



# LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Christmas Holiday and Happy New Year. I do hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends. We are now happy to be back in our routine at school and the children are already immersing themselves into their learning for this term. It was great to see so many of you at the Mental Health awareness meeting for parents on Tuesday. I would like to draw your attention to two websites which were mentioned at the meeting and provide a lot of resources and information:

[www.cwmt.org.uk](http://www.cwmt.org.uk) and [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

You should have received the Lent Term Card this week which details forthcoming events throughout the term. If anyone has not yet received one, please do come and ask at the LGJS office. All clubs will start again next week.

A huge thank you for your donations for Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children Fund. We were delighted to pass on £305.50 to the charity. We also have a representative from the charity coming to speak to the children about how that money helps to make a difference.

## Spaceship Crash



When we arrived at school after the holiday there was a terrible mess on the floor outside the library! Year 1 were sent out to investigate it and they worked out that it was a spaceship that had crashed in the early hours of the morning. We also think an alien might still be running around the grounds somewhere!

We took some samples of the crash and investigated them in the science lab. We also made posters to warn everyone about the alien who may be on the loose. If anyone sees anything suspicious please let Year 1 know.

## Year 2 Meet the Beasts



Year 2 have had a fantastic time at 'Meet the beast' this morning. They learnt so many fun facts about beasts and mini beasts and those brave enough became very friendly with some of the marvellous creatures on display, including Morris the Millipede, Barney the Bird Eating tarantula and Baby Crusher the Python! Thank you to Meet A Creature for the fascinating insights!



## Year 3 Bottle Top Appeal

Year 3 are doing a project this 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



PROSPECTIVE PARENTS ARE INVITED TO  
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# In House OPEN MORNING

TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY  
9.15-11.15 AM

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## **Sports News:**

### **Basketball**

Due to large numbers for Basketball this term, we have decided to create 2 groups. **Year 3** will do it this half term starting next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. and **Year 4** will do it after half term break.

### **Water Activities**

There will be no water activities on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. as we don't have a lifeguard to cover it. Swim lessons will go ahead as normal.

## **Big Bang Fair**

Do you work within a Scientific or STEM field? Do you know of someone else who does? We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to host an exhibit at the LGS Big Bang Science Fair in 2019. This BigBang@School Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths Fair is being held on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019**, for pupils from the Leicester Grammar School Trust, all local primary and secondary schools, and members of the public. This event is supported by the National Big Bang Fair scheme:

<https://nearme.thebigbangfair.co.uk/About/>

This is the fourth time we have held a Big Bang Fair; in 2017 we received over **3000 visitors** through the day, and were supported by a fantastic range of around **60 exhibitors** from Universities, businesses and STEM organisations. These brilliant volunteers hosted interactive stands, ran hands-on workshops, delivered talks or demonstrations and generally enthused young people about the possibilities within Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The feedback we received from the public was so positive that we decided to run the fourth event again in 2019.

In order for this event to be a similar success we really need a wide range of volunteers from **all** sectors. If you, or someone you know might be interested in volunteering, we would be really grateful if you could contact us on [bigbang@leicestergrammar.org.uk](mailto:bigbang@leicestergrammar.org.uk). We would love to have your support.

Dr Kathryn Fulton and the BigBang@LGS Team

## **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

**Other Achievements:**



In the Leicester Mercury over the Christmas holiday, we were very pleased to hear about Aneya Chauhan in Year 6 who spends her time after school and on weekends travelling around the city giving out soup and hot drinks to Leicester's homeless. Aneya has been giving out meals to the homeless with her parents since the middle of November. Aneya came up with this idea herself and asked her parents to help. She now wants to expand her

army of helpers from just her family. She loves helping people and her family are very proud of what she is doing. Well done Aneya, keep up the good work.

Congratulations to Teddy Ellis Smith who was awarded his Deacon Martial Arts Yellow Belt and he also was awarded his 25 meter swimming badge.

Congratulations to Jnay Pau who was awarded his Deacon Martial Arts Brown Belt.

Congratulations to Ella Surtees who received the Gentoo Penguin swimming diploma.

Congratulations to Annalise Clarke who received the King Penguin swimming diploma.

Congratulations to Ailidh and Caelan Beveridge who were awarded medals for Skiing while on holiday.

Congratulations to Hugh Cowdell who was awarded his snowflake medal for skiing in France

**Dates for Your Diary:**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January:** Class 1EH at Forest School (am)  
Class 2J at Forest School (pm)  
Severn Trent Year 5 Workshop & Assembly for KS2 at 12pm

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January:** U11 Netball Festival at Stamford 2.00pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January:** U11 Rugby v Northcote Touring Team (home 2.30pm)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Caroline Rigby,  
Headteacher