



# NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

I hope that you have 'felt the love' over the past few weeks. I have been truly impressed by the wonderful performances we have enjoyed - a flute fiesta and instrumental and piano recitals – well done to all of the children involved and huge thanks to Alison Regan and her team of music teachers.

Last evening's LGJS Friends celebration was extremely special as our Chinese community presented a sensory feast for our families with paper crafts, chopstick mastery, music and an amazing, authentic Lion dance. Thank you once again to our parent community and to those of you celebrating the year of the dragon - Happy New Year!

Doodle Breakfast took place this morning and was a great hit with everyone. We were served fresh pastries and were allowed to cover the refectory tables in colourful doodles of all shapes and sizes – all in the name wellbeing and self-expression.

And finally, thanks to Kinders, the week has finished on a high. Following the theme of 'love', a little party was thrown to give every child the opportunity to hear why they are loved. It was very special to be part of the gathering and to see the children respond to the kind words being shared about themselves and their friends. We love the staff in Kinders too!

Congratulations to Mr Wildsmith who has been appointed to lead our Games and PE department from September. We are absolutely delighted that he will be taking on this flourishing department as we are all aware of his great strengths and passion for his subject and for teaching our youngsters. He is brimming with energy and ideas and I know that he will receive support and encouragement from his peers, the children and the wider community when he takes up the reins.

I wish you all a restful break and I look forward to seeing you back in school on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Have a lovely half term.

With warmest wishes,

Sophia Ashworth Jones  
Headmistress

## Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>All years</b>	Frist Day of Term	LGJS Friends Uniform Sale 2-4pm			
<b>Kinders</b>					
<b>Reception</b>					
<b>Year 1</b>	Year 1 Dinosaur engage Day				1C Forest School AM 1A Forest School PM
<b>Year 2</b>			Warwick Castle Trip	Class Swimming	
<b>Year 3</b>	Class Swimming				
<b>Year 4</b>	Class Swimming		Year 4 Residential Trip Meeting 3.45pm-4.15pm - Art Room		
<b>Year 5</b>			Class Swimming  U10A Boys Hockey -v- Repton - Home <a href="https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6669592&amp;SID=15">https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6669592&amp;SID=15</a>  U10B Boys Hockey -v- Repton - Home <a href="https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6669593&amp;SID=15">https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6669593&amp;SID=15</a>		U10A Hockey Sevens -v- Ratcliffe - Away <a href="https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6670294&amp;SID=81">https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6670294&amp;SID=81</a> U10B Hockey Sevens -v- Ratcliffe – Away <a href="https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6670296&amp;SID=81">https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6670296&amp;SID=81</a> U10 Netball -v- Ratcliffe Away - TBC
<b>Year 6</b>			U11A Boys In2 Hockey Regionals Ratcliffe - Away <a href="https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6670278&amp;SID=81">https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6670278&amp;SID=81</a> U11B Boys Hockey -v- Ratcliffe - Away <a href="https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6886552&amp;SID=81">https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6886552&amp;SID=81</a>		Class Swimming

### Key Dates and forthcoming events for Lent term

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	U11 Mixed cross-country – National prep schools <a href="https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6670365&amp;SID=38">https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&amp;FID=6670365&amp;SID=38</a>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair in school (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Polar Experience Day - in school
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	U11A Boys Football -v- ISFA U11 Sevens Midlands Regional Tournament – Away
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	U11A & U9A Mixed Cross-country Fixture -v- Cothill School
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Children to dress as their favourite character
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent workshop 5.00pm – 6.00pm LGJS Hall
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	1B Forest School AM – 2JT Forest School PM
<b>FUTURE DIARY DATES</b>	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	LGJS Year 3 – 6 Easter Service St Cuthbert's Church 10am – 11.30am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Finish for Easter Break (full day)

### Important general reminders

#### **Lateness**

Students should arrive at school from 8.15am ready to go to their classrooms via the playground door entrance. Pupils must be in school ready for class registration which closes at **8.30am** promptly, when a buzzer will sound. If your child arrives after **8.30am** then they must **sign in** at Reception to ensure that they are added to class registers.

#### **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 \(lgs-junior.org.uk\)](http://leicestergrammarjunior.org.uk/food-and-catering)

#### **Notice**

If you have lost a Pandora bracelet over the last few months, please contact Reception.

