



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

2nd February 2024

Dear parent,

This week has really felt wonderful, following last week's visiting team of inspectors. We have basked in the afterglow of a rigorous process which allowed us all the opportunity to 'show off' our best bits and, since then, we are simply rejoicing in the happy atmosphere that makes Junior School so special.

The next few weeks are exceptionally busy with a different sort of visiting team; the young children coming to take part in our assessments for Kinders and Reception! You will all remember your own child's first visit to school and how you will have crossed your fingers, hoping that the children would do their best during the visit. What might be news to you all is that the staff get a little bit nervous too and Mrs Strong and I will also be crossing our fingers that everyone does well.

What I can be sure about is that our wonderful community, the staff and the children will welcome all of the new faces with happy smiles and encouraging hearts.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SA Jones", with a wavy line extending from the end.

Sophia Ashworth Jones
Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday 5 th	Tuesday 6 th	Wednesday 7 th	Thursday 8 th	Friday 9 th
All years	Children's Mental Health Week	Safer Internet Day All Years			Chinese New Year Traditional Dress-optional
Kinders					Forest School AM
Reception					Rec H & Rec W PM
Year 1		1B Class Assembly			
Year 2				Class Swimming	
Year 3	Class Swimming	3D Forest School		U8A Mixed Cross-Country County Meet – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6683082&SID=38	3CH Assembly Piano Recital 4pm-5.30pm
Year 4	Class Swimming			U9A Mixed Cross-Country County Meet – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6683082&SID=38	Piano Recital 4pm-5.30pm
Year 5			U10A Boys Hockey v Stamford Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6819065&SID=81 U10B Boys Hockey v Stamford Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6819067&SID=81 U10A Girls Netball v Stamford Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6818283&SID=18	U10A Mixed Cross-Country County Meet – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6683077&SID=38	Piano Recital 4pm-5.30pm

Year 5 (con'd)			U10B Girls Netball v Stamford Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6818285&SID=18		
Year 6			Class Swimming	U11A Mixed Cross-Country County Meet – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6683077&SID=38	Class Swimming Piano Recital 4pm-5.30pm

Key Dates and forthcoming events for Lent term

Tuesday 13 th February	LGJS Instrumental Recital 4.00pm – 5.30pm – Recital Room
Thursday 15 th February	5D Class Assembly
Thursday 15 th February	LGJS Friends Chinese New Year Celebration 4.45pm – 6.00pm LGJS Main Hall
Friday 16 th February	Kinders Forest School AM
Friday 16 th February	Rec O & Rec T Forest School PM
Friday 16 th February	Finish for Half Term (full day)
Monday 26 th February	School Starts
Monday 26 th February	Year 1 Dinosaur engage day
Wednesday 28 th February	Boys U10A & B Hockey v Repton Home
Wednesday 28 th February	Year 4 Residential Trip Meeting 3.45 pm – 4.15pm
Friday 1 st March	1C Forest School Am - 1A Forest School PM
FUTURE DIARY DATES	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 21 st March	LGJS Year 3 – 6 Easter Service St Cuthbert's Church 10am – 11.30am
Friday 22 nd March	Finish for Easter Break (full day)
Tuesday 9 th April	Start of Term

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:

Niko Papapostolou	Wonderful written work
Margaret Hawes	Penguintastic geography and engineering
Tinka Cheung	Glowing written work
Leo Stewart	Super fantastic art work
Freya Chakraborti	Frey-amazing written work!
Ayanna Elezi	Super-tastic written work
Amaira Bishnoi	Fantastamazing art work
Abaan Khokhar	Superb Artwork
Alfie Davies	Amazing story telling

Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children

- Zhanvi R, Deven S and Aiyla I have all completed the Winter Mini Reading Challenge and will receive their book marks!
- Adam H has received Mathletics Bronze I certificate
- Jemima F has run a half marathon with the Parkrun over a number of weeks
- Holly A has passed her Stage 6 swimming level and attained her 100-meter badge.
- Bella V has achieved her 7th KUP Green Belt in Tae Kwon-Do
- Ned B was awarded a certificate for being 'Beaver of the Week!'



