

# L.J.S SPORTS

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## RUGBY

### Wednesday 3rd December

LJS were privileged to welcome Leicester Tigers and England rugby union hooker, George Chuter to school for an assembly on the theme of achievement. Mr Chuter talked openly about the highs and lows of his 13 year professional career and received challenging questions from Alex Efford, Sam Jinks and Oliver Frisby. He then presented the House Rugby trophy, highly commended certificates and colours for Year 6 hockey and rugby players. It was an enjoyable occasion and everyone was delighted to have met a player to have represented England in a World Cup Final.



### Under 11 Tag Tournament

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

On a wild and windswept day in Spalding, the Under 11 season came to a close with three tag games.

A slow start resulted in a 4-1 loss to a well drilled Ayscoughfee Hall team, Alex Efford grabbed a consolation try. A further loss to Peterborough High (3-2) ended any hopes of a tournament win, despite the best efforts of Sam Jinks and Jason Parker. LJS took out their disappointment on Grantham who were blown away in a 5-0 hammering. Tries were scored by Patrick Boyle, Alex Efford, Jason Parker, Henry Orlebar and Toby Learoyd.

Squad: Alex Efford, Sam Jinks, Angus Raby, Patrick Boyle, Findlay Taylor, Toby Learoyd, Joseph Brashaw, Henry Orlebar, James Foreman, Jason Parker, Jonas Volkwein and Ed Painter.

### LJS U9A 40 v Peterborough High A 30

On a grey November afternoon, LJS won a hard fought victory over a resilient Peterborough team.

A slow start resulted in the home team falling 0-10 down courtesy of two left wing tries but LJS gradually got to grips with the game and with Dan Poulter orchestrating a series of piercing attacks the blues scored 4 unanswered tries. With LJS winning 20-10 at half time the weather closed in and handling the ball became difficult. It was LJS who responded best to the conditions and 4 more tries were scored in the second half, courtesy of Guy Poulter, Nathaniel Watson and Dan Poulter again.

Team: Guy Poulter, Dan Poulter (c), Ben Sanderson, Henry Potter, Freddie Stewart, Will Parkinson, Alfie Peterson and Nathaniel Watson.

### LJS U9 B 45 Peterborough High U9 B 20

LJS B team blew apart their opponents with a fabulous display of attacking rugby. Lead from the outset by William Baird, a series of attacks led to a flurry of early tries. Baird scored two himself and Rufus Sumner grabbed a hat trick. Time and again the blue attacks, full of good passing and support play, ended in glory.

LLS attacking rugby was typified by Freddie Baker's second try of the afternoon. Having collected the ball on their own try line, two quick passes gave the ball to Freddie who swerved passed the defender before sprinting 40 metres to score. The home crowd were dancing across the field in delight!

Team: William Baird(c), Rufus Sumner, William Efford, Toby Flowers, Edmund Corker, Freddie Baker, Henry Wilcox, Zach Atkinson and Marcus Stewart.

### Northampton Saints 15 Bath 13

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 26 LJS boys visited the 'Mecca' of local rugby to enjoy a festive feast of rugby union.

Beginning with a Saints Academy led training session and ending with a spectacular Chris Ashton last minute winning try, the day was a most enjoyable experience. The comments from members of the Saints staff were extremely complimentary and resulted in the boys being invited onto the pitch before the match to create a tunnel. Meeting Bernie was the icing on the cake!

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## More RUGBY

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

### **LJS AV Kings A, Cambridge**

LJS A team fought valiantly against a well drilled Kings team. Despite conceding early tries the Laxton boys never gave up and scored a try through Angus Raby. Sadly this wasn't enough as the home side ran out 25-5 winners.

### **LJS B V Kings B, Cambridge**

Bolstered by a couple of key players the LJS B team achieved a well earned 25-10 victory. Findlay Taylor grabbed a couple of tries and was well supported by Patrick Boyle and Sam Jinks in a confident team performance.

### **LJS C V Kings C, Cambridge**

A tough and gritty battle between two evenly matched teams resulted in a 15-5 win to Kings. In the front row, Oliver Frisby had a storming game and Joseph Brashaw's try was well deserved. Despite great tackling, the Kings players bagged three tries to secure the win.

### **LJS D V Kings D, Cambridge**

An exhilarating display of attacking rugby saw LJS run out hefty 45-10 winners. Alex Richardson and Michael Heys completely dominated the rucks and mauls. Michael scored no less than 4 of the tries. Other scores were from Toby Learoyd, Alex Richardson, Henry Orlebar, John Stubbs and a flying James Foreman.

