



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

12th April 2024

Welcome back to the Summer Term! I have enjoyed hearing from your children about your busy breaks, with no mention of the torrential rain that has affected many of us and our plans. It is good to be reminded that the important things that matter to our young people include quality time, lies in and lazy breakfasts and seeing family and friends.

There are so many reasons why this is a favourite term amongst the staff and pupils. And yet, it is also a term that we approach with trepidation as there seems to be an endless list of activities and events to fit in to a few remaining weeks! Sports days, concerts, outings and prize-givings all need so much planning and organising to make them as special as possible for the children and you will see from our calendar that there is no such thing as an 'ordinary' day at LGJS.

It has been a delight to see the children at play without their winter attire, and soon you will be encouraged to send in sunhats to enable them to be outside enjoying the grounds each day.

Next week, the children will be taking part in the Friends 'Colour Run' - along with some of the teachers - thank you for supporting this event. I'll be doing my best to make it round the course too which will be a spectacle all of its own.

Do keep an eye on the calendar and look out for information sessions for parents for moving up year groups in September, it would be very useful to see you all there.

I am delighted to report that both Senior and Junior Schools have been awarded 'United Against Bullying SILVER School status' in recognition of our work to reduce any bullying and improve wellbeing for pupils. Of the 296 schools which chose to complete the programme this year, 11% achieved Gold, 24% Silver, and 55% Bronze. Many thanks to Mrs Ewington and Mrs Strong, as well as to the pupils and other staff who contributed to this. Towards the end of last term, we hosted Diana Award Anti-bullying training <https://diana-award.org.uk> for regional secondary and primary schools, and this included the training of our own groups of new volunteer ambassadors. We are all committed to creating a safe and caring community where we are kind to each other and will not tolerate bullying.

I hope that you are able to enjoy a peaceful weekend.

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 15 th April	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th
All years					
Kinders					
Reception					
Year 1				Colour Run	1 A Forest School AM
Year 2				Colour Run	2P Forest School PM
Year 3				Colour Run Athletics/Tennis cancelled	
Year 4				Colour Run Athletics/Tennis cancelled	
Year 5			Class Swimming	Colour Run Athletics/Tennis cancelled	
Year 6				Colour Run Athletics/Tennis cancelled	Class Swimming U11 E.S.S.A Regional Primary Relay Championships https://sports.leicestersgrammar.org.uk/ptu_MatchTeamSheet.asp?ID=164&FID=6877987&SID=29

Key Dates and forthcoming events for Trinity term

Monday 22 nd April	U11A,B & C Girls football -v- Brooke Priory
Tuesday 23 rd April	Reception T Class Assembly
Tuesday 23 rd April	Year 5 Residential Trip Meeting
Wednesday 24 th April	U10A,B & C Boys & Girls Cricket -v- Stamford
Thursday 25 th April	6LW Class Assembly
Tuesday 30 th April	3LH Forest School
Tuesday 30 th April	2JT Class Assembly
Tuesday 30 th April	Year 5 The Everdon Activity Centre trip Daventry
Wednesday 1 st May	Class photos
Wednesday 1 st May	U11A,B & C Boys and Girls Cricket -v- Fairfield Prep
Thursday 2 nd May	Parent workshop – e-safety

Thursday 2 nd May	4T Class Assembly
Thursday 2 nd May	U10A,B & C Boys & Girls Cricket -v- Stoneygate
Monday 6 th May	Early May Bank Holiday
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

Safety

Please can we remind parents to keep an eye on children as we enter athletics season. Children must not play in the long jump pit on the field.

Early Morning Club

As always, there is a high demand for our EYFS (Kinders and Receptions classes) early morning drop off (8am - 8.15am) provision. Places are limited to 16 and are allocated on a first come, first served basis and we kindly request that you only use the service when you need to make a rapid exit from the car park. We would also request that parents directly hand over their own child to the early morning supervisors and do not hand over the children of others alongside their own child.

