



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

15th March 2024

Dear parents,

The children have been full of happiness today, sporting their odd shoes in aid of Comic Relief. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause and, as ever, for supporting your youngsters in embracing the day. The children really do seem to understand the idea of charity and have a deep sense of appreciation for their own childhood experiences. There is a constant flow of visitors to my door - children with ideas to raise money for those experiencing difficulty or less fortunate than themselves. We have every reason to feel proud of our youngsters.

It was super to see so many of you at the Book Look this afternoon. I know that not every parent is able to make the events we host, but we hope that, overall, the arrangements work out favourably for you. With this in mind, we are looking at how we might improve this event in terms of how and when we offer the opportunity to come in to share your child's learning experiences. So, if you have any feedback then please do get in touch. We have some ideas but appreciate that 'the more minds the merrier' and look forward to hearing from you.

Next week leads us up to the Easter break and, unbelievably, brings about the final furlong of Summer Term. Shorts and Summer dresses are on the cards, so let's hope that a late 'cold snap' is not!

Communication will be sent out soon regarding Summer Camp and, as usual, places are limited so if you are wishing to enrol your children in the holiday activities, please be sure to let us know and reserve a place.

4C kept us awake with their super assembly about 'sleep' - did you know that today is National Sleep Day? I hope this means that you are able to enjoy a gentle and restorative weekend!

Have a super weekend.

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

Sophia Ashworth Jones
Headmistress

Weekly Communications Round Up - Events & Reminders

	Monday 18 th	Tuesday 19 th	Wednesday 20 ^h	Thursday 21 st	Friday 22 nd
All years	Parents' Evening 3.00-8.00pm	Parents' Evening 3.00-6.00pm		LGJS Friends Uniform Sale 2pm-4pm learning zone	Last Day of Term (Full Day)
Reception					Rec H & Rec T Forest School AM Rec O & Rec W Forest School PM
Year 1					
Year 2				Class Swimming	
Year 3				LGJS Year 3 – 6 Easter Service St Cuthbert's Church 10am – 11.30am	
Year 4	Class Swimming			LGJS Year 3 – 6 Easter Service St Cuthbert's Church 10am – 11.30am U9A Girls Netball -v- Ratcliffe - Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6670422&SID=18 U9B Girls Netball -Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6983842&SID=18	
Year 5			U11A Mixed primary schools swimming gala - Home https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6969991&SID=29	LGJS Year 3 – 6 Easter Service St Cuthbert's Church 10am – 11.30am	

Year 6			U11A Boys Hockey – In2 Hockey Midlands Finals Away - Rugby School https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6967678&SID=81	LGJS Year 3 – 6 Easter Service St Cuthbert's Church 10am – 11.30am	Class Swimming
Year 6 Cont'd			U11A Girls Netball Hockey -v- Ratcliffe College -Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6670400&SID=18 U11B Girls Netball Hockey -v- Ratcliffe College -Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6670402&SID=18 U11C Girls Netball Hockey -v- Ratcliffe College -Away https://sports.leicestergrammar.org.uk/pu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6981571&SID=18		U11A Boys Rugby 7's @ Rosslyn Park National School festival

Key Dates and forthcoming events for Lent term

Tuesday 9 th April	First Day of Trinity Term – Pupils return to school
Tuesday 9 th April	Forest School 3CH
Thursday 19 th April	E.S.S.A Regional Primary Relay Championships – Away Repton TBC
Future Events	
Monday 17 th June 2024	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 1.30pm -3.00pm parents invited
Friday 21 st June	Triathlon Year 5 & 6 time to be confirmed 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://lgs-junior.org.uk)

Parents' Evening

Aftercare bookings: Please email junioroffice@leicestergrammar.org.uk should you wish to book your kinders/reception/year1 or year 2 child into aftercare on these days, whilst you are meeting with your child's teachers. If you would like to order a sandwich please do so when booking.

Homework Club – Years 3-6 Should you wish your child to attend Homework Club, available from 3.30pm-6.00pm, please ask your child to register for this with their class teacher during morning registration. Children can order a sandwich at this point.

Co-Curricular Clubs

Co-curricular clubs are being launched for the Trinity Term on **Tuesday 19th March at 7.00pm**. The booking system is on a first come first served basis and can be booked through My School Portal. Please see the attached Booking Guidance together with the schedule of Club. The booking system will stay open until Monday 8th April at 5.00pm

Please note that some clubs fill up quickly. you are only able to sign up for 1 club per day per child and externally run clubs will be taking their own bookings. If a club is not visible to you i.e. you are unable to book your child a space, this would indicate that the club has already been booked to the maximum number. Please check your child's place by logging into MSP – guidance sheet attached to the Newsletter.

