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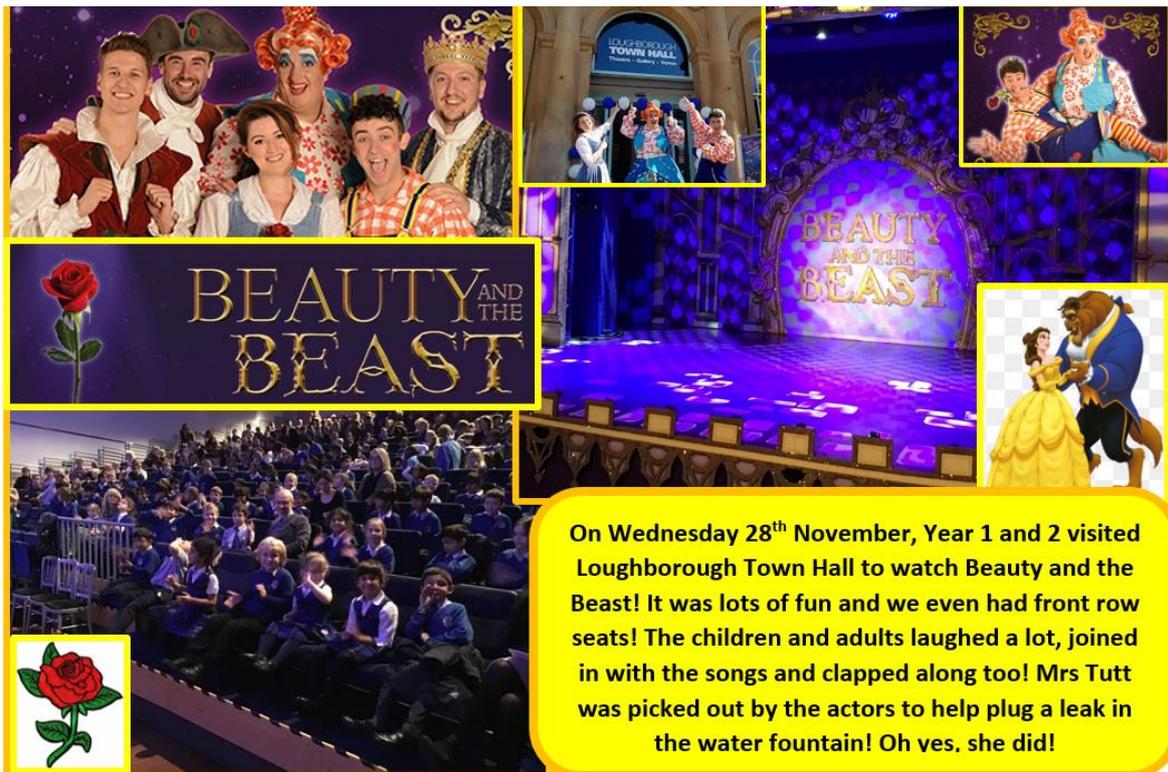
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Dear Parents,

The build up to Christmas is well and truly underway and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Nativity Plays next week. The week started with a wonderful afternoon of music with our House Music Competition. It was wonderful to see the children performing with such confidence in front of a large audience. Our trip to the pantomime with Years 1 and 2 was great fun ("Oh yes it was!") and we all enjoyed a lively performance of "Beauty and the Beast". The children behaved brilliantly. Thank you for all your contributions to the Christmas Fayre, please do continue to bring anything in over the next week and it promises to be a very entertaining day.



On Wednesday 28th November, Year 1 and 2 visited Loughborough Town Hall to watch Beauty and the Beast! It was lots of fun and we even had front row seats! The children and adults laughed a lot, joined in with the songs and clapped along too! Mrs Tutt was picked out by the actors to help plug a leak in the water fountain! Oh yes, she did!

ECO Council - Advent Review

It's nearly the end of the term already and Eco Council have had a busy time. They were elected as Reps at the beginning of September and have been involved in regular meetings.

Their first task was to encourage everyone to invest in having a re-usable plastic bottle and to become more aware of the recycling bins around school.



Their next job was to interview Mr Ryan, Grounds Team, and Mrs Gough, Catering, to find out about how they are working to make School environmentally friendly.