### **LJS E V Kings E, Cambridge**

An extremely close fought contest resulted in a 20-15 win to Kings. After a slow start the front row managed to get to grips with the physical encounter and started to provide scrum half William Connellan with plenty of ball. Connellan himself scored one of the tries. A flying Kings winger scored all of their points. LJS came close to drawing the game at the end, crossing the line but not downing the ball.

### **LJS U11 A 20 Peterborough High U11 A 0**

LJS produced a vintage display in beating Peterborough High in a twelve aside game. The backs produced some dominant rugby both in defence and attack. Peterborough often found themselves losing ground when in attack in the face of some terrific tackling. When in possession Sam Jinks (2), Patrick Boyle and Jonas Volkwein scored the tries.

Team: Jonas Volkwein, Alex Efford, Jason Parker, Oliver Frisby, Michael Heys, Ed Painter, Patrick Boyle, Sam Jinks, Angus Raby, James Foreman, Findlay Taylor, Toby Learoyd and Joseph Brashaw.

### **LJS U11 A 35 Heritage Park 0**

For the second match in a row, LJS shut out the opposition in a hugely disciplined display. The front row played a significant part in this game and Oliver Frisby took his chance to run the opposition ragged, scoring a hat trick. Sam Jinks, Angus Raby and Patrick Boyle(2) completed the rout.

Team: Jonas Volkwein, Alex Efford, Jason Parker, Oliver Frisby, Michael Heys, Ed Painter, Patrick Boyle, Sam Jinks, Angus Raby, James Foreman, Findlay Taylor, Tubbs Learoyd and Joseph Brashaw.

### **House Matches**

The House Matches took place on a sunny afternoon late in November and were a fitting finale to a successful rugby season.

In the Under 9 tournament, there were a remarkable 58 tries in 6 games with plenty of attacking, inventive play. The outstanding team on the day were Whitmore, with Patrick Boyle, Edmund Corker and Rufus Sumner in irresistible form.

Burghley	25	Gloucester	20
Lilford	15	Whitmore	20
Gloucester	25	Lilford	15
Whitmore	30	Burghley	15
Lilford	40	Burghley	30
Gloucester	15	Whitmore	35

Final positions:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Whitmore
	2 <sup>nd</sup> =	Burghley and Lilford
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gloucester

The Under 11 rugby tournament was an enjoyable spectacle for another large crowd. For Gloucester, captain Findlay Taylor valiantly lead from the front but in vain. Burghley's pack threatened to wreak havoc across the fields of play with Oliver Frisby dominant. Sam Herring also proved to be a fine captain. For Whitmore, Ed Painter returned to form and orchestrated good attacks from scrum half but it wasn't quite enough as Lilford eventually came through as winners. The power of Alex Efford, Angus Raby and Sam Jinks was key to their triumph.

Burghley	20	Gloucester	0
Lilford	15	Whitmore	5
Gloucester	0	Lilford	25
Whitmore	15	Burghley	5
Lilford	15	Burghley	5
Gloucester	0	Whitmore	35

Final positions:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lilford
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Whitmore
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Burghley
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## Hockey

### Under 11 Hockey v Kimbolton

Thursday 15th October Lost 4-0

We were outclassed by a better team on this occasion but at Kimbolton they do play from Year 3 onwards and have made good advantage of the facilities that they have! Despite this there were encouraging performances from many of our girls and some are developing into very promising hockey players.

### House Matches

- 1st **Gloucester** with 7 points (won two, drew one)
- 2nd **Burghley** with 6 points (won two, lost one)
- 3rd **Lilford** with 2 points (drew two, lost one)
- 4th **Whitmore** with 1 point (lost two, drew one)

### Wednesday 18th November

#### Under 11 Hockey v Copthill and Peterborough HS

V Copthill- We lost 5-1 to a very good Copthill team but at times our play was fantastic....similar to watching Brazil play football (or am I kidding myself!)

V PHS - We won 3-1 and we thoroughly deserved this win as we were undoubtedly the better team.

In these matches we managed to score our first goals of the season and there were some very encouraging signs of progress.

### Wednesday 25th November

#### Under 11 Hockey v Witham Hall - won 1-0

Witham very kindly put out a B team for us to play and their girls were mainly from Year 5. They had a Year 6 GK however and she was extremely good. If it had not been for her the score would have been much higher and we all agreed that she was the overall 'Man of the Match'!

### Wednesday 2nd December

#### Under 11 A and B v Peterborough HS

Under 11 A - drew 0-0 and this was a much closer match than the one we had earlier in the Quarter. Again our attackers were thwarted by a very good GK and overall we perhaps should have won.

#### Under 11 B - won 3-0 against an Under 10 side from PHS

This was an ideal chance for all the Year 6 girls who had not yet played in a Hockey match to gain some competitive experience and they grasped the opportunity with great enthusiasm! We were easily the better side and it was encouraging to see some good team work developing between the players.

