



LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

What a fabulous display of confidence we have had in Leicester Grammar Junior School over the past week! I had tingles down my spine with the Year 5 dramatisation of *The Highwayman* last Friday; Form 1T melted our hearts with their gorgeous assembly all about love and Valentine's Day on Wednesday; and Year 6 treated us to a thoroughly entertaining and amusing evening on Wednesday with their drama workshop of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. I certainly felt very proud of how well all the children have brought their English work to life.

Year 5 Drama Production



On the 8th February Year 5 did an outstanding performance. The performance was about the Highwayman poem by Alfred Noyes. Year 5 spent a week on this production to produce a mind blowing experience just for you! The techniques used to create this thriller were; thought tapping, conscience alley, physical gestures and soundscapes plus many more. They also investigated who to blame for the death of Bess. They asked questions of some characters including Tim the Ostler and the Highwayman. Personally for me, the best bit was the ending. Here are some of the

audience quotes; 'Outstanding performance', 'It felt like I was really there', 'I had goose bumps the whole time!' The Year 5 teachers were blown away by how confident the pupils were. Year 5 were really nervous but also very excited. Overall it was an outstanding performance and we all learnt that it was ok to be nervous.

Max Teasdale 5A

Class 1T Assembly

Form 1T really tugged at our heart strings this week and there wasn't a dry eye in the house after their lovely assembly all about love and Valentine's Day. Their story of *The Mummy Shop* was performed beautifully and their singing and dancing was star quality. Well done to all of the children and to Mrs Tutt, not least for her great choreography skills!



YEAR 6 A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM WORKSHOP
By Arnav Bhavsar



What Drama techniques did we use?

We used the techniques:

Soundscape [To take the parents to the forest], Physical theatre [To show the parents the fight between Oberon and Titania], Slapstick comedy [To make the audience laugh and to liven it up a bit], Thought tapping [To show the audience what the character was thinking] and a Freeze frame [To create a dramatic atmosphere for the parents].

What was my favourite part?

My favourite part was when Rohan did his rap. I liked it because he kept on improvising on his part and he even changed it a little bit on the night! At one point he forgot his lines but he didn't panic and just waited until it came back to him. This is how it went.

My Name is Nick Bottom, and Athens is my city. By Navin Bhat

I sing better than the birds, oh they're such a pity.

Take me to the forest to do some acting today, I'm so good at acting I don't care what they say!

How did I feel before and after the play?

Before the play, I felt nervous but excited and afterwards I felt relieved and happy. All night the words for "Crazy little thing called love" were going around my head.

What Comments Did my parents make?

They said that everyone did very well and they liked the mix of drama and slapstick comedy.

My sister enjoyed the fact that it kept on moving and that there were some reminders about what was happening since it was very, very, very confusing.

Who do you think created their character particularly well and how did they do it?

I think that Arnav Rai did very well because he was funny but not too over the top. He did the funny walk and when he slapped his thigh and said OW! However, he was serious when he needed to be and kept the story going without rushing his lines. I liked how he improvised, just like Rohan did.

What will I try to improve on in my next piece of drama work?

I am going to try to rehearse my lines more and change my lines a bit more because I realised that I had been reciting the words without really thinking about what I was saying.



Year 5 First Aid



On Tuesday 12th February, half of Year 5 had first aid training in the Junior School Art room. We learned some basic aspects on first aid with a lady from St. John's Ambulance whose name was Carol. She showed us how to put a person in the recovery position and putting bandages on people to stop bleeding. We also learned about poisons and different illnesses which can affect your health. There was also an activity where we had to sort out what would go in a first aid box. Overall, I would say it was a great opportunity to do this because we could one day be in a situation where our

training might be needed, and we might have to do our Dr. ABC! We had a great day and would recommend that everyone should do a first aid course.

Adhidev Ghosh and Anveer Flora 5D

Thank you to The Friends for funding this valuable training again this year. The second group will have their training on Tuesday 12th March.

Prep

Could we remind parents that prep for Years 3-6 is a quiet working environment. Please help us to maintain this environment when you collect your children.



Comic Relief Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March. The children will be asked to come to school in red clothes. Red noses will be on sale after half term.

