



Grestone Gazette

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"You have plenty of courage, I am sure," answered Oz. "All you need is confidence in yourself. There is no living thing that is not afraid when it faces danger. The true courage is in facing danger when you are afraid, and that kind of courage you have in plenty." - *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum

22nd May—YPP BCU visit

24th May—9.00am Nursery Royal Brunch

25th May—9.00am Nursery Royal Brunch

25th May—School closes for half term (3:15pm)

4th June—Pupils return to school

6th June—Year 2 Trip to Warwick Castle

7th June—Year 1 Animal Man

11th June—Year 4 Trip to Sea Life Centre

20th June—Class Groups & Leavers photos

21st June—Year 2 Pirates Day

Royal Wedding

On Saturday 19th May 2018 Prince Harry and Meghan Markle will be married at St George's Chapel in Windsor. In order to celebrate, Grestone Academy held a non-school uniform day, wearing red, white and blue, on Friday 18th May and pupils spent the day doing various activities in honour of the happy occasion. Reception made crowns, flags and biscuits, Year 5 made cards and Year 6 made masks and crowns. In the afternoon, pupils had parties in their classrooms with food and games. Year 6, who have had a particularly intense week with SATs examinations, had a disco in the hall this afternoon. We look forward to hearing about any celebrations you may have had this weekend in order to commemorate this special day.



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Nursery Brunch

REMINDER: Nursery Parents have been invited to attend a royal brunch next Thursday and Friday. Please refer to your letters sent home.



Explore Learning National Young Writers' Awards

We are very pleased to announce that one of our own pupils, Naina in 6 Wildebeest, has been shortlisted out of 38,000 pupils to the final 150 in the National Young Writers' Awards. Naina wrote a story called 'The Ripple Effect' which was based around this year's theme of 'real life heroes'. The 150 shortlisted children will be shortlisted down to 10 in July which will then be judged by acclaimed author David Walliams. The winner's school will receive £500 worth of books and a visit from David Walliams! Naina will also be featured in local newspapers soon after a photo shoot this weekend, so keep your eyes peeled for further information. We are so proud of Naina, who shows a real talent for English, and are very impressed by her achievements in this competition. We look forward to hearing all about her upcoming experiences.

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**.

Parking

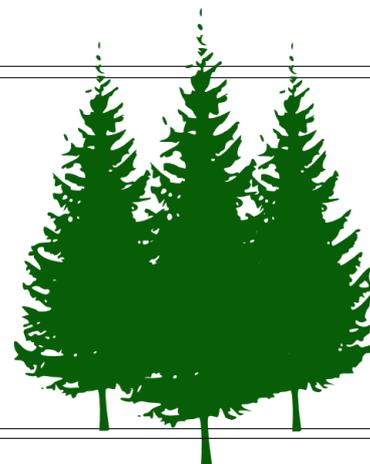
Can we please remind parents to be very considerate when parking before and after school. It is illegal to park on zig zag lines at the front of school and doing so causes major disruption. Please also be considerate of our local residents and do not park on or across their drives.

Hamstead Hall Forest School Change of Days

On Monday 21st May **5 Aardvark and 5 Gazelle** will go to Forest School

On Thursday 24th May, **all Year 6 classes** will go to Forest School

All other year groups will be as normal. Please ensure that pupils bring their kit in on the correct day.



Keeping Children Safe in Education

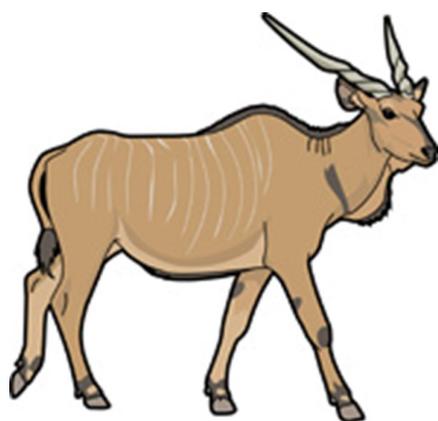
With the Met Office predicting temperatures to soar over the next few weeks we would like to remind parents that, on hot days, it is essential that pupils come in to school with a sun hat, sun cream (the higher the factor, the better!) and a bottle of water. This will help to prevent children from suffering from sun stroke, sun burn, dehydration etc. Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name and class.

Well done to the following children. They will be receiving certificates in the celebration assembly the on Monday 21st May

Nursery	Rhinos	1 Elephant	2 Cheetah	3 Kudu	4 Buffalo	5 Aardvark	6 Impala
Rishi	Anaya	Fithawit	Charisma	Diana S	Jasnoor	Dhiraj	Angad
Aarav	Jordan		Kristin	Abaas	Jasneem	Sidrah	Mia
Meerkats	1 Zebra	2 Crocodile	3 Gecko	4 Antelope	5 Gazelle	6 Oryx	
Barbara	Sam	Husam	Ayaan	Brehana	Rooney		
Michal	Farhana	Rachel	Maiyen	Akash	Mariama		
Panthers	1 Camel	2 Giraffe	3 Lemur	4 Leopard	5 Eland	6 Wildebeest	
Harris	Jessica	Mahnoor	Zenayah	Jaspreet	Skye	Jakub	Ajsela
Jayan		Ekam	Nigel	Rolands	Victoria	Vanessa	

Congratulations

5 Eland!



Attendance

Well done to **5 Eland** who had the best attendance this week with **100%!!!** A massive well done to all of the pupils in 5 Eland—we are really proud! The whole school attendance this week was 94.69%.

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.