



NEWSLETTER

LEICESTER GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

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DEAR PARENTS,

Welcome back and Happy New Year for the start of the new decade! A special welcome to our new pupils who have started this term too, and we are sure they will soon settle into the LGJS routines. I do hope you all had some opportunity to rest and relax over the Christmas and New Year period. We have been pleased to see the children back in school looking well rested and making a calm start to the new term. Your child should have brought the new term card home with them this week. If you do not have one, please do call into the Junior School office to collect one. Please keep this close to hand as it lists events which are taking place.

Visiting Author

The author Chris Connaughton will be visiting the school on Tuesday and coming to talk to Year 5 in the afternoon. After school he will be selling a signed copy of this new book, *The Essence of Hunters* in the reception area. This book is suitable for children in Years 5-6

If children would like to buy a copy they are £6.99 each.



A very big thank you to everyone for their contributions for Save the Children, Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £398.52. Josephine Burgess will be coming in from Save the Children Fund during Monday assembly to talk to the children about the work the Fund does.

Sports' Clubs

Please can we ask parents to be prompt to collect their child from clubs after school with the dark nights upon us. A reminder that collection for sports clubs is 4.45pm.

Year 5 and 6 Netball club- Tuesday 21st Jan

Please note that club will be for Year 5 girls only due to a swimming gala. No Year 6 Netball club.

Badminton Club Lent Term - Please note that due to numbers, the 1st Half-Term will be for Year 5 children and the 2nd Half-Term will be for Year 6 children. Also, there will not be a session on the 16th January for the Year 5 children as the Sports Hall is unavailable.

Cancelled Sports Club procedure.

On days when there is a need to cancel a sports' club the following procedure will take place:-

1. A parentmail will be sent to parents as soon as the decision is made, please do not phone into the office.
2. Pupils will be informed via the form tutor.

3. All pupils will be sent outside to the shelter at 3.30pm to check if parents have come to collect. A member of staff will be outside with them.
4. Any pupils not collected at 3.30pm will be taken into a classroom for a sport's prep.
5. Collection from Sport's prep will be at 3.45pm **OR** 4.45pm at the shelter.
6. All pupils in sport's prep will be taken outside to the shelter at 4.45 as per the normal club procedure. Where possible parents should not phone into school, please make arrangements with your child in the morning in case the club is cancelled.

Pre season Games

Well done to everyone who attended our Pre-season Games on Tuesday. Despite the wind and rain we had a very productive afternoon of Netball, Hockey and Football. The children did really well and certainly came with lots of energy and enthusiasm for the Spring Term.

Cross Country News

On Sunday 1st December, the third and final fixture of the 2019 Leicestershire Primary Schools Cross Country League was held at Prestwold Hall.

After initially being cancelled, the fixture was rescheduled with short notice, which resulted in a lower turnout compared to the previous two races. It was the girls who really flew the flag for LGJS, with James Free being the only boy competing and finishing 31st in the Yr 5 Boys race.

The Year 3 girls had 5 runners out, with Freya Ives leading the team home in 8th, followed by Yasmin Ezzat in 11th, Mia Sohal in 33rd, Ella Surtees in 42nd and Jenna Horton in 64th position. The Year 4 girls featured Amaara Cayless in 13th, Nidhi Kulkarni in 27th and Iliana Tzirki in 34th.

Ava Burman finished 21st and Juliet Horton 39th respectively in the Year 5 girls race. Finally, in the Year 6 girls race, Lailaa Cayless came 12th, with Eleanor Nelson 36th, Phoebe Ives right behind her in 37th, and Harriet wood in 46th place.

Well done to all the runners and supportive parents who showed their commitment to the 2019 cross country league. The efforts from all those who took part led to some impressive team and overall results:

Overall LGJS finished in 2nd place (1st 'Medium' school) out of 101 schools who entered the cross county league this year. This is a fantastic achievement and proves that the children's dedication to cross country clubs and the Tuesday morning mile has helped contribute to some brilliant results.

Team results (based on 3 races)






- Year 3 girls - 2nd
- Year 3 boys - 4th
- Year 4 girls - 1st
- Year 4 boys - 5th
- Year 5 girls - 5th
- Year 5 boys - 3rd
- Year 6 girls - 2nd
- Year 6 boys - 4th




★ **Star performances for the 2019 league go to Freya Ives and Barney Burman who both finished in 1st place in the Year 3 girls/Year 3 boys races held on October 26th. Outstanding cross country running!!** ★

Music Awards:

Well done to the following children who have achieved a Music award and were awarded their certificates in assembly.

