



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear Parent,

1st March 2024

Mrs Weston led a super assembly today, encouraging the children to think about countries in the United Kingdom and the significance of the various colours, animals and traditions held so dearly by each one. The children had great fun linking lions and unicorns, thistles and leeks, dragons and daffodils with the correct locations and we all enjoyed learning that, on St David's day in particular, caring about the little things really makes a difference.

I heard on the radio this morning that we have just endured one of the wettest Februaries on record and, having driven around the country over the half term break, I have seen enough evidence to suggest this is true of Leicestershire! That said, I enjoyed a beautiful conversation with pupils this morning about the sunrises and how special they are at the moment. We shared the magic of waking up to a bedroom 'bathed in pink' or 'bright orange curtains'. LGJS - what a wonderful, spiritual place to be!

Have a super weekend, I hope you have time to linger in nature, enjoying the marvels that surround us.

With warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SJA", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sophia Ashworth Jones
Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday 4 th	Tuesday 5 th	Wednesday 6 th	Thursday 7 th	Friday 8 th
All years	Book Fair 3-4pm	Book Fair 3-4pm		World Book Day – dress as favourite book character Book Fair 3-4pm Parent Workshop 5-6pm	
Kinders					
Reception					
Year 1					1B Forest School AM
Year 2				Class Swimming	2JT Forest School PM
Year 3	Class Swimming	3CH Forest School			
Year 4	Polar Experience Day Class Swimming		U9A Mixed Cross-country Fixture - v- Copthill Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6670354&SID=38		Cross Country Fixture home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6670375&SID=38
Year 5			Class Swimming U11A & U9A Mixed Cross-country Fixture -v- Copthill Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6670352&SID=38		
Year 6			U11A Boys Football -v- ISFA U11 Sevens Midlands Regional Tournament – Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6780966&SID=26 U11A & U9A Mixed Cross-country Fixture -v- Copthill Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6670352&SID=38		Class Swimming Cross Country Fixture home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6519508&SID=38

Key Dates and forthcoming events for Lent term

Tuesday 12 th March	3CH Forest School
Wednesday 13 th March	Foundation stage craft afternoon Kinders and Reception
Wednesday 13 th March	U11B Boys Hockey Sevens -v- Fairfield Prep - Away
Wednesday 13 th March	U11A & B Girls Netball -v- Fairfield Prep – Away
Wednesday 13 th March	Boys 11A,B & C Boys Football -v- Fairfield Prep - Away
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 3 Residential Initial Meeting 4.00pm – 4.30pm – Junior School Hall
Thursday 14 th March	Boys U9A&B Hockey -v- Spratton Hall – home
Friday 15 th March	2P Forest School AM – 2BT Forest School PM
Friday 15 th March	Book Look – All years: 2.30pm – 3.00pm kinders to Year 2yr/ 2 3.00-3.30pm Years 3-6
Saturday 16 th March	U11 Boys Rugby Sevens -v- Maidwell Hall - Away – TBC
FUTURE DIARY DATES	
Wednesday 20 th March	Years 5 & 6 Primary swimming gala 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 21 st March	LGJS Year 3 – 6 Easter Service St Cuthbert's Church 10am – 11.30am
Thursday 21 st March	LGJS Friends Uniform Sale 2.00pm-4.00pm
Thursday 21 st March	LGJS Friends Kinders Easter Egg hunt (details below)
Friday 22 nd March	LGJS Reception Easter Egg hunt (details below)
Friday 22 nd March	Finish for Easter Break (full day)
Tuesday 9 th April	First Day of Trinity Term – Pupils return to school
Monday 17 th June	Sports Week
Monday 17 th June	Year 1 & 2 - 1.30pm – 3.00pm Parents invited
Wednesday 19 th June	Years 3-6 8.30am – 4.00pm Parents invited
Thursday 20 th June	Kinders and Reception time 1.30pm – 3.00pm Parents invited
Friday 21 st June	Triathlon Year 5 & 6 parents time tbc Parents invited

Important general reminders**Lateness**

Students should arrive at school ready to go to their classrooms at **8.15am** via the playground door entrance. Class registration closes at 8.30am promptly, when a buzzer will sound. If your child arrives after 8.30am then they must **sign in** at the Reception desk 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://leicester-grammar-junior-school-food-and-catering.lgs-junior.org.uk)

Headteacher Awards:

Ansh Hundal	Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious STEM project
Arjun Desai	Fabulous STEM project
Anay Patel	Blaze-amazing English writing
Amara Singh	Flabberghasting English work
Monary Michael	Supertastically-amazing writing
Daniel Hardwicke	Amazingly good art work!
Zaara Makda	"Art-tastic" painting
Jasmine Mehta	Constant, unwavering kindness
Avraaj Singh	'Fandabidosy" writing
Joshua Townsend	Brilliant independent writing

Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children

- Luca J has passed his level 8 in gymnastics
- Iris H has passed her Ballet beige level, Acrobatic orange level and her Tap-dancing red level
- Astrid C won a Browne Bronze Award for music and a Theme Award for adventuring.
- Rohan B has been awarded a Blue Peter Book Club badge.
- Veehan G has completed his stage 4 swimming level and his 20 meters distance badge.
- Jasveen J has passed level 2 in gymnastics
- Eleanor T has passed level 2 in gymnastics and has passed her Gentoo level in swimming
- Sofia P has passed her level 7 gymnastics stage
- Siya M took part in 4 dance performances during half term in ballet, tap and modern. Over 200 people were able to see her perform.
- Arav R has been awarded his Red Belt grading in Mixed Martial Arts
- Arush G has passed Stage 3 swimming stage
- Lillian B has passed level 1 in gymnastics
- Holly A has completed the Winter Reading Challenge and received her bookmark from the library, reading 20 books.
- Shreya G has passed her Bronze I Level in Athletics
- Jaikara A has completed 2 Rainbows badges and received a certificate from the 1st Cosby Rainbows
- Shreya G has passed her Athletics Bronze I and Bronze II levels
- Siya M performed in her dance school – 'Dance the Night Away' and danced until midnight!
- Clara B passed her level 7 in gymnastics
- Isla C has passed her level 7 in gymnastics





Pencil winners

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
	Annabelle Fulton	Aryan Sachdev	

Badge winners

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Ansh Hundal	Nihal Johal	Shreeya Bhalla	Florence Francis
Yuvraj Bagga	Rocco Gill	Siena Zarola	Vikram Sahdev
Medhi Hussain	Sami Sirur	Ananya Kakade	Momo Ismail
Maahi Obeja	Tinka Cheung	Harry Small	Farhaan Khokhar
Sonali Panchal	Leo Stewart	Aleyna Sadiq	Uma Verma
Anay Patel		Ailidh Beveridge	
Leela Prasad		Samarah Thomas	
		Holly Allen	
		Enzo Zarola	
		Trinay Than	
TOTAL 328	TOTAL 352	TOTAL 418	TOTAL 326



Local Food Banks

In assembly, this morning, I spoke to the children about doing an Easter Egg collection. Together with LGS, we will be collecting Easter Eggs for local food banks. If you feel you would like to donate an egg or something chocolatey, please send in your donation from Monday 4th March (last collection day will be Wednesday 20th March).

Your donations will go to local families at Easter. Thank you in advance for your kindness – it really can make a difference to others!

Mrs Hanley



Year 1 Dinosaur Experience Day

To launch our dinosaur topic we became paleontologists for the day. This is our day in the children's words:
"First we came into school and dressed up as paleontologists."
"Next Andy and some children told us a funny story."
"Then we uncovered fossils using brushes."
"Next we went on a dinosaur hunt and looked for clues and we found a bunch of dinosaur eggs."
"We received dinosaur eggs and put water in a cup."
"We waited for a long time, finally our dinosaur hatched out."





PE & Sport

Not sure where to start on all things sport this half of term. So proud of our pupils rocking these opportunities, read the reports see what's been going on! Thank you to Mr Wildsmith & Mrs Speed who led fantastic trips on the weekend. Over 50 pupils being exposed to elite sport at Loughborough and Leicester Tigers we really enjoyed ourselves.



On World Book day Thursday, please pack your child with Wellies! Year 3 - 6 will be on a nature walk to avoid any concerns of outfits & changing. Year 2 will have their swimming lesson as normal & reception can do a simplified PE lesson with Mr Kardas, no need to change!

Rising Sports Stars

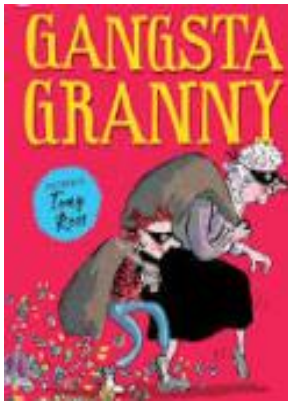
Freya Patel for her dazzling agility in her PE lesson and attentiveness in all activities

Rumaysa Munir for fantastic confidence, engagement and creative balancing ideas during gymnastic lessons.

