

Gretton Primary Academy in Top 10% of all Schools Nationally

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the SSAT National Award standard for **Children's Attainment—top 10%**. The children's attainment in 2015 at KS2 in Reading, Writing and Maths has enabled us to be in the top 10% of schools nationally.

We are very proud of this result which, once again, reinforces the constant hard work and dedication shown by the teaching staff here at Gretton.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 25th April
Year 4 Swimming

Monday 2nd May
Bank Holiday

Wednesday 4th May
KS2—TATA Kids of Steel
Triathlon

w/c Monday 9th May
KS2 SATs Weeks

Monday 23rd May
Class & Whole School
Photographs

Friday 27th May
School Closes

Monday 6th June
School Opens

Friday 10th June - 2.00pm
Rose Fair

Wednesday 22nd June
Reception New Parents
Evening

Friday 8th July
Reports Home
Summer Disco

Thursday 14th July
2.00pm & 6.30pm
Year 6 Performance

Friday 15th July - 1.00pm
Sports Day

Monday 18th July - 2.00pm
Leavers Prize Giving

Unauthorised Absence

The Brooke Weston Trust Academies and the Local Authority have been working together to **reduce the amount of leave taken in term time** by requesting Penalty Notices are issued under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996 (amended regulations 2013).

Parents need to be aware as of **Monday 25th April 2016**, Northamptonshire County Council are changing the policy, which will mean a Penalty Notice will be issued for **5 days of unauthorised absence** (10 sessions) rather than 10 days (20 sessions).

There is clear evidence that any absence can and will have an impact on attainment. It is therefore important that schools maintain good attendance levels and that parents support this by ensuring their children attend school regularly. Whilst parents/carers/guardians can provide explanations for absences, it is at the Academy's discretion as to whether this absence will be authorised or unauthorised.

Chicks chicks chicks!

We have had an exciting 2 weeks in Rowan class, with the arrival of baby chicks. We have witnessed the chicks hatching from the shell, held them and watched them grow. The children have grown in confidence with handling them and they have been excellent helpers cleaning out the brooder box and giving them fresh water and food. It has been a great learning experience, the children will miss them lots!

Miss Driver



Year 6 Performance

Please note that both year 6 performances will now be taking place on Thursday 14th July at 2.00pm and 6.30pm.

Rocket Science



This week our gardening club planted 100 Rocket seeds. 50 that have been on the International Space Station and 50 that remained on earth.

The children are looking forward to seeing them grow alongside each other to see if there are any differences in growth.



We would like to welcome Mr Berner, who is a teacher training student. Mr Berner will be working alongside Mrs Young in Oak class for much of the summer term.

School Cleaner

We are looking for a cleaner to work 11.25 hours per week supporting our existing cleaning team in ensuring that the school is clean and ready for the children and staff each day. The ideal candidate will be hard working, reliable and someone who enjoys working as part of a team.

This position is part time, school term time plus 2 weeks during school holidays (40 weeks per year).

Hours of work: 3.15pm to 5.30pm
Monday to Friday
Hourly rate of pay: £7.20
Closing date for applications: Monday 25th April 2016
Interviews: w/c 25th April 2016
Start Date: A.S.A.P.

For an application pack or further information, please contact the school office.

Archery Competition

On Tuesday Emily, Esmè, Thomas, Luke, Matilda and Sam C went to Lodge park School to compete in an archery competition against local schools. They all tried really hard and shot some amazing arrows. They didn't come in the top 2 but showed great sportsmanship throughout the competition.

"Have-a-Go" at Archery with Corby Archers

"Have-a-Go" sessions are designed specifically for this purpose. They provide 1 to 1 tuition and supervision of the new archer by an experience archer while he/she get a "taste" of shooting.

The "Have-a-Go" sessions cost £5 and are run on a Saturday at 10.00am at Brooke Weston School. They are approximately 90 minutes long and all equipment is provided at no additional charge.

To book your session please contact Corby Archers on: 01536 770188 or 07759 100435.

PSA News

Cake Stall: Thank you to everyone who helped at and supported yesterday's cake stall run by Ash Class. We'll let you know how much we raised next week.

Next Meeting: Thursday 12th May at 3.15 pm at the School.....a crèche will be available. It would be lovely to see you there!

The PSA minutes are always available on the school websiteplease have a look and see what we do to fundraise for the children.