## Headteacher Awards:

Evelyn Bedenham	Seed-tastic story writing
Joseph Aston	Fantastic independent
Sanveer Sahota	Super-good work
Robin Young	"Clever-mazing" writing
Sofiana Davda	Excellent "clever writing" work
Ariya Bhalla	Extraord-amazing "clever writing" work
Florence Francis	"Frabatastic" seed story
Annabelle Fulton	Wonderful seed story
Georgia Elliott	Slay-tastic reading!
Hassan Korim	Super writing!
Janhvi Pala	Excellent writing
Aarya Mysuria	Fantastic "clever writer" work
James Small	Taco-tastic green-screen work
Theo Humfrey	Fab-a-tastic newspaper article
Kushi Ramaiah	Amaze-tastic Jigsaw work
Aditii Kapoor	Magnificent biography writing
Aarav Bagga	Extremely good biography
Harry Ashraf	Fantastic biography writing
Zach Haycock-Huss	Great reading, with fluency, frequency and understanding
Yahya Kagzi	Super ideas in creative writing
Franek Flisek	Amazing progress in all English work
Anaiyaa Bains	Super effort in all creative writing
Meera Odedra	Mind-blowing written work
Joel Humphris	Fantastic improvement in creative writing
Louisa Hawkins	Inspirational ideas in creative writing
Pia Patel	Excellent English work on the character's relationships in Macbeth
Kiana Palli[pat	Excellent English work on the character's relationships in Macbeth
Smaraaj Sahota	Excellent English work on the character's relationships in Macbeth
Ethan Shaffu	Outstanding 'TripAdvisor' review about Athens and Sparta
Naailah Valli	Super, beautiful writing
Alia Choudhry	Fantastic maths!
Melissa Elezi	Fantastic, super writing
Farhaan Khokhar	Fantastic poetry
Medhi Hussain	Tremend-amazing writing
Holly Allen	Wonder-tastic writing
Shayan Raja	Fantastamazing writing

## Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children



- Arthur H has passed his 5<sup>th</sup> KUP Blue Stripe in Tae Kwon-Do and his Bronze level in gymnastics.
- Margaret H has passed her 7<sup>th</sup> KUP Green Stripe in Tae Kwon-Do, her level 7 swimming stage and received a high merit from the Royal Academy of Dance for her Grade 1 ballet.
- Sulaiman H has passed Stage 4 swimming level.
- Iqra H has passed Stage 4 swimming level.
- Mathilde H has completed 21 junior parkruns to be a member of the 'Marathon Club'
- Ajooni G, Hermione S, Avanyaa B, Sienna D, Sia P and Samriddhi S have all completed the Winter Reading Challenge and have received their book marks from the librarian.
- Avanyaa B has also completed her level 7 in gymnastics.
- Alayna R has swum a width on her own without a float.
- Belle C has passed her level 8 in gymnastics and also her Stage 2 swimming level too!
- Darcy C has passed her Stage 1 swimming level.
- Sia P has achieved her Bronze III certificate in Athletics.



## Pencil winners

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Khadijah Yousuf			

## Badge winners

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Philippa Hird	Aarush Patel	Arian Davda	Rhea Thakor
Beau Cooper-Velthuisen	Sasha Patel	Aditi Kapoor	Amara Singh
Garv Goyal	Imogen Gurney	Dylan Singla	Tommy Gilmour
Aida Oyekan	Myra Bansal	Daisy Morris	Theo Humfrey
Maariyah Ismail	Lennon Weiner	Harry Ashraf	Nico Lakhani
	Emily Mitchell	Liliana Sattar	Eashan Karir
	Meera Odedra	Maisie Cao	Daniel Hardwicke
	Reuben Gill	William Harrison	Keshav Solanki
	Aishani Sarkar	Amor Toor	Louis Elliott
	Aaron Taylor	Harry Dalby	Hassan Nandiy
		Hana Rahuf	Lucia Greathead
		Harry Nurse	
<b>TOTAL 218</b>	<b>TOTAL 270</b>	<b>TOTAL 335</b>	<b>TOTAL 244</b>

## PE & Sport



Thank you for such a wonderfully filled term of sport. You won't believe what we can cram into 4 weeks in March, we'll give it our best shot! The weather has played its part in our curriculum time, thank you for being versatile and sticking with the morning mile! Wow it was boggy on Tuesday.

Have an amazing holiday week, looking forward to a packed March!

