

# L.J.S SPORTS

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## Football

**Wednesday 3rd March 2010**

**LJS C 1 v Peterborough High C 0**

In an extremely high quality game, LJS produced a winning performance and impressed throughout. With goalkeeper John Stubbs growing in confidence from the starting whistle, the home team always looked good at the back, especially with Patrick Edwards in sparkling form. The midfield showed energy and invention, particularly in the second half when the game was decided by one piece of magic from the LJS boys. A terrific 1-2 from Ed Jinks let Peter Langsdale break free of the defence to place a lovely finish into the bottom corner.

**LJS B 1 v Peterborough High B2**

LJS produced a spirited performance and despite conceding two goals, never gave up. Jason Parker was solid in central defence and William Connellan showed some nice skill in midfield. An imposing away team goalie made it tough until Alec Mickel scored and made for a nervous end to the game.

**LJS A 0 v Peterborough High A 1**

Showing bags of energy and determination, LJS worked tirelessly from start to finish to restrict a very good away team to a single goal. In defence, Angus Raby made some big tackles and Edward Painter produced some fabulous saves. Although James's Foreman and Tonks found it difficult to make an impression they never gave up and always looked dangerous on the break.

## LJS Six a Side Tournament

**Saturday 6th March 2010**

On an early Spring day in March, LJS welcomed many local schools to it's annual six a side tournament. The tournament started promisingly for the home team who missed a host of chances against Oundle and King's Cliffe in a 0-0 draw, James Foreman crashing one shot onto the bar. The games came thick and fast and, despite playing some lovely passing football, the Laxton boys couldn't discover their shooting boots and this cost them very dear. The tournament was eventually won by Friend's Junior, beating Wellingborough, 1-0 in the final.

**Wednesday 11th March 2010**

The U9s played Ayscoughfee on a cold March afternoon at 6 a side football at the LJS stadium. Our visitors started very briskly and scored midway through the first half. Very soon into the second half, after a lot of Laxton pressure Patrick Boyle levelled the score with a firm shot. The LJS pressure continued and we took the lead with an own goal. Towards the end of the game Patrick scored his second goal, and the match ended 3-1. A victory tea was taken and our thanks go to our supporting parents and dinner ladies.

**Wednesday 18th March**

The Under 9 B team drew 0-0 with Peterborough High. The quality of the LJS play was outstanding with impressive passing throughout. Every single player contributed positively but the link up play in midfield between Zachary Atkinson and Jamie Buckley was outstanding.

The Under 9 A team blew Peterborough away 4-0. Patrick Boyle bagged two and Rufus Sumner scored a gem from the edge of the box. Tom Bone and Marcus Stewart were both debutants for the A team.

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## Netball

### IAPS Netball Tournament

#### Worksop College on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

v Prestfelde	won 8-1
v Fairfield	lost 3-4
v Ranby House	lost 3-6
v St Hugh's	won 8-1
v Foremarke Hall	lost 3-4
v Terra Nova	won 9-1

As a result we did not qualify for the play-offs and so were disappointed not to progress. The eventual winners of the whole tournament were Fairfield who we narrowly lost to in our section!!

### Rugby School Invitational Netball Tournament

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

v Kimbolton	won 3-2
v Warwick Prep	won 6-3
v King Henry VIII	won 3-1
v Beachborough	won 4-0

We went through to the semi-finals as winners of our section to play Fairfield again! We wanted revenge for the previous week but lost narrowly again 2-3! They then beat St Anselms in the final to win the tournament.

### V Bradford Grammar Touring Team

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March

This fixture has become an annual event now and they are always a very friendly team to play. Our U11A squad won easily 15-3 and our U10 squad drew 7-7 which on balance was a fair result.

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March

LJS v Peterborough High. U9s won easily 14-3 and the U10s played against their U11s, a close match resulting in a 4-4 draw.

## Cross Country at Copthill

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 24 LJS pupils participated in and produced a series of stunning cross country runs. Details are as follows: congratulations to each and every runner

### Under 9 Girls FIRST PLACE!

Phoebe Ashby	2nd
Amy Ratcliffe	3rd
Sophie Crowther	4th
Lois Dunning	5th
Hiromi Taylor	7th
Lili Borley	11th

### Under 11 Girls FIRST PLACE!

Ruby Goodall	1st
Katie Crowther	2nd
Daisy Baker	4th
Charlotte Fray	8th
Nel Johnson	9th
Rosie Farrell	19th

### Under 9 Boys 2ND PLACE

William Parkinson	3rd
Freddie Baker	8th
William Baird	9th
Rufus Sumner	12th
Patrick Boyle	13th
Harry Potter	19th

### Under 11 Boys FIRST PLACE!

Sam Jinks	1st
Angus Raby	3rd
James Tonks	8th
Henry Orlebar	10th
Toby Learoyd	11th
Alex Efford	13th

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## School Cross Country



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The School Cross Country event was once again blessed by mild early Spring weather. The fine conditions resulted in lots of smiley faces from all involved and some record breaking performances.