Year 3 Bottle Top Appeal

A big thank you to all of you who contributed so many bottle tops for our Year 3 projects. We won't be collecting any more after half term. We are looking forward to seeing the end product.

Year 3 Great Glen Walk



On Thursday afternoon, Year 3 had a wonderful walk round Great Glen in the beautiful sunshine! We all felt that we couldn't have picked a more perfect day. We used our sketch maps to plot the route that we wanted to take, then located the important amenities in the village and identified where they were on our maps. We are now much more familiar with our local area having enjoyed our Geography fieldwork and were very pleased to discover that Ellis' fitbit had notched up a total of 16,000 steps during the day! We're always busy at LGJS!



Sports News:

Please can we ask that your child is fully equipped for his/her Games lessons and after school clubs during the winter months. All Juniors should have the full Games kit, including tracksuit and skins. Pupils are also allowed to wear hats and gloves for sport. The PE Department aim to make every session as enjoyable as possible and in this current cold snap it is essential the children are fully prepared.

Thank you for your support

PE Department

Year 3 and 4 Boys Games Club

Due to more changes to fixtures and staffing the boys games club will now run on the following weeks.

Please make a note of these new dates.

* Boys Games Club will run on the following weeks only:

6th Mar, 13th Mar, 20th Mar, 10th Apr

Leicester Ladies Hockey

If your child attends Leicester Ladies Hockey training on a Wednesday, please can we ask that you check the club website/social media for any information regarding cancelled sessions. If you are not sure please contact the club to confirm the session is on in the event of poor weather. Where possible LGJS PE Department will try to get a message to you, but on very busy fixture days we are not always in school to do this. It is the parents' responsibility to confirm with the club if it is on or not.

www.leicesterhc.co.uk

Great Glen Cricket Club



Indoor winter training sessions

Indoor winter training sessions for junior players will look to recommence with a session on Sunday 27th January 6-7pm at Leicester Grammar School sports hall.

They will run alongside the senior players net training. Those who were playing in the U15's last season are invited to join the senior players net training sessions. We are pleased to say we have a new junior coach starting, Mike Myers who is an ECB qualified coach.

The first session will be free of charge, so children can decide if they still like it or not. Sessions will then be priced as last season (£4 per session, with discounts for siblings). There will also be discounts for those who prefer to pay for the whole winter season upfront. This will be £30 for 11 sessions rather than £44 if paid for on a weekly basis. The club, both juniors and seniors, is run by volunteers, and we need your help to continue running a junior section and providing the opportunity for children in the village to play cricket, have fun and keep active.

As a club we can provide coaching, facilities and equipment; however we do need parent support. In particular we need a couple of parents to manage the teams. This involves selecting the teams and managing them on match days.

No experience or knowledge is required, and full support can be provided by the club, who can fund formal coaching if desired, or just provide basic information to give you the level of confidence required.

Final session will be just before Easter on Sunday 14th April.

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Earth Hour 2019 - Switch off for your world.



In the UK, every year millions of us take part in Earth Hour. By making pledges to help our planet, and by being part of a movement of hundreds of millions more around the globe, we can show we're fighting for our world.

To do our bit for Earth Hour which is on Saturday 30th March 2019 at 8.30pm we are hoping everyone is making a promise to save water. We would like the KS2 children to return their Severn Trent promise cards signed by parents on the front to show that families

have been keeping their promises.

Eco Group are also holding a competition and asking the children to bring in water saving posters. These should be hand drawn and should give water saving tips. There will be a prize for each year group. Years 1 and 2 are welcome to take part in the competition too. The closing date is Monday 25th February.

Other Achievements:

Congratulations to Billy Trapp on being awarded a winning team medal at the Swimming Gala, Billy also achieved 5 Personal Bests.

Congratulations to Amelie Armitage and Lottie Kean on achieving their Level 3 Proficiency Awards from British Gymnastics.

Congratulations to Philippa Hird on achieving Level 6 Proficiency Award from British Gymnastics.

Congratulations to Lucia Greathead on achieving Level 4 Proficiency Award from British Gymnastics.

Congratulations to Ruben Szafranski who was awarded his Stage 2 Bronze Rookie Lifeguard badge.

Well done to all.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP: GOOD QUALITY UNIFORMS NOW IN SHOP AND PLENTY OF STOCK AVAILABLE!

