



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

9th February 2024

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and Internet Safety Week. It has been great to see lots of team work and self-expression around the theme of 'My Voice Matters' with discussions and presentations about their own skills, talents and strengths. This has fitted in beautifully with our term's MyHappyMind focus of 'An Attitude for Gratitude' - why not show some self-appreciation once in a while!

The weather has not completely defeated us, although our cross-country runners will have to wait a little longer for the fields to dry out before they head off to compete in their next fixture. I'm sure a few extra weeks of training will give them an additional boost.

We have some news that Mr Harrison will be leaving us at the end of this year, moving to take up a Head of Junior Sport role at Bilton Grange School. Mr Harrison has been at LGJS since 2019 and has worked tirelessly to put 'sport for all' firmly on the map for everyone. We congratulate Mr Harrison and wish him and his children, William and Thea, all the very best as they embark on a new adventure.

It is going to be a wet weekend; I hope this doesn't spoil your plans and rather adds another reason for you to rest and relax.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SJA", with a stylized, flowing design.

Sophia Ashworth Jones
Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday 12 th	Tuesday 13 th	Wednesday 14 th	Thursday 15 th	Friday 16 th
All years				LGJS Friends Chinese New Year Celebration 4.45pm – 6.00pm	Last Day of Term (Full day) Non-uniform day - 'Express Yourself' & 'Doodle' Breakfast 8.30pm-9.15am
Kinders					Forest School AM
Reception					Rec O & Rec T PM
Year 1					
Year 2				Class Swimming	
Year 3	Class Swimming	3D Forest School Instrumentalists Recital 4pm-5.30pm		Roman Day – in school	
Year 4	Class Swimming	Instrumentalists Recital 4pm-5.30pm			
Year 5		Instrumentalists Recital 4pm-5.30pm	Class Swimming	5D Class Assembly	
Year 6		Instrumentalists Recital 4pm-5.30pm	U11A Boys Hockey-v- Stoneygate – Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6865674&SID=81 U11B Boys Hockey-v- Stoneygate - Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6865676&SID=81 U11C Boys Hockey-v- Stoneygate - Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6865678&SID=81		Class Swimming

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Key Dates and forthcoming events for Lent term

Monday 26 th February	School starts
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 1 Dinosaur Engage Day
Tuesday 27 th February	LGJS Friends Uniform Sale 2.00pm-4.00pm The Learning Zone
Wednesday 28 th February	Year 2 Warwick Castle Trip
Wednesday 28 th February	U11A Boys Hockey -v- Ratcliffe - Away
Wednesday 28 th February	U11A Boys Hockey Sevens -v- In2 Regionals
Wednesday 28 th February	U10A & B Boys Hockey -v- Repton - Home
Wednesday 28 th February	Year 4 Residential Trip Meeting 3.45pm-4.15pm
Friday 1 st March	1C Forest School Am - 1A Forest School PM
FUTURE DIARY DATES	
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)

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.

Lost Clothing/watches

Please could we ask parents to check their children's uniform as we have a number of children who have lost items of clothing particularly coats. A number of the coats missing have name labels in the pockets, if you could please check items and return them to the lost property box in reception if your child has mistakenly taken the wrong coat home.

A number of children have recently lost watches. Please ask your child to hand their watch to their class teacher when they attend class swimming or ask them to leave them in their locker for safe keeping.

Headteacher Awards:



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

Shreeya Bhalla	Consistently amazing art
Ruben Devgun	Fantastic maths
William Harrison	Amazing Art Work
Dylan Singla	"Wunnerful" Art work
Lavarni Singla	Fantastic maths
Amaya Joshi	Fantastic story-telling

Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children

- Anay P was awarded the Under 12's 'Order of Merit' trophy for winning the Robert Rock Junior Golf Tour consecutively for 3 years.
- Chloe C came runner up in a Library Art competition at Market Harborough Library.
- Cecil B has passed his Little Blue swimming stage.
- Thea H won 1st Place in her Dance Competition with the Ballet Troupe and 3rd Place for the Disco Troupe, both in the 6–8-year category.
- Savraj P, Thomas W and Naailah V have completed the Winter Reading Challenge and have received their bookmarks from the School Library.
- Peyton M has passed her Stage 2 swimming level.
- Georgia E was awarded 'Manager's Player' of the week and received a trophy from Oadby and Wigston Football Club.



Badge Winners

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Ahaan Jaiswal	Jaimin Patel	Niya Patel	Freya Chakraborti
Ariana Adat	Vihaan Gupta	Sofiana Davda	
		Niko Papapostolou	
TOTAL 142	TOTAL 148	TOTAL 191	TOTAL 134

Art

Royal Academy of Arts - Young Artists' Summer Show

web link:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

Is your child 4 years old and over?

Does your child love art: drawing, painting, photography or sculpture? Then this is the competition for them!