After this, their focus has been on litter. There is now a timetable where each class takes turns to be in charge of litter picking, to ensure the playground is tidy.



Their final initiative, for this term, was introduced in Thursday's Assembly. They are now looking at how to save energy in the classroom.

Each class will have two energy monitors and a poster with energy saving tips.

Eco Council would like to thank everyone for helping to make our school environmentally friendly.



Freddie, Etienne, Umar, Aurelia, Narayan, Daisy, Zahra and Joseph.

Charity Christmas Tree Display



LGJS Friends' have kindly given every class a Christmas tree to decorate for our first Charity Christmas Tree Display. The trees will be displayed along the corridor by Year 2 and as you go towards the refectory.

There is a donation box and we would like the children to bring in any loose change to go towards our school charity the Air Ambulance.

We hope everyone enjoys the display - Christmas has certainly arrived.

House Music Competition

On Monday 26th November some pupils took part in the annual House Music Competition. Each house selected four or five of the best musicians in their house. Each house also organised their own choir. St. Mary's won the choir competition, they sang 'A Whole New World'. Jack Strong won the solo competition playing 'Dancing Queen' on his trumpet. A lot of pupils played from memory, which is a big challenge. All pupils who took part played and sang very well. We had an array of instruments including Baritone, Tabla, Trombone and Drums. Well done to all who took part.

Year 3 Bottle Top Appeal.

Year 3 are doing a project next term and are looking for bottle tops. These can be any size, shape, colour, metal or plastic. We will be collecting them until February, so if we could ask parents to start collecting them for us please. You can send them in anytime. Thousands are required so you can see why we need as much help as possible!

Year 3 Teachers

Pupils Starting in September 2019

Just a reminder if you have a child looking for entry to LGJS in September 2019 that we are processing applications in order to send out invitations for assessment in early February. These invitations will be sent out in December so applications need to be with us by Monday 3rd December. If you would like to apply or know anyone who is keen to apply, please do send the applications in as soon as possible.

Early Morning Care for Foundation Stage & Early Morning Drop Off

Please can I remind all parents that this does not begin until 8.00am in the Library. Even though staff may be in school before this time, they have preparations to carry out and care of the children cannot begin until 8.00 am. For safety reasons, parents need to hand over their child to the adults on duty and not just be left in the room.

Children cannot be left in the playground unattended before 8.00 am as there is no member of teacher on duty until this time.

Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

Date for Your Dairy:

As in previous years we will be supporting the Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 14th December**. So get those Christmas Jumpers ready!



Sports News:

Friday Year 2 Tennis

Due to LGS reaching the National Finals, the extra session on Friday 7th Dec is now also cancelled.

Luke will be contacting you to arrange a refund for this session as we are unable to find another slot.

Lent Term Sports Clubs

The internal club letters will be sent out on Monday, please can we ask that you return your club choice by the end of next week and make a note of what your child will be doing in preparation for the new term.

Please note that the Year 1 **Gym** and **tennis** clubs are now full.

We still have spaces on the Yr 3&4 and Yr5&6 **Cheerleading** club. Letters can be collected from the sports box outside the artroom.

Pre season camps

We are pleased to announce that the school will be running a Football and Netball camp for children in Years 5 and 6. These camps will take place on Monday January 7th 1.30-3.30pm.

Please return your slip asap to secure you place on the camp.

Morning Mile

Please can we remind all runners to bring a bag to put their trainers in after they have run. The ground is getting very wet and muddy now! Please also ensure you have a water bottle to re-hydrate after you have run.

MT13 Hockey Camps

MT13 Hockey Camps are now taking bookings for the Christmas Holidays. These camps are for all pupils (boys or girls) wishing to play more hockey over the holidays, learn new skills and make new friends.