### Match Reports

14/02/24	Hockey Sevens -v- Stoneygate	We enjoyed hosting Stoneygate, managing to play across the whole sand based! The As were comfortable in possession, Samraaj and Ethan creating lots of opportunities inside the D, but we didn't shoot as accurately as we could have. Philip and Ahaan injected speed in wide areas and the goals began to flow. Stoneygate also scored a couple excellent goals hitting us on the break. Big week coming up for them the first week back as they head to Ratcliffe for an IN2 hockey tournament.
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PE Department



## Roman Day!

Year 3 had the most fantastic Roman experience day on Thursday.

We began our day by meeting the Roman centurion. He showed us around his camp and explained what he wore, ate, and did each day. Then Aida and Miss Hart tried on some Roman armour. Theo also tested his strength- trying to break some wood the same thickness as Roman and Celtic shields. Then we had a chance to experience life in the centurion's camp. We learned how to write in Latin on wax boards. We also played some Roman games and practised cleaning ourselves with olive oil! Then we helped clean the centurion's armour with oil and took turns trying on the Roman armour. After that we learned how to fire a catapult and how to grind some grains to make flour for the bread.

After lunch we had the opportunity to handle some real Roman artefacts. We discussed what we thought they were, which was a bit tricky at times!

Then we had an opportunity to taste some rock-hard Roman bread and some delicious stew that the centurion had cooked for us on the fire! We all tried the food because we knew that we would never have the chance

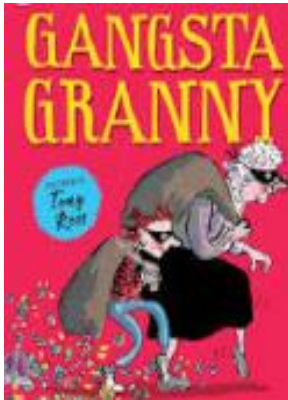
to eat food cooked by a Roman centurion again. Not all of us liked it, but some of us thought it wasn't too bad!

We ended the day by learning how to be a Roman soldier. We learned how to march all together in a line. Then we learned how to march in formation with shields, whilst the Celts attacked us with plastic balls instead of spears and arrows! It was tricky to all march together and we didn't even have to wear the heavy armour like the Romans did. We had the best day and have learned a lot too! A superb end to our Roman topic.