Local Food Banks – Appeal



Last week's assembly, 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 donations until 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



Headteacher Awards:

Nihaal Rayt	"Fandabidosy" phonics blending
Bella Verma	Spectacular writing
Umar Kasak	"Crackertastic" writing!
Samir Kulkarni	Excellent vocabulary
Jake Downes	Excellent handwriting
Kira Mody	Independence and creativity
Bella Bhandari	Confident story writing
Rhea Thakor	Beautiful vocabulary
Isla Vorley	Amazing independent writing
Abubakr Kasak	Exquisite atmospheric imagery
Iris Harding	Fantastic independent writing
Austen Basnayake	"Bombastic" fantastic illustrations
Zanirah Imran	"Zamazing" creative writing
Ranulph Kangurs	Interesting atmospheric imagery
Uma Verma	Fantastic art work
Anand Kaur	Superb effort in reading

Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children

- Kayanna S has passed her level 2 in gymnastics and received her medal
- Aarav P has been awarded his Green Belt for Mixed Martial Arts
- Daniel H competed in the MHRC rugby festival and won a medal
- Albert G competed in the MHRC rugby festival and won a medal
- Khalid Y has passed his Silver level in gymnastics
- Sansa D has completed level A of the Kumon Maths programme
- Arjun G has passed his Bronze and Silver level in gymnastics
- Sansar D has passed his Silver level in gymnastics
- Bella V has passed her Silver level in gymnastics
- Ayyah Khas passed her Silver level in gymnastics
- Joshua T has passed Bronze I in Mathletics
- Sia P has passed Bronze III in Mathletics
- Aida O has passed her level 1 in gymnastics and received a medal and trophy
- Janhvi P has passed her level 1 in swimming





Pencil winners

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
		Niko Papapostoulou	Bella Bhandari
			Rhea Thakor
			Eashan Karir
			Jayen Bhandari

Badge winners

St. Andrew's	St. Cuthbert's	St. Giles	St. Mary's
Lux Prasad-Somani	Mikhail Tyukin	Iyla Mistry	Pia Patel
Danyal Greenyer	Jake Downes	Hannah Hawkins	Rose Vorley
Oscar Wright	Gia Toser	Boni Budhdeo-Sherwin	Amelie Armitage
Kirily Dubois	Maqsooda Arif	Sophia-Jasmine Ashraf	Robin Young
Samraaj Sahota	Zac Haycock-Huss		Ethan Shaffu
	Hakan Shaban		
	Priyal Doshi		
	Kayaan Shah		
TOTAL 435	TOTAL 465	TOTAL 577	TOTAL 457

KS2 House Music Audience Preparation

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, the KS2 children have spent one afternoon getting crafty; making accessories to wear to support their houses in The House Music competition next week! Bursting with creativity and sellotape the children loved creating an accessory or five to wear! The audience will now be a sea of red, blue, yellow and green whilst they listen to their fabulous house musicians.

Thank you to all the children and staff for your creative efforts! Miss Hart



PE & Sport

Another cracking week of sport at LGJS. The U11s have on remaining fixture but again showed incredible promise away at tournaments. We're still fully packed right up until the final day of term including:

- U11 IN2 Hockey Midlands finals
- U11 Rosslyn Park Rugby festival
- U9s hosting Ratcliffe in hockey & netball

A special mention goes to Mrs Speed for the fantastic Cross-Country event we hosted on Friday. Great weather and a true spectacle for school. Long may this third instalment continue annually.



Rising Sports Stars

- Nico (year 1) for his superb work in multi skills!
- Robin (year 4) for his impressive and consistent diving technique in swimming.
- Aiden (year 1) for superb interpretation in a dinosaur dance themed lesson.

PE Department

Match Reports

4/03/24	Cross-Country annual meet-home U11 & U9	<p>Last Friday, LGJS hosted their annual cross-country meeting, with 6 visiting schools (The Elms, Spratton Hall, Stamford, Stoneysgate, Warwick Junior Boys and Warwick Prep Girls). The afternoon started with an U13 race, followed by the U9 and U11 races. The courses ran over our beautiful school grounds, which were particularly muddy after a very wet February. Some children managed to lose their shoes on the course!</p> <p>LGJS competed against some very strong teams, with Spratton Hall taking the overall winning school title for the third year running.</p> 	<p>U9 girls finished 4th Team - Sienna P (11th), Tilly (12th), Amaya (17th), Kira (18th), Freya C(23rd)</p> <p>U9 boys finished 5th Team - Enzo (6th), Niko (16th), Benny (23rd), Arushan (27th), Oscar (28th), Subaig (30th)</p> <p>U11 girls finished 5th Team - Kirrily (1st), Eki (23rd), Aditi (24th), Annabelle (25th), Monary (28th)</p> <p>U11 boys finished 5th Team - Jaimin (16th), Noah (20th), Lennon (21st), Zane (22nd), Mikey (24th), Ethan (28th)</p>
06/03/24	Netball U11-v-Fairfield Prep. Away	<p>All of year 6 went to Fairfield prep school, the girls competed in a 7 a-side netball tournament which was a great afternoon even with the high winds! The A team played matches, beating Fairfield 6-0 and Denstone 7-1, and unfortunately losing against Witham and Spratton Hall. The girl showed some excellent displays of shooting and players player went to Connie Kyle for her awesome attack and feistiness on the court! Mrs</p>	<p>A team Players Player – Connie</p> <p>B team Players Players – Priya and Shreeya</p> <p>C team Players Player – Millie, Alena and Hannah</p>