	<p>Prakash Easwar Millicent Edwards</p>	<p><u>Piano</u> Grade 7 Initial</p>	<p>Distinction Distinction</p>
	<p>Sylvia Vaughan-Smith Tasneem Gaibie William Al-Chalabi</p>	<p><u>Cello</u> Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 4</p>	<p>Distinction Merit Distinction</p>
	<p>Nishaan Banning Trishant Pathmanathan Taiga Dixon Thomas Strevens Daniel Mepham</p>	<p><u>Jazz Saxophone</u> Grade 1 Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 3</p>	<p>Merit Merit Merit Merit Merit</p>
	<p>Jaden Smith Helena Wright</p>	<p><u>Clarinet</u> Grade 2 Grade 3</p>	<p>Merit Merit</p>
	<p>Amelia Majid Unnathi Aryan Kaavya Balamurugan Lucy Gates Amber Roberts Teri Sunmboye</p>	<p><u>Violin</u> Initial Initial Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 2 Grade 2</p>	<p>Distinction Merit Distinction Distinction Merit Merit</p>

	Ayaan Rahuf	<u>Classical Guitar</u> Grade 1	Distinction
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Other Achievements:

Digby Kay who took part in a fund raising swim in in the open sea in Wales for RNLI.

Annalise Clarke who was awarded her Blue Peter Music Badge.

Ronak Ohri who was awarded his African Penguin swimming certificate.

Catherine Lv was awarded a medal for winning the County Schools Individual Chess Championship and was also joint 2nd with her team in the U11, 4 Counties Invitational 2019 competition.

Ada Yaris who achieved her Level 8 British Gymnastics proficiency award.

Lucy Gates was awarded a medal for coming 2nd in the Croft Hill Christmas Race, she also completed the Blue Group skiing class in Lapland.

Shreeya Bhalla who was awarded her Adelie Penguin swimming certificate.

Hana Rahuf who was awarded a medal for her front crawl in swimming.

Ariya Bhalla who was awarded her Little Blue Penguin swimming certificate.

Well done!

Car Park Etiquette

Could we please remind parents to be extra careful on the carpark, please do **not use your mobile phone** when driving through, be extra vigilant when reversing out of a parking space, particularly in these dark evenings as little children can dart away from parents very quickly. Lastly, could we ask that parents are mindful of not blocking other parents in, we appreciate that you might sometimes have to park away from the Junior end of the school, but wherever you can get a space if you could park in it please. Parents sometimes need to get away promptly from collecting their children and it's very frustrating to have to sit and wait for people to return to their cars.

Second Hand Uniform Shop.

The second-hand uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 28th January from 2.30pm – 4.00pm. This is located in the bungalow at the entrance gate.

NB If you purchase uniform from the second hand shop we would ask that you put **your child's name** on it. This makes it easier to return to the child from lost property. We would recommend that you name every item of clothing both new and second - hand.



Headteacher Awards:

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

Samir Kulkarni	Rec S	Great independent work on subtraction and addition
Montaque Furness	1LH	Designing and making an excellent spaceship for his alien
Charlotte Pollard	6D	A lovely expressive diary entry in English
Harry Phull	1LH	An excellent poster about the Alien crash landing
Annabelle Fulton	1LH	An excellent poster about the Alien crash landing

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 14th January: Storyteller for Reception (children only) – Tales from a Tall Tower

Wednesday 15th January: LGJS Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9.15am – 11.00am)
am – 2B at Forest School
pm – 2T at Forest School
U11 Football v Laxton & Stoneygate (Oundle, 2.30pm)
U11 Netball v Laxton & Stoneygate (Stoneygate, 2.30pm)

Thursday 16th January: U9 Football v Laxton & Stoneygate (home, 3.15pm)
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NB: Error on Term Card: Foundation Day is not 11th October but Friday 16th October – unlike in previous years, it will be a full school day (NOT a half day). This is due to the 2 week half term in October. There will be no prep or aftercare on that day.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
Mrs Caroline Rigby,
Headteacher