Badge Winners

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Khadijah Yousuf	Harry Phull	Aryan Sachdev	Bella Bhanari
Israa Mullan	Orla Abraham		Toby Baines
Evelyn Bedenham	Annabelle Fulton		
TOTAL 95	TOTAL 91	TOTAL 85	TOTAL 69

On Monday 29th January, Year 6 and Year 6 prep watched a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream by the Young Shakespeare Company. The actors were amazing and really brought the story to life.

Lots of us were chosen to take part in the performance and we were given parts like Oberon and Titania, Hermia, Demetrius, Lysander and Helena. Creating an atmosphere was really important and we all joined in by making the sounds that you might hear in the forest.

The play was funny, fast moving and really exciting. We would definitely like to see another performance by the Young Shakespeare Company.



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Rising Sports Stars

- Isla Vorley for incredible listening and application in PE, keep it up!
- Isla Mistry for her exceptional display against Stamford this week.
- Niko Papapostolou for showing commitment and steel in the weekly morning mile Tuesdays!
- Harry Phull for having a real talent as a hockey goalkeeper, future is exciting!

Match Reports

U11 Boys Hockey @ Repton School, IAPS Regional Competition	26/01/24	<p>Last Friday, the Year 6 hockey A Team played an IAPS tournament in Repton. Our first group game was against Blue Coat (Birmingham), and we drew 1-1 with Ethan scoring the goal. After that, we played St Hugh's school and we won 5-0 with Ethan scoring twice and Jaimin, Sam and Veer scoring once. Our final group game was against Bilton Grange, and we won 1-0 with Sam scoring the goal. After all our group games we finished top in the group meaning that we qualified for the cup. Our Quarter final match was against Repton. Sadly, we lost 2-0, however the boys worked their socks off.</p> <p>It was such a fantastic achievement to win our group something that no other boys hockey team has achieved at U11 Leicester Grammar history! They should be very proud of themselves!</p> <p>Well done to everyone who played</p>	Match report by Ethan Shaffu
U11A & B Hockey festival at Stamford	31/01/24	<p>The boys were fantastic and managed to remain unbeaten in both teams for their 3 matches. Harry Phull & Danyal Greenyer sharing 4 clean sheets between them with the goalscoring being the main focus, narrowly winning 1-0 in two games. It was a pleasure to see Harry Ashraf & Anay Patel adapt so well to the U11 speed, with the latter having some wonderful opportunities in front of goal. We need to work on our structure going forward to enable us to pass confidently and attack the right side of the pitch</p>	

Safer internet day takes place on Tuesday 6th February.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. This year the theme is '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'.

The link below shares some top tips that have been written for you (parents and carers) to help you support your child to stay safe and happy online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

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 is 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.

Mrs Rai.

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 +





CHINESE NEW YEAR EVENT

Get ready for an exciting celebration as we usher in the
Year of the Dragon at LGJS!

15 FEB
2024

16.45 - 18.00

LGJS Junior Hall

TICKETS: £5 per child

DEADLINE: Fri 9th Feb 2024

Secure your spot now by
purchasing tickets using the
link below [pay.sumup.com/
b2c/Q5OQXHGH](https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q5OQXHGH)

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR
CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS
GOES IN THE CUSTOMER
NAME BOX!**

Parental supervision required.



TRADITIONAL LION DANCE

Cultural Music

Games, Arts and Crafts

**Refreshments and snacks
available to purchase**



Uniform Sale

27th February 2024 2.00pm – 4.00pm in the Learning Zone

A message to all parents; as part of the LGJS Friends drive to offer a range of pre-loved uniform at great prices. The LGJS Friends are seeking donations of well-kept clean items from the uniform list that can be loved again. Please can all donations be left at reception to find their new home. If you have any 'World Book Day'/dressing up outfits you would like to donate, please drop them into reception.

15th April 2024 2.00pm – 4.00pm in the Learning Zone