If they win their artwork could be exhibited at The Royal Academy of Arts Summer Show in London?

How can they enter?

Submitting artwork is completely free and online.

We have registered LGJS with the competition, so the children can now enter their artwork with help from a parent or adult at home.

As a parent you need to register with your email address and password via the web link above.

Once you have logged in you need to select Leicester Grammar School Trust from the school drop down box.

Each child can submit artwork of any type and there is no theme.

When they enter, the website asks for photographs of your child's artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little information about the artwork and why they made it.

What kind of artworks do they accept?

The artwork can be made using any medium (a word for the materials they've used to create their art)

It can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, drawing, or a combination.

There is no theme so artworks can be about any subject.

On the website you can see the work created by previous winners. This is the link to last year's winners! Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy

Prizes

Prizes are awarded each year and are chosen by the President of the Royal Academy. You can also vote for your favourite artwork in their Annual People's Choice Award.

Feel free to enter your child's artwork but above all, have fun!

Miss Hart

Deadline for submissions is by 27th March 2024 at 5.00pm



PE & Sport

Another filled week of sports, with the U10s getting involved in football Friday 1st. Pitsford are based in Northamptonshire and we will continue to have them on our calendar, it was good to play a new school. Hockey and Netball pitches have been in full flow, the season is ticking along nicely and we continue with the U11s hosting Stoneygate next week.




Rising Sports Stars

- Ayvah Kang (Year 2) for showing superb listening & progression in the swimming pool!
- Noah Greenyer (Year 5) demonstrating that hard work gets you a long way with fantastic performances in football and hockey this past week.

Match Reports

01/02	U11 IAPS Netball	<p>The year 6 netball team had a great day of netball at the IAPS Regional tournament at Uppingham School. The tournament was divided into four sections with 5 teams in each section. The girls made a strong start in their first match against Ratcliffe College leading 4-1 until the final few minutes when Ratcliffe scored 3 goals in succession to draw 4-4. The next two games did not go LGJS's way with two defeats against Blue Coats School and Bedford Junior School. However, the team remained positive and focused and bounced back with a strong win against Nottingham High School with an 8-0 win!</p> <p>The team progressed to the quarter finals of the plate competition. Here they met a school Town Close from Norwich. It was a very tense and close game with LGJS taking an early lead but Town Close just edged forward by one goal to win 5-4 on the final whistle. That was the end of the tournament for the girls but still keen to play more netball they finished their day with a friendly match against Wellingborough School which they won 5-2. An enjoyable day of netball finished with cups of hot chocolate provided by host Uppingham School.</p>	<p>Well done to Philippa Hird for scoring the most goals, 6 in total and to Kirrily Dubois for leading the team as captain on the day.</p> <p>A fantastic day of netball for all involved.</p>
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	U11 IAPS Netball		
07/02	U10 A&B Boys Hockey v Stamford	<p>We used this match to rotate as many players as we could against a strong opposition. The A team never really impacted the game, struggling to keep up with a couple of excellent players. Mo-mo squeezed in a goal from a tight angle in the first half, and Toby Baines continued his upskilling in wider areas. We have to do better with game awareness and marking players when under pressure. The B team performed with a much more even display and came out narrow winners.</p> <p>Dylan & Ethan impacted the game with good composure, creating goal scoring opportunities They came out with a 2-3 win</p>	
07/02	U10 Girls Netball V Stamford	<p>LGJS had 4 netball teams playing matches away against Stamford on Wednesday.</p> <p>They girls enjoyed the afternoon, taking away many positives, as well as targets to work on in training. Results below:</p> <p>Stamford v LGJS</p> <p>9 - 3 (goals scored by Aditi and Maya - players' player Fatima)</p> <p>4 - 6 (goals scored by Siena, Florence and Zanirah - players' player Siena)</p> <p>6 - 3 (goals scored by Monary and Evelyn - players' player Evelyn)#</p> <p>11 - 2 (goals scored by Sasha and Uma - players' player Imogen)</p>	

PE Department

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.



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.

A large, colorful, stylized illustration of a dragon, the symbol of the Year of the Dragon. The dragon is composed of various geometric shapes and patterns in red, yellow, green, and blue. It has a long, flowing mane and a large, expressive eye. Two red lanterns hang from the top right corner.

TRADITIONAL LION DANCE

Cultural Music
Games, Arts and Crafts
**Refreshments and snacks
available to purchase**

A smaller version of the LGJS Friends logo, featuring a circular design with stick figures and the text 'LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL' and 'LGJS Friends'.



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

Half Term LGS Swimming Pool news

LEISURE@LGS 

**Tuesday 20 and
Thursday 22 February
2.00-3.00pm**

Half Term

**Family Fun
SPLASH!**

**Under 3s Free
3-16 £2.00
16+ £4.00**

**Card payments
only at LGS
Sports Centre**




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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 +