The LGJS Friends would like to say a huge thank you for the recent donations of unwanted uniform items. Please keep donating even if it's just one item that your child has outgrown – everything helps us to raise money to fund various events and purchase equipment for the school. Please leave any LGJS uniform donations at the Junior School office.

We are also going to try and sell other items that are specifically needed for school use and still in a good condition, such as rugby boots, sports equipment, musical equipment (recorders, music books etc.) Please also think about donating these items if your children no longer have use for them.

Our next opening of the shop will be Thursday 28th February 2:30 – 4:30pm

Please note: we do not have card facilities – cash or cheque (made payable to LGJS FRIENDS).

Until stocks run out we also have brand new blazers available at a reduced rate of £37.....sizes available for girls are 32” and 34” and for boys we have 34” and 36”. Second hand blazers are available at £20 – that’s quite a saving on the Schoolblazer price of £74.50!



Friends Quiz and Curry Night

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY TO THE QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT IS FRIDAY 1ST MARCH. IT IS ALWAYS A VERY ENTERTAINING EVENING SO GET THOSE FORMS BACK IN ASAP!

Headteacher Awards:

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



Rohan Mehta	Rec O	Amazing alliteration
Arian Davda	1LH	Consistently good Maths this term
Shreeya Bhalla	1LH	Consistently good Maths this term
Monty Staton	1LH	Designing an excellent alien head dress
Amit Patel	2T	Lovely use of adjectives
Sylvia Vaughan-Smith	2T	Designing a beautiful Valentine card using paper quilling
Gina Kumar	4C	An excellent reasoning investigation in Maths
Lydia Haycock-Huss	4M	Beautiful artwork of Northern Lights
Jenson Cooper	4M	Beautiful Artwork of Northern Lights
Ollie Gascoigne	5E	An excellent timeline to show life cycle of a human
Aryan Pala	5A	A super review of The Highwayman drama
Max Teasdale	5A	A fantastic review of The Highwayman drama
Ayman Ibrahim	5D	A very informative biography on Martin Luther-King
William Al-Chalabi	5D	A very informative biography on Martin Luther-King
Ambreen Patel	5E	A great informative biography on Martin Luther-King
Annalise Clarke	5E	A great informative biography on Martin Luther-King
Navin Bhat	6E	A great piece of work in History

House Points:

St. Cuthbert's	St. Mary's	St. Andrew's	St. Giles
*Aidan Downes	*Aryan Ghosh	*Mia Sohal	*Zain Majeed
Eleanor Nelson	Millicent Edwards	*Aamani Seth	Anveer Flora
Chesta Patel	Uma Patel	Safa Rizvi	Nishal Gadhia
Siyaam Karim	Hana Patel	Barney Burman	Araminta Mather

Jace Jones	Annalise Clarke	Ava Burman	Melak Majeed
Joshua Vaughan-Smith	Isabella Jones-Fenleigh	Maya Dayal	Keshav Sethi
Poppy Scales	Alex Jones	Adam Makda	Tom Strevens
Ruben Basnayake	Adhidev Ghosh	Robin Panne	Jnay Pau
Lailaa Cayless	Zeeshan Haq	Darshan Bharvada	
	Philippa Linter	Helena Wright	
	Teri Sunmboye	Anwita Rai	
	Arya Thakor	Max Greaves	
	Prakash Easwar	Yahya Musa	
St. Cuthbert's:496	St. Mary's: 532	St. Andrew's: 579	St. Giles: 525

Dates for Your Diary:

Monday 25th February Year 1 Trip to New Walk Museum – Dinosaurs (am)

Tuesday 26th February: Form 1T at Forest school (am)
Form 1LH at Forest School (lunch and pm)

Wednesday 27th February: U11 ISFA Football Tournament at Repton (all day)
U10 Netball v Stamford (home, 2.30pm)
U10 Football v Spratton Hall (away, 2.30pm)
U11 Football v Spratton Hall (home, 2.30pm)
U11 Netball v The Elms (away, 2.30pm)

Thursday 28th February: IAPS Netball at Uppingham (all day)

Wishing you all a lovely half term holiday.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Caroline Rigby,
Headteacher