Ratcliffe College

17th - 18th December 2018

2 Day Camp

10am - 4pm

University of Nottingham

20th - 21st December 2018

2 Day Camp

10am - 4pm

Oakham School

3rd - 4th January 2019

2 Day Camp

10am - 4pm

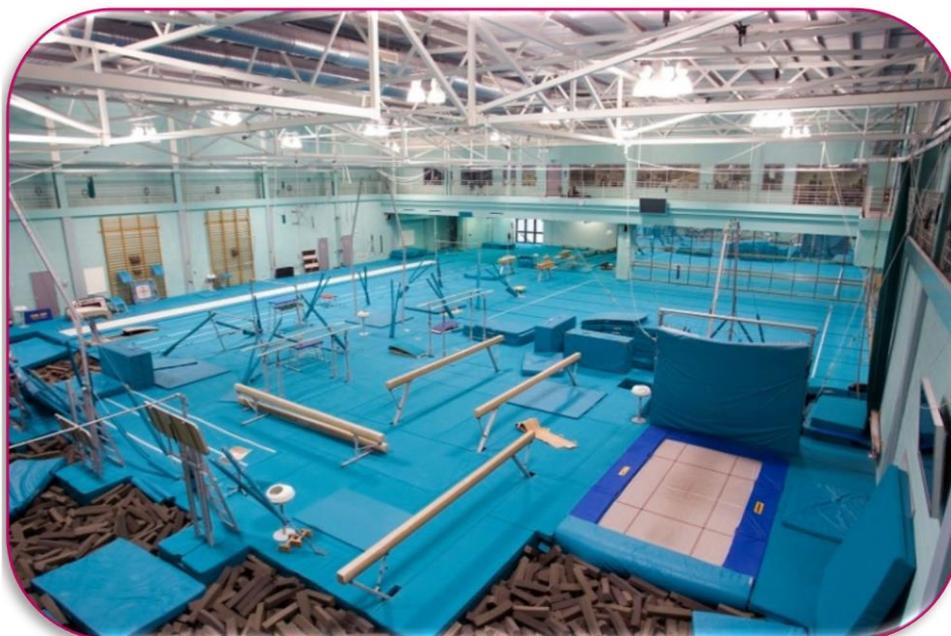
For more information and to book visit www.mt13.co.uk

Come Join Me For An Extra Gymnastics Training Session

Where: Loughborough University Gymnastics centre

Date: Saturday December 8th

Time: 14:00 – 15:30



- **A chance to have gymnastics fun in a purpose built facility**
- **Perform more challenging skills across several apparatus**
- **Develop your self-confidence and body awareness.**

**Places are limited to ONLY 40 so act fast to book your child their space.
The chance to bring a friend/family member for those early responders.**

Email rob@360GymnasticsUK.net to reserve a space. Only £10 per child payable upon arrival.

See you there!

LGJS Friends Second Hand Uniform Shop:

As the weather becomes cooler, please consider clearing out those wardrobes and donating unwanted uniform to the LGJS Second hand uniform shop. All proceeds made from sales are used by the LGJS Friends to fund events and purchase equipment for the school. Recent examples include the purchase of the Infant and Junior School playground equipment and racing bikes for older children.

Donations of all Leicester Grammar uniform will be accepted. Also any sports items eg, Rugby boots, sports shoes etc if they are in good condition. If you have any other general items such as School bags, Recorders, recorder books or any music books that your children are no longer using, we will be happy to sell them in the second hand Shop. Please leave any donations at the Junior School Reception desk.

Please note: we do not have card facilities so please bring cash or cheque made payable to LGJS Friends

Thank you

Christmas Fayre

Friends are hoping to have a second hand book stall at the Christmas Fayre and are looking for donations of books, preferably books suitable for adults. If you have any books you might like to part with, if you could drop them into the school reception

Lost Property

Mya Kaur Nijjar (3W) is missing her named Hockey socks

Sam Pointon (3T) is missing his named Rugby training top and also his swimming shorts.

Arnav Rai is missing (6E) 2 school jumpers, one named and the other one is a size 34

Other Achievements:

Congratulations to Aaron Karir who achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for level 4.

Congratulations to Ronak Ohri who was player of the week at Leicester Lions.

Congratualtions to Lucy Gates who was awarded a trophy for 3rd place in her swimming competition.

Well done to all.