## Netball

### Wednesday 11th November v Grantham Prep

Under 10A lost 7-6

In a tense match, LJS should have won this match and the girls must always remember their match tactics and pass the ball accurately. We lost possession too easily which allowed them to win.

### Under 10 B won 10-7

The LJS girls did well to come to terms with unfamiliar surroundings. Played on a very small court the girls did well to adapt their game and it was a pleasure to see more Year 5 girls playing in a competitive situation.

### Wednesday 4th November v Bilton Grange

Under 11 A team won 10-8

This was a very competitive and entertaining game between two well matched sides and the scores reflected this throughout. In the 3rd quarter we managed to pull ahead but in the final quarter they almost came back to snatch a draw! This was a fantastic practice for our Tournament on the following Saturday and Bilton Grange were disappointed as this was their first loss of the season so far!

### Under 11/10 team lost 3-2

Another really close encounter ended with a narrow loss for LJS. Played in a friendly spirit this game really could have gone either way and, unfortunately on this occasion, it went to Bilton Grange.

### Under 10 A team lost 6-3

In another tight match, it was 3-3 at half time but as soon as Mrs Allen started umpiring it all went pear-shaped and we lost! LJS need to play with more consistency and the girls returned to lessons with the emphasis very much on passing accuracy.

### Saturday November 7th

#### LJS Under 11 Netball Tournament

We won all our matches against the following schools and were the overall winners of the Tournament :-

V King John	won 10-0
V Stamford	won 7-2
V Copthill	won 7-0
V Bedford High	won 7-6
V Kimbolton	won 7-1
V Grantham Prep	won 8-1

The overall standard was most competitive and the girls should take great pride in achieving such an outstanding set of performances.

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## Chess

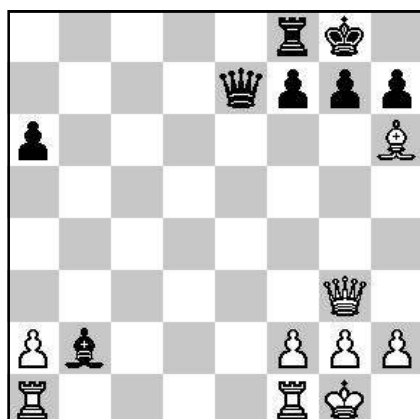
A competitive season of Chess ended after just over 500 matches had been completed, ranging from Under 7's through to Under 11's. By the end several players had enjoyed individual chess but all must be congratulated for the good sportsmanship on display throughout. Congratulations to Archie Thorpe and Sam Herring for their first taste of victory and Amy Ratcliffe, once again, showing that the girls can do it!

### Chess Match v Stamford Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

LJS renewed an old rivalry when 12 players travelled to SJS for a chess match. Across the twelve boards, LJS presented great youth, energy and ingenuity in managing an 8.5 – 3.5 victory.

Capably lead by Board One, Amy Ratcliffe, our 4 Year 3 players all secured convincing victories. The Year 2 players, produced some good attacking play, with both Georgia Poole and Sam Blair producing smart checkmate combinations. Three Year 1 players also made promising debuts.

Premier League		Championship		Division One		Little Dragons	
Alex Speechley	21	Adithya Menon	19	Sam Herring	21	Archie Thorpe	26
Sam Jinks	19	Harry James	18	Maude Calveley	19	Rhett Bianchi	24
Findlay Taylor	19	Calum Fryatt	18	Olivia Harper	16	Sean Buckley	21
Edmund Corker	18	Amy Ratcliffe	17	Zach Atkinson	15	Sam Blair	21



Findlay Taylor v James Tonks

This is a fairly well know way of checkmating a castled King. Two pieces gang up on part of the castle wall and this means trouble!

Playing White, Findlay Taylor has a checkmate on one move. Can you spot it (he did!) If you were Black and it was your move, can you spot a way of escaping this mating position. Clue: Taking White's Rook won't help!

## CHEATLE FIELD

Plans for the new Cheatle Field, which officially becomes ours on January 1st 2010 are well under way. Mr Nick Tebbs, Head Groundsman at Oundle School has made numerous visits, offered support advice and enthusiasm over this Quarter. His wisdom has been a source of great encouragement. The fence between fields old and new has recently been taken down and the first to benefit from the new facilities will be Mrs Ashby's Cross Country Club as they seek to run off the excess Christmas pud! Meanwhile, we are actively seeking any other ideas or offers that could help us along the way. Mr Painter (Edward, Year5) would be delighted to hear from you as would I. Do also remember that Patrick Boyle and Jessica Attah are waiting to receive any students wishing to contribute to the new field.