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 \(lgs-junior.org.uk\)](https://lgs-junior.org.uk)
W/c 15th April will be week 2 menu

Headteacher Awards:



Riya Chandarana	Fantastic result in maths
Florence Cooper-Velthuisen	Crackertastic maths work
Aditya Dattani	Excellent maths investigation
Phoebe Lin	Crackertastic writing
George Lewis	Brilliant writing
Alex Cheung	Fantastic pirate story writing

Celebrating achievements and congratulations to the following children

- Shanyu R has passed Grade 7 Piano and Grade 2 Violin
- Aditya R has passed her Little Blue stage in swimming
- Jasmine M has passed Little Blue stage in swimming
- Samridhi S has achieved Bronze I in Athletics
- Hannah P has passed her Turtle stage in swimming
- Riya C has passed her Rockhopper stage in swimming
- Thea H won a skiing medal over Easter
- Yahya K won a trophy for tennis at the Leicestershire Tennis club
- Daniel H competed in the ' Ride Flanders' 74 km race in Belgium
- Arjun G has passed Macaroni stage in swimming
- Aishani S has passed her Emperor swimming stage
- Yuvraj B was awarded an outstanding swimmer award for his stage 8 to dive stage
- Jake D won a squash tournament at the Market Harborough Squash Club
- Thomas W has passed Turtles stage in swimming
- Muhammad-Hussain S has completed Bronze I Athletics
- Sia P has completed Bronze V Athletics
- Shreya G has passed Rockhopper stage in swimming
- Amelie A has passed Grade 4 Piano with merit
- Samir K has passed Grade 1 Piano
- May W has passed Grade 3 Violin
- Aran C has passed Grade 1 Violin
- Aran C has passed Grade 1 Piano
- Freya C has passed Grade 1 Violin
- Amar T has passed Grade 2 Violin



Indian Show **Dance Dhamaka** at De Montfort Hall on Saturday 16th March 2024 with Nupur Arts.



Liliana S, Sienna P, Margaret H, Rhea T, Hana R, Gia T, Radha D, and Kushi R



Dear Parent,

We have been approached by Next Thing Education Camps about the possibility of hosting their Tech and STEM themed camps at our school this May half term. The camp will combine learning with fun and include themes such as robotic building and programming, Minecraft, movie making, Lego engineering, virtual reality and much more - all with the aim of inspiring the next generation of technology enthusiasts and inventors! Here's a video of a snippet of some of the activities at the camp. <https://youtu.be/VWqFyudd9oU>.

To see if this is something that's feasible, Next Thing Education need an idea of how many children would be interested. We have been advised that the cost would be around £50 per day (9.00am to 4.00pm). Please could you click on the following link and complete the following 30 second survey to register your interest for this camp: <https://nextthing.typeform.com/to/FFtkzD9K> We will be in touch very soon to confirm it is going ahead.

Kind regards,

Next Thing Education Camps Ltd
www.nextthing.education

PE & Sport

Welcome back sports fans!!! We finished our final day of last term with Rosslyn Park 7s rugby. A truly great experience for our boys, leaving Mr Wildsmith and Mrs Speed buzzing from the day. We were so proud how they displayed themselves and held their own against strong 7s playing schools!



With the summer term in full flow, clubs and all we are hopeful to be outdoors for almost every lesson from Kinders to Year 6. Please make sure pupils are well dressed, we've currently seen this week missing WHITE SOCKS! Please pack them as they can then change into dry school socks.

Attached is this terms sport letter regarding sport

Next Thursday 18th April we host our annual mini marathon! 2.6m to run and with it the incredible colour run. Remember to pack a white shirt if pupils are running. ANY other colour means they will run but NOT part of the colour run side!

As always, any questions, please ask!

Rising Sports Stars

- Lily Trystram for her dazzling bowling in cricket
- Kush Patel finding his line and length when bowling indoors

PE Department



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!