### Under 9 Girls

1st	Phoebe Ashby	Whitmore	7:32:27
2nd	Amy Ratcliffe	Whitmore	7:35:18
3rd	Gemma Raby	Lilford	7:37:32

### Under 9 Boys

1st	William Parkinson	Gloucester	6:37:10 NR
2nd	Freddie Baker	Burghley	6:51:15
3rd	Edmund Corker	Whitmore	6:52:07

### Under 11 Girls

1st	Ruby Goodall	Burghley	9:41:35 NR
2nd	Daisy Baker	Burghley	10:36:37
3rd	Katie Crowther	Lilford	10:42:68

### Under 11 Boys

1st	Sam Jinks	Lilford	9:16:31 NR
2nd	Angus Raby	Lilford	9:51:60
3rd	James Tonks	Burghley	9:53:13

Thanks go to the Parents for supporting the event, teachers for assisting the event, the Groundsmen for making the course look great and also to the children and all the practice that they put in, whatever the weather.

### U9 GIRLS

1st	Whitmore
2nd	Gloucester
3rd	Lilford
4th	Burghley

### U9 BOYS

1st	Whitmore
2nd	Gloucester
3rd	Burghley
4th	Lilford

### U11 GIRLS

1st	Burghley
2nd	Lilford
3rd	Whitmore
4th	Gloucester

### U11 BOYS

1st	Lilford
2nd	Burghley
3rd	Whitmore
4th	Gloucester

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## CHESS

### Infant Division

Georgia Poole 20

### Division One

Amaan Jamal 18

### The Championship

Peter Langsdale 18

### Premier League

Jeremy Leong 20

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 24 intrepid chess players turned up at dawn to compete in the EPSCA qualification round at Great Houghton in Northampton. Throughout the course of the day, a total of 144 games were played involving LJS players, ranging from Years 1 to 6. There were lots of positive results and the spoils of victory were a weekend chess holiday to Brean Sands in Somerset in May. Two teams managed to achieve this.

#### **Under 11 A team**

An extremely experienced team of 6 swept all before them and qualified in first place. Ably led by Chess captain Alex Speechley, the team were strong throughout. Sam Jinks and Sam Herring were willing allies in the team's success.

#### **Under 11 B team**

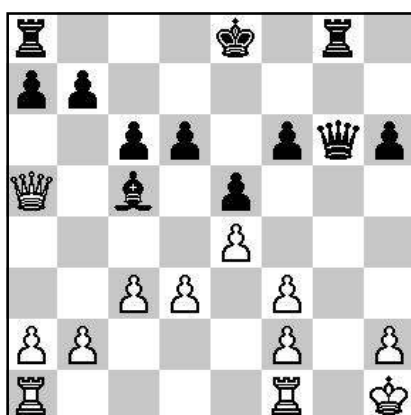
Disappointment was etched on 6 faces as qualification was missed by half a point. In the wake of four good performances the team let themselves down in a single after lunch round where easy points were given away. A last round 5-0 romp against Great Houghton wasn't quite enough. Adithya Menon played very well as Board One and Peter Langsdale showed some good finishing skills.

#### **Under 9 A team**

With the buccaneering Zachary Atkinson and Joseph Meisner on Boards 5 and 6, this team enjoyed good success throughout the day. Qualification became a formality as the day progressed and Edmund Corker and Angus Thorpe seem to have grown into the tough roles of playing Boards 1 and 2.

#### **Under 9 B team**

In the face of much older competition these young players gained some valuable experience for the future. Georgia Poole was solid and fully focused throughout whilst Sam Blair showed good determination in all 5 games. Archie Thorpe showed some impressive tricks and Christopher Trotter won his first game for LJS.



## Puzzle

Adithya Menon has been one of the outstanding successes of Chess this year, improving greatly and making his presence felt in the Premiership. In this game though, playing White, he misses the danger. White has a hole in his castle wall and the Black king is a menace. Spot the mate in one for Black.