Headteacher Awards:

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved a Headteacher Award this week:



Maqsooda Arif	1H	Super work in poetry detecting rhyming words
Ethan Shaffu	1H	Writing and performing his poem so well
Shreeya Bhalla	1H	A really detailed piece of writing
Amelie Armitage	1H	Very detailed note taking in RE
Caelan Beveridge	2B	Excellent ideas in his writing
Freya Ives	2B	Lovely neat handwriting
Muhammad Moosaa Kolia	2B	Excellent effort with presentation
Temí Idowu	3T	A massive improvement in effort and accuracy in maths
Iahani Bhavsar	3W	A lovely descriptive piece of writing
Nico Sherwin	3D	Lovely description, even using similes
Lexi Jones	3T	Using super sentence starters in her writing
Hana Patel	3T	Adding great feeling to her writing to bring it to life
Anya Kotecha	3T	Using great descriptive phrases
Laurence Dunford	3T	Great descriptive writing
Catherine Lv	3T	Excellent descriptive writing
Francesca Fitzpatrick	3D	Great vocabulary choices in writing
Yasmina Sabur	3D	Great vocabulary choices in writing
Noah Byrd	3D	Great vocabulary choices in writing
Ellis Weiner	3D	Great vocabulary choices in writing
Billy Trapp	3D	Super expressive writing
Mahi Rathore	4C	Effort and detail in RE
Lydia Haycock Huss	4M	A lovely piece of writing on her message in a bottle
Aryan Pala	5A	A very good news report on Pompeii

Muhammad Salleh	5A	Showing excellent opinions and understanding on child labour
Jasraj Dhani	6F	Great work on mountain equipment
Eleanor Wale	6F	Great work on mountain equipment
Georgia Mephram	6F	Being an excellent Year 6 helper to Kinders
Lucy Free	6D	A great diary extract
Oscar Hills	6D	A great diary extract
Arnav Rai	6E	Great work on mountaineering equipment
Siyana Kotecha	6E	Great work on mountaineering equipment
Jack Strong	6F	A thoughtful and inclusive design for a place of worship

House Points:

St. Cuthbert's	St. Mary's	St. Andrew's	St. Giles
**Freya Ives	**Philippa Linter	**Mia Sohal	*Anant Kapoor
**Megan Phull	*Arvind Kulkarni	*Safa Rizvi	*Anthony Wood
**Edward Livermore	*Henry Byrd	*Charlotte Grey	*Anveer Flora
**Gina Kumar	*Zorawar Singh	*Adam Makda	*Yasmin Ezzat
*Siyaam Karim	*Eshay Chauhan	*Arav Sharma	*Ronak Rajashekar
*Sathya Gadhia	*Daniel Weston	*Jasmine Faust	*Amber Roberts
*Kiyan Raja	*Aurelia Pearl	*Robin Panne	*Temi Idowu
*Philip Uhegwu	Neel Choudhary	*Shivani Patel	*Isaac Mohan
*Emily Firth	Nevaeh Sachdev	Jasraj Dhani	*Amalia Purohit
*Edith Thrift-Hiley	Aisha Master	Amit Patel	Jonny Sobek
*Lottie Burton	Pol Macip	Luke Kolka	Eleanor Wale
*Jack Strong	William Hetherington	Max Greaves	Nishta Jadhav
*Georgia Mephram	Eesa Sattar	Priyana Chauhan	Theodore Mhundwa
*Jace Jones	Amelia Jones Fenleigh	James Fillingham	Araminta Mather
*Nidhi Kulkarni	Amelie Herring		
Maariyah Karim	Rian Sachdev		
Srinidhi Ram			
Emilio Tzirki			
Eva Orton			
St. Cuthbert's 1255	St. Mary's: 1107	St. Andrew's: 1208	St. Giles: 1186

Dates for Your Diary:

Monday 3rd December: Early Years Christmas Open Morning for prospective parents (9.30am-12.00pm)

Tuesday 4th December: Year 5 'Victorians' trip to Beaumanor Hall (all day)
Form 1LH at Forest School (am)
Form 1T at Forest School (pm)

Wednesday 5th December: Foundation Stage Nativity (9.30am)
Swimming Gala v Brooke Priory (home 2.30pm)

Thursday 6th December: Key Stage 1 Nativity (2.00pm)

Friday 7th December: Key Stage 1 Nativity (9.00am)

Saturday 8th December: Friend's Christmas Fayre (2.00pm-4.00pm)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Caroline Rigby,
Headteacher