games, Anay P & Harry P shining, deserving of an opportunity in the U11A&B next week. In netball the A & Bs narrowly lost by one goal 8-9 & 7-8. The C&D again winning ways with C 7-3 & D 6-2!



Thursday, we entertained our house cross country from Year 3 - 6. Fantastic runners in quite heavy mud conditions, not making a fast track. Good luck to the houses as we accumulate the results!

Wishing the IAPS boys the best of luck today at their regional tournament. Look out for more U11s next week to Stamford and girls' netball heading to IAPS Thursday at Uppingham.

After such a busy week, we will return to rising sports stars next week, there's a positive back log!

PE Department

Music

LGJS

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

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We would be delighted to welcome you to our first concert of the year at LGS.

The LGS Folk Group will be entertaining us next Friday 2nd February from 7pm in the Recital Room. With traditional songs and some original numbers, there will also be the chance to get on your feet and participate if you wish!

Soft drinks and alcohol will be served at the interval. There is no charge for tickets but do book in below so that we have an idea of numbers.

[Folk Group Concert Tickets](#)

We look forward to welcoming you.

Best wishes,

John Barker
Director of Music



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

Loughborough Lightning Match Day Experience - Year 5/6 girls eligible-10 places left

'On our home game days, played in the Sir David Wallace Sports Hall, we are giving you the chance to meet our coaches and take part in a training session, take a tour of campus and grab some food, all before you sit and watch the game'

A letter has been sent to parents of girls in Year 5 and 6, offering them the opportunity to take part in an exciting netball match day and training experience on Saturday 24th February

(second Saturday of half term) at Loughborough University. The girls will get to watch Loughborough Lightning v Team Bath in the national Netball Super League.

Please confirm if your child would like a place by completing the expression of interest form by Friday 2nd February at the latest.



Leicester City Hockey Club – Year 6 pupils

Half Term Hockey with Leicester City Hockey Club

20th & 21st February 2024

Year 6 – Year 9 Pupils at St. Margaret's Pastures Sports Centre

10am – 3.00pm

See attached flyer for more information and how to book.



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 +