06/03/24	Netball U11-v-Fairfield Prep. Away cont'd.	Button was super proud because the girls played the best she's ever seen. The B team also played 4 games, all of which were really close. The girls battled hard for the ball and moved through the court brilliantly and players player went to Priyal and Shreeya who both got into space away from their defender fantastically. The C team played 3 games, beating Fairfield 5-3 and Amherst 3-0. The players players of the afternoon were Millie, Aleyna and Hannah and coaches player was Maryam for her determined defending and well-timed interceptions. Well done to all the year 6 girls who played some superb netball!	Coaches Player – Maryam
06/03/24	Football U11 -v- Fairfield Prep. Away	The boys played football, which everyone was extremely excited about! The A team beat Spratton 1-0 and Fairfield 2-0 with Zach scoring 2 and Samraaj scoring 1. The other two games were draws against The Beacon 0-0 and Twycross 1-1 with Zaid getting the goal. All the boys played exceptionally with Deen receiving coaches player for his incredible defence and Zach for his amazing attack. The B team played two games drawing against Fairfield with 4 goals, players player went to Ahaan who was on fire scoring an amazing hat-trick. The C team played 3 games, all that were really close against Spratton, Stonegate and Fairfield. The boys played with great enthusiasm and players player went to Theo Millward for his willingness and improvements in defence. Well done to all the boys who played some fantastic football!	A team Coaches Player – Deen & Zach B team Players Player Ahaan C Team Players Players Theo Millward

Author visit

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Hannah Gold bookmark competition. Hannah loved looking at each and every one of them and, after much deliberation, picked some winning entries.

Daisy Morris was chosen as the Year 5/6 winner and Liliana Sattar was chosen as the Year 3/ 4 winner and both are now the proud owners of their own cuddly polar bear!

Also 'highly commended' by Hannah Gold were Garv Goyal, Sami Sirur, Niko Papapostolou, Zhanvi Rayarel, Meera Odedra, Amelie Armitage, Priyal Doshi and Amara Singh. Well done!

Thanks to all the contributions made by the children we have raised enough money to sponsor a school polar bear for a year. More 'roarsome' details to follow.



Art

Royal Academy of Arts - Young Artists' Summer Show **Reminder**

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

Deadline for submissions: 27/3/24 – 5.00pm



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



Our LGJS entries so far-



Shades of a Lion
Aran Chandarana

Status: submitted



Spring Blossom
Riya Chandarana

Status: submitted



Finding a way to save Earth
Rian Patel

Status: submitted



Kingfisher
Chloe Colombo

Status: submitted



A Summer's Day
Hanna Mann

Status: submitted



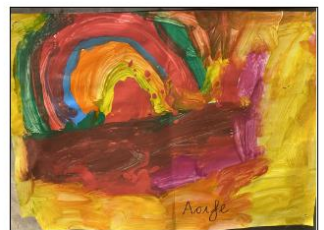
This is ME
Vihaan Gupta

Status: submitted



Sunset
Aarush Gupta

Status: submitted



The rainbow pearl
Aoife McCloskey

Status: submitted



A sunset imagined
Eki Iyasere

Status: submitted



Jupiter's beauty spot
Leonore Rathore

Status: submitted



Magic Alphabet Tree
Rumaysa Munir

Status: submitted

There is still time for you to enter the competition. **Deadline for submissions is 5pm on 27th March 2024**



Uniform Sale Update.

Stock up for Summer!

A friendly reminder to all parents that the final uniform sale before summer is taking place on Thursday 21st March, from 2-4pm in the learning zone on the grass!

Out with the old...in with the new! As usual, donations of well-kept, clean uniform from the uniform list would be welcomed and can be left at reception.

Easter Egg Hunt – This event is being run by the class teachers during the school day, all children will participate. Contributions of £1 can be handed to class teachers.



Please follow the link should you wish to find out more or book your child onto the Lemon Jelly Easter Workshop

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WE NEED YOU!



Can you help? We are looking for volunteers to provide a STEM-related activity to engage young people on Saturday 15th June 2024.

We'd love to hear from you!

Email:

brightsparks@leicestergrammar.org.uk

Please click on the link below should you wish to sign your child up to Sport Camp (details below)

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SPORT CAMP

4-5 APRIL 2024

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FOR LGST PUPILS IN YEARS 3-8

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