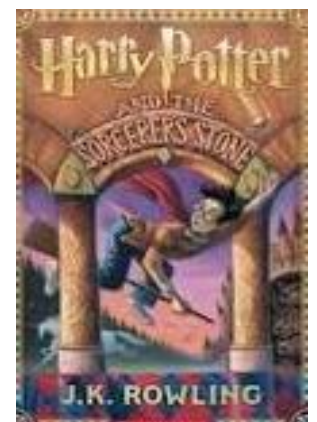
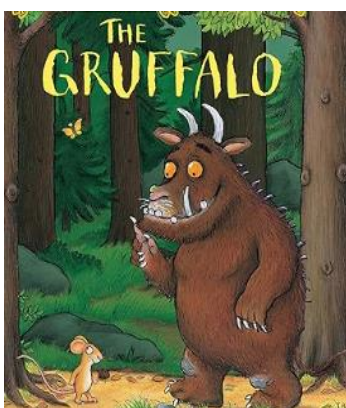
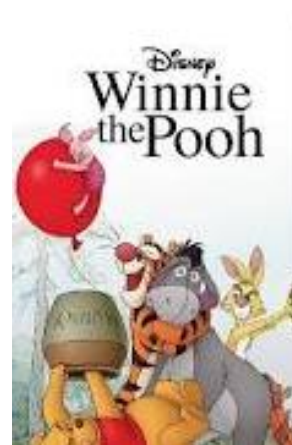
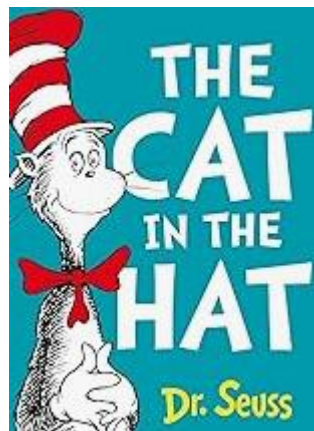
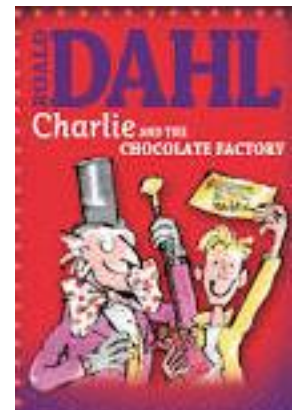
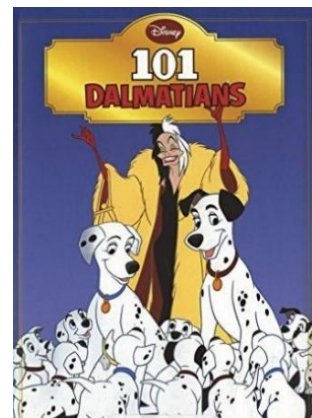
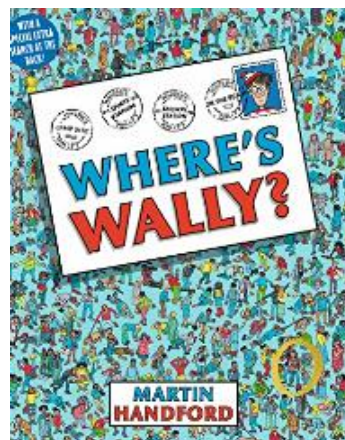
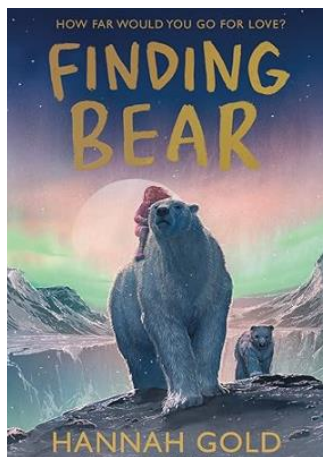
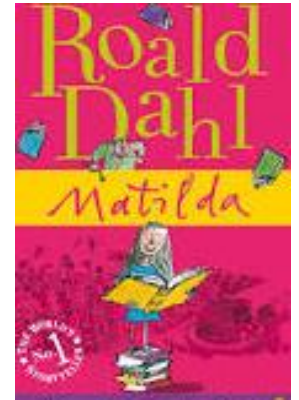


## World Book Day



On Thursday, 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Last year was lots of fun and once again, the children are invited to come into school on this day dressed as their favourite book character, or if they prefer, to simply bring their favourite book into school. We will look forward to sharing our costumes and books in a special school assembly.

We hope the children will enjoy the activities planned for the day and we thank you for your continued support.





## 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 5.00pm**



## Music Faculty

The last couple of weeks have been in the music department have been incredibly busy.

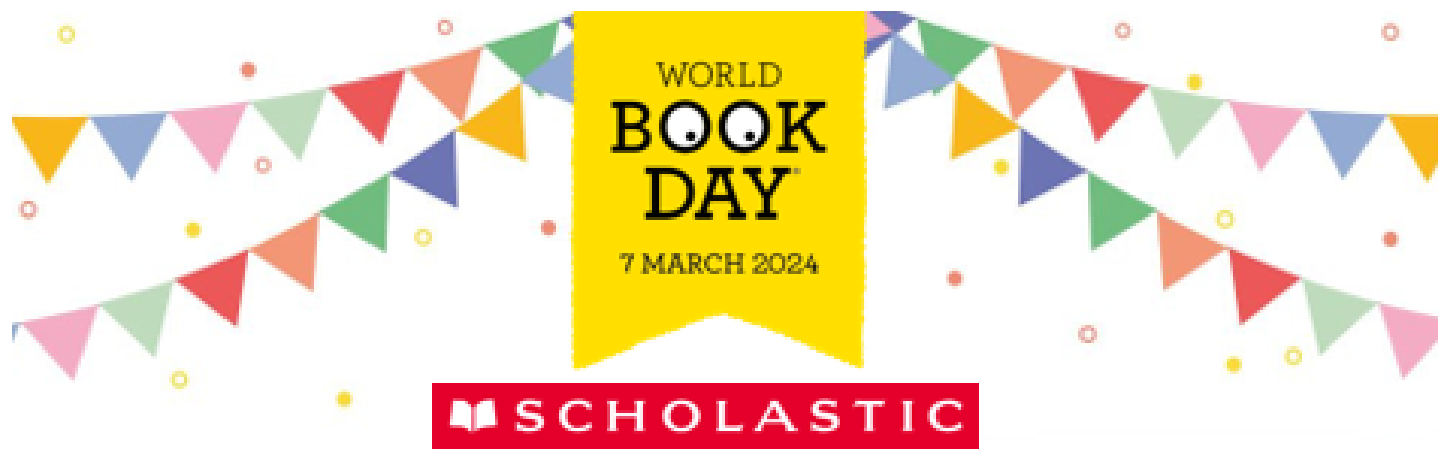
The Flute Fiesta was on 6<sup>th</sup> February. This is always wonderful event as it is in collaboration with the LGS and is organised by our fantastic flute teachers Miss Cresswell and Miss Hicks. The audience were able to watch the full range of ability from students beginning their woodwind journey on recorder and toot, to young adults in the 6<sup>th</sup> form treating us to flute sonatas. Our flute groups, soloists and duets were professional and musical in their performances and all performers conducted themselves beautifully throughout the evening.