Match Reports

28/02/24	U11 Boys Hockey -v- Ratcliffe Away	<p>U11 A and B teams went away to Ratcliffe to play hockey 7's. The A team played against Ratcliffe and Fairfield competing in an inter-hockey festival. Their first game was against Ratcliffe and resulted in a draw 1-1 - Jaimin scoring the goal. The last match was against Fairfield and we won 3-1 with Sam scoring 2 goals and Ethan Shaffu 1. After an amazing performance the team have qualified for the Regional Competition. Well done everyone for brilliant skills, tackling and shooting! The B team also played brilliantly too away with a 6-1 win well done Noah, Ahaan, Veer and Mikhail who scored the goals some excellent teamwork inside the D.</p> <p>Report by E. Shaffu</p>	<p>Players player went to Zaid and Coaches player went to Ethan Shaffu</p> <p>Players player of the B team went to Noah Michael because of his awesome hattrick, he was on fire! Well done to everyone that played it was a very fun afternoon.</p>
28/02/24	U10 Boys Hockey -v- Repton Home	<p>The U10 boys hosted Repton yesterday. The A team gave it their all and battled hard but unfortunately lost 5-2. The goal scorers were Manraj and Momo who shot some excellent goals, and players player was Lennon for some brilliant saves throughout the match. The B team were also playing yesterday and after tight and hard game came away with a 2-2 draw. Well done to Dylan who scored both the goals!</p>	<p>Players player went to Austin Basnayake who showed amazing stick skills and worked super hard.</p>

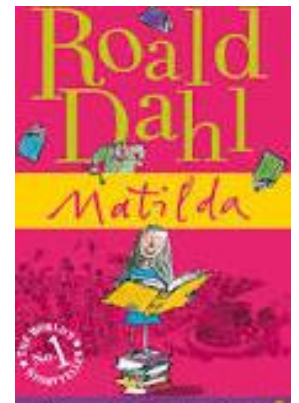
World Book Day



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.

We will also be serving World Book Day themed food



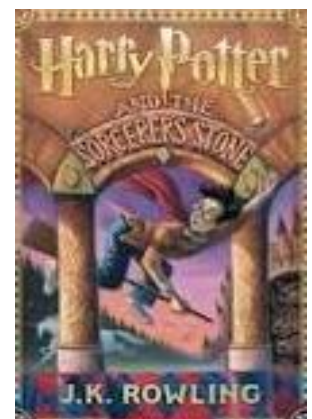
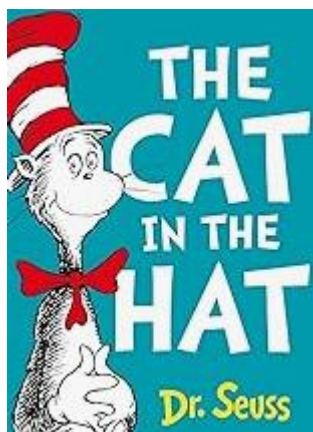
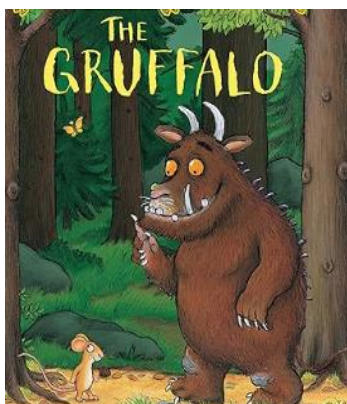
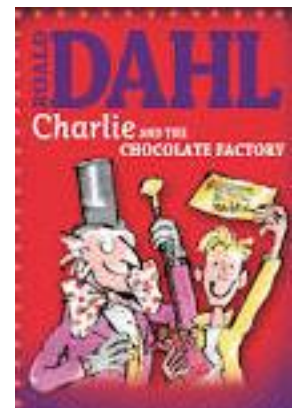
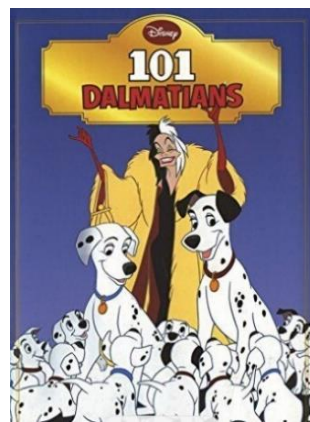
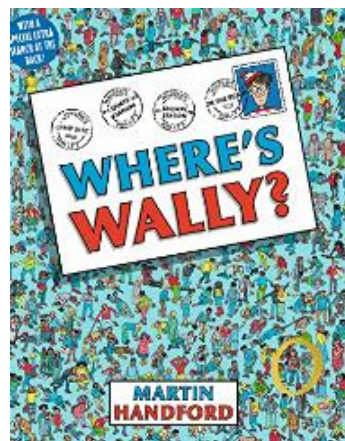
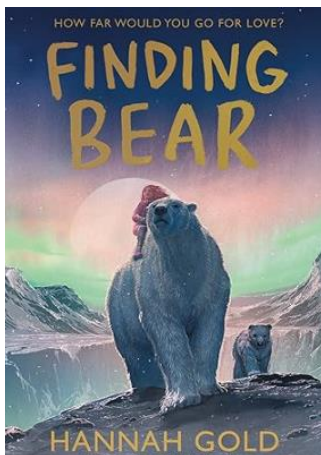
World Book Day- Marvelous Mains