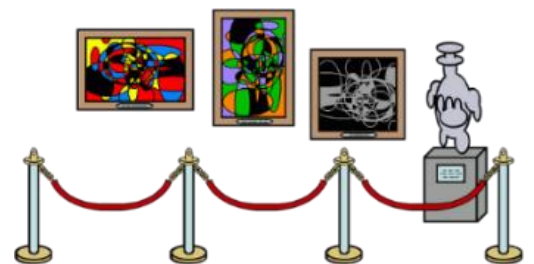
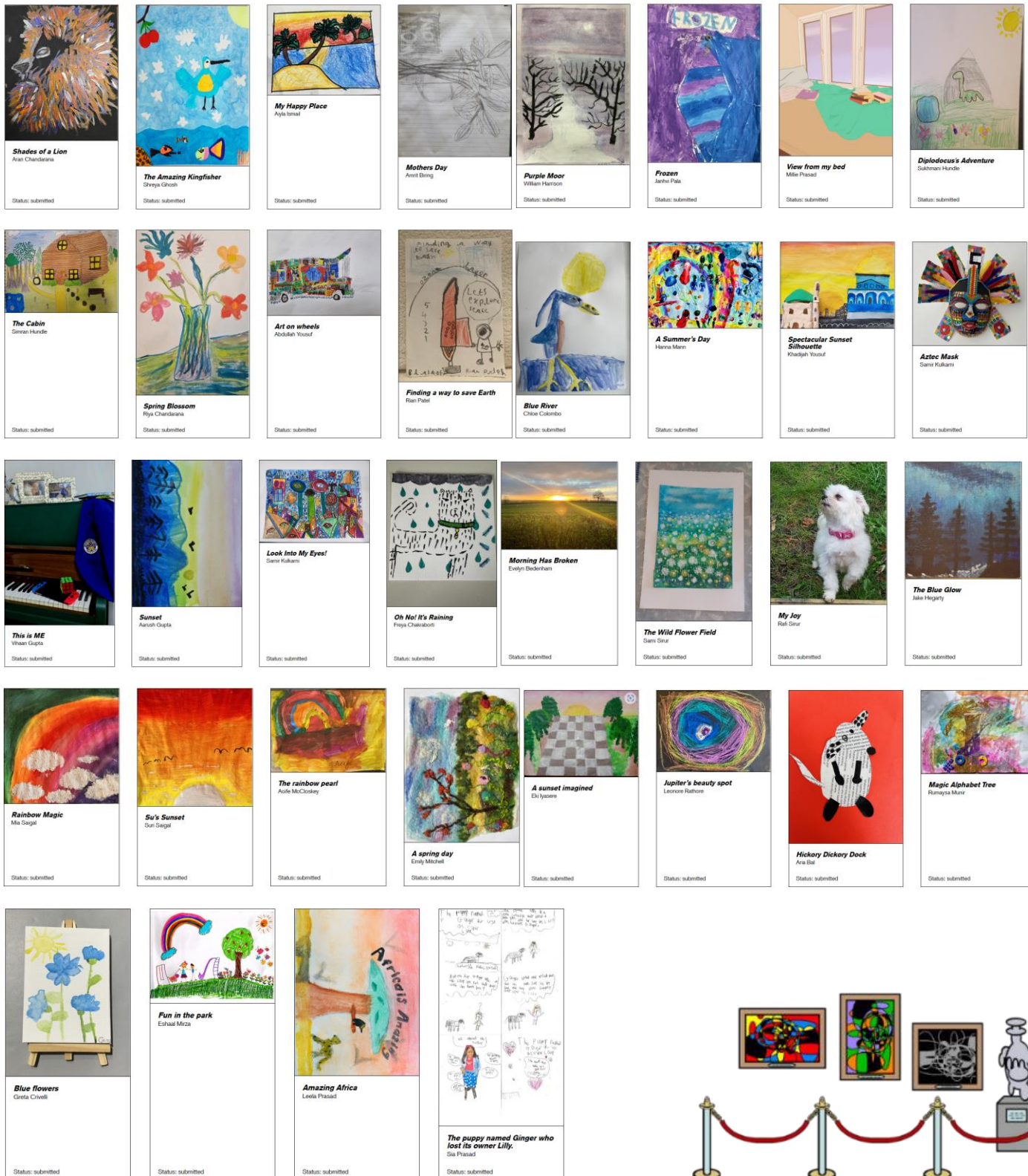
Email:

brightsparks@leicestergrammar.org.uk

Royal Academy of Arts - Young Artists' Summer Show

Submissions are now closed for the 2024 Royal Academy of Arts Summer Show. The judges will be looking at all the amazing pieces of artwork over the next 2 months and decisions will be made at the end of May. There is a wonderful selection of entries from across our school. A massive well done, to all the creative children who have chosen to take part in this year's competition.

Miss Hart
2024 LGJS entries





LGJS Friends

Upcoming Events:

Colour Fun Run - April 18th

MUGA Bake Sale - April 26th – (See below for details)

Eid Afternoon Tea - June 7th

Charity Colour Fun Run details below:



CHARITY Colour FUN RUN

**2.6 MILES WALK RUN
(MINI MARATHON)**

Sponsored by the Friends of LGJS.

The Colour Run encourages fun and individuality, whilst supporting fundraising for two charities linked to Year 3 and Year 5 pupils.

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL

Race Schedule:
Year 5 & 6: 9:00 am
Year 3 & 4: 11:00 am
Year 1 & 2: 1:45pm

Families are welcome to cheer on the children.

All pupils (years 1-6) will be provided with a sponsorship form from school.





BAKE SALE

26 APRIL 2024

2.30 - 4PM
JUNIOR SCHOOL ENTRANCE

Please help us by **bringing either a baked good or donating a baked treat***

Please drop all baked goods to the school office

*No NUTS. Ingredients list required thank you.