The Piano recital was on 9<sup>th</sup> February and the Instrumental Recital followed shortly after on 12<sup>th</sup> February. A total of over 50 performers took part in the concerts, all from Key Stage 2. We were delighted with a range of music from pop songs by the likes of Taylor Swift, John Lennon and Carol King, to music from across the classical music canon, with everything you can imagine in between, including jazz and film music. At the instrumental recital we had drummers, singers, woodwind players and fantastic representation from our string players. Special mention should be given to our year 3 performers for playing their first recital. It is a daunting task performing in front of over 50 adults and all your peers and all the children's attitudes were exemplary during all the rehearsals and both performances.

On 14<sup>th</sup> February during Singing Assembly we had some visitors from Leicestershire Music and LGS who came to demonstrate the French horn and the Double Bass to our children. The children were treated to performances and were given the chance to ask questions about these endangered instruments. Unfortunately, there is a national shortage of double bass and horn players, therefore there are some fantastic funded opportunities for year 5 and 6 children to trial these instruments. If you are interested in either of these instruments for your child, please do contact me or ask your child to come and see me. After the break we have House Music to look forward to the children have already signed up and started their pieces. We look forward to seeing their performances.





Dear Parents,

We are delighted to inform you that on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of March, our school will be running the Scholastic Book Fair again. This year's fair will offer an inspirational and diverse selection of books for children, whatever their interests, to encourage a love of reading for all ages and abilities. In addition, our school benefits from 60% commission on all purchases which in turn will allow us to purchase new books for the children to use in school.

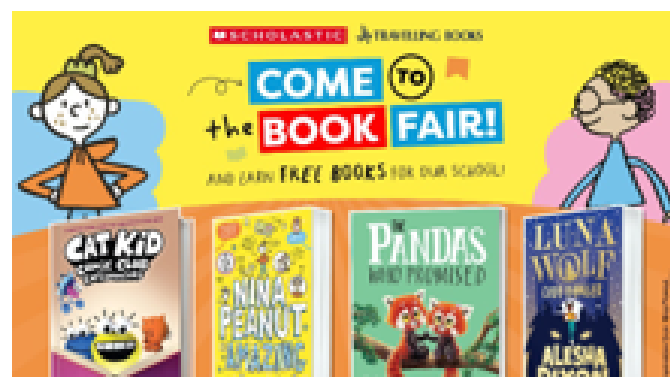
On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, all children from ~~Kinders~~ to Year 6 will be issued with a £1 World Book Day token. As the Book Fair will be held during World Book Day week, Scholastic are allowing the children to use their tokens in exchange for £1 off the value of any book that they purchase (this will exclude stationery which will also be on sale). The children will need to keep their tokens safe and hand these over at the point of payment in exchange for the £1 discount.

The Book Fair will be open to parents and children after school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 3.00 pm to 4.00pm in the Pod (the grassy area indoors where the second-hand uniform shop operates). Pupils from ~~Kinders~~ to Year 6 will also be able to view and purchase books during library sessions and break times over the three days. You are most welcome to come and visit and see the wonderful range of titles available.

See you there, and happy reading.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rai  
Library Teacher





**LEISURE@LGS** 

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

# *Half Term*

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

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### **Uniform Sale (including Dressing up outfits)**

27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 2.00pm – 4.00pm in the Learning Zone  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 2.00pm – 4.00pm in the Learning Zone

Please can all uniform donations, including any 'World Book Day' /dressing up outfits be left at reception to find their new home.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

