



# Grestone Gazette

## Summer : Edition 2

'But the children knew, as I'm sure you know, that the worst surroundings in the world can be tolerated if the people in them are interesting and kind.' - *The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket

**1st May**— KS1 SATs begin  
**2nd May**—Reception Ash End Farm Trip  
**3rd May**—School closed to Nursery & Reception pupils only  
**4th May**—Staff Training Day  
**7th May**—Bank Holiday  
**14th May**—Y6 SATs Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

**15th May**—Year 6 SATs English Reading  
**16th May**—Year 6 SATs Maths Papers  
**17th May**—Year 6 SATs Maths Paper  
**22nd May**—YPP BCU visit  
**25th May**—School closes for half term (3:15pm)  
**4th June**—Pupils return to school

### Year 3 Iron Age Day

On Monday 23rd April, Year 3 took part in an Iron Age workshop where they had the pleasure of meeting an Iron Age Warrior! They looked at the different clothes, roles and weapons of warriors. They learnt lots of interesting facts, such as what people would do to look scarier when going into battle. Pupils were also lucky enough to get to re enact a battle on the playground and were shown how Iron Age spears and shields would have been used during battle and spoke to them about how different types of people survived during hard times of war and deprivation. Everyone had lots of fun and it left Year 3 looking forward to exploring our new topic this term 'Tribal Tales'.

### Mini Tennis Competition

On Monday 23rd April, a group of Year 3 and 4 children went down to Hamstead Hall Academy to take part in a mini Tennis competition. The children who attended played several friendly matches and won most of their games. The day really helped to improve our pupils' tennis skills and the children all thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

### Awards Ceremony

Miss Mason, Miss Page and a group of Year 3 and 4 pupils attended the Birmingham School Games Celebration Evening last night in Edgbaston. Grestone Academy pupils were there to receive their winners' trophy from the winter games earlier this year where they came first in the football competition. The evening went really well and we are really proud of our pupils and their achievement. We hope to be reporting more news like this in the near future!



## Important Dates to Remember

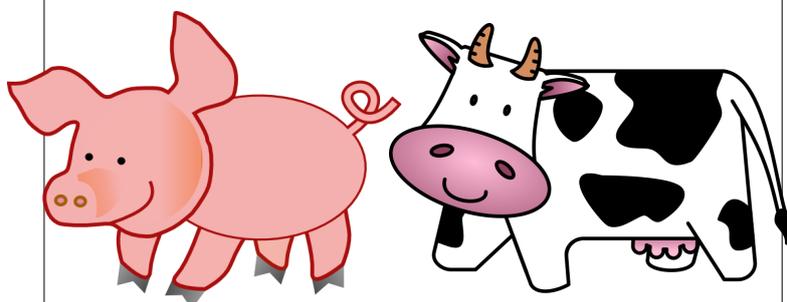
**Thursday 3rd May** school will be closed to Nursery and Reception pupils only  
**Friday 4th May** school will be closed to all pupils for a Teacher Training Day  
**Monday 7th May** is a national Bank Holiday so school will be closed to all pupils and staff

### Reception 2018/2019

We still have Reception places available for September 2018. If you know any children born between September 2013 and August 2014 who still have not received a Reception place, please encourage them to apply urgently to the local authority by calling **0121 675 0555**.

### Reception Trip to Ash End Farm

Parents of Reception children, please remember that the trip to Ash End Farm will take place on **Wednesday 2nd May**. Pupils have been asked to bring a water bottle with their name labelled on the outside and to wear their school jumper.



### KS1 & KS2 After School Sports Sessions

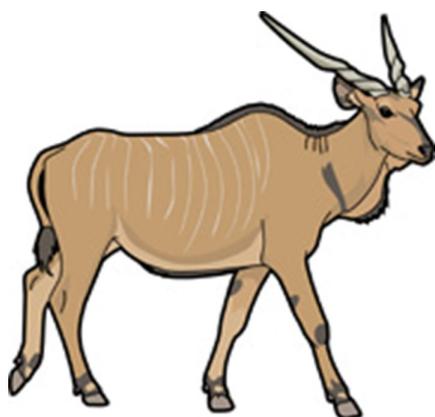
This week we started running our KS1 and KS2 after school sports club sessions. These sessions were met with very high demand which we were incredibly encouraged by and worked hard to ensure that every child who had sent in their permission slip received a place. If you would still like your child to attend these sessions, please get in contact with the main school office. KS1 sessions (Years 1 & 2) are held on a Tuesday until 4:30pm and KS2 sessions (Years 3—6) are held on a Thursday until 4:30pm. Please note, that parents will be charged a small rate of £1 per child per session, amounting to £11 until the end of the school year. We have had very good feedback about these sessions and are looking forward to hearing about future sessions.

Well done to the following children. They will be receiving certificates in the celebration assembly the on Monday 30th April

Nursery	Rhinos	1 Elephant	2 Cheetah	3 Kudu	4 Buffalo	5 Aardvark	6 Impala
Betty	Kadiri Johana	Onkar	Sofia	Diana	Kurun	Harjot	Jerome
Rishi	Cordeal	Sumayyah	Israa	Carlos	Gurinder	Jasmehar	Reah
Meerkats	1 Zebra	2 Crocodile	3 Gecko	4 Antelope	5 Gazelle	6 Oryx	
Ian	Taliyah	Musa	Humza	Leah	Ezekiel	Umar	
Muna	Ajmal		Damaris	Jashan	Wiktoria	Ali	
Panthers	1 Camel	2 Giraffe	3 Lemur	4 Leopard	5 Eland	6 Wildebeest	
Taran	Romario	Lilli	Gurnoor	Sakib	Aramatouille	Anna	
Yunus	Abdullahi	Simran	Kayden B	Wikoria K	Simmi	Nishwan	

## Congratulations

### 5 Eland!



### Attendance

Well done to **5 Eland** who had the best attendance for the second week running with 98.62%! A massive well done to all of the pupils in 5 Eland—we are really proud! The whole school attendance this week was 93.44%.

Thank you to all parents who continue to get your children in to school on time every day. We are however finding that an increasing amount of parents are requesting leave of absence during term time. Therefore, we would like to reiterate that only in exceptional circumstances are we allowed to authorise leave in term time and Birmingham City Council are continuing to issue fines to parents who choose to ignore the law. Grestone Academy are committed to improving school attendance but in order to achieve this objective we require the support and cooperation of all our parents.