Gruffalo Beef Bolognese, The Wonky Vegetable Bolognese, Wormy Spaghetti, Tomato and Basil Sauce, Supertato Potato

Gryffineor Garlic Bread, The Queens Beans, Gangsta Granny Green Peas and carrots

Scrumdiddlyumptious Desserts

Monster Cinnamon doughnuts, The Jelly had a wobble, The Hungry Caterpillars Fruit pile



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

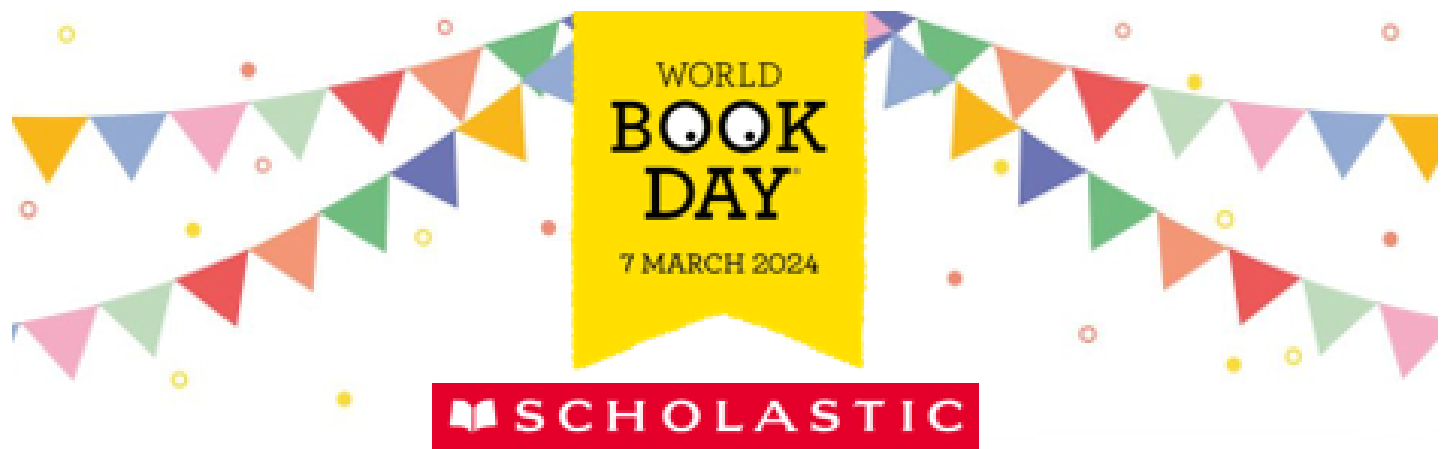
Prizes are awarded each year and are chosen by the President of the Royal Academy. You can also vote for your favourite artwork in their Annual People's Choice Award.

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





Dear Parents,

We are delighted to inform you that on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th 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.

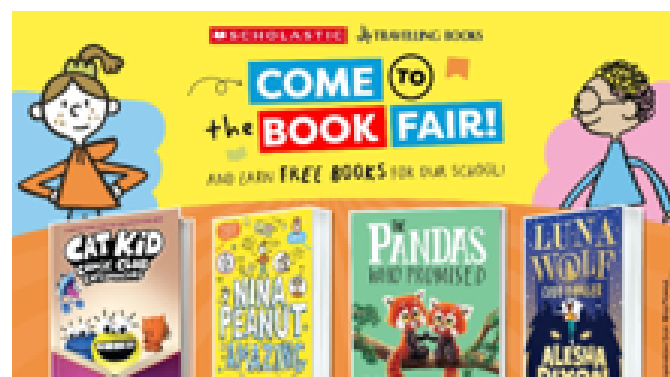
On Monday 4th March, all children from ~~Kinders~~ to Year 6 will be issued with a £1 World Book Day token. As the Book Fair will be held during World Book Day week, Scholastic are allowing the children to use their tokens in exchange for £1 off the value of any book that they purchase (this will exclude 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 4th, Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th 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





Uniform Sale – Change of date!

21st March 2024 2.00pm – 4.00pm in the Learning Zone

Please can all uniform donations be left at reception to find their new home.

Easter Egg Hunt

