

## Sports Day at the Zoo by Olsen Tewes

Every year, on New Year's Day, something happens that nobody knows about. Nobody visits the zoo on this special day, the zoo keepers close the gates and go home. But Sam and his family snuck in the zoo and saw all of the animals. Sam found out that there were races going on.

The cheetahs' 100 metre race was intense. There were 10 cheetahs competing. Cheetah number 1 was leading but towards the end cheetah number 2 came with a super sprint and took the lead until the end and became first place.

The climbing race was a very tight one. Monkey's versus squirrels, to climb a 20 feet tall pine tree. That was a true challenge. Right from the start Mark the monkey pushed Sammy the squirrel off the tree but luckily there was a branch underneath so Sammy managed to catch himself. Suddenly Sammy came sprinting straight up to the top and won the race. He was delighted to get the prize which was a bag of nuts.

The rugby match was very hard because the hippos are so big but the rhinos have huge horns. At the beginning, the rhinos charged frantically to the point that a hippo got stuck on the horn of Rob the rhino which helped the rhinos score a try. At that same time, Harry the hippo bit Ray the rhino's bottom so hard that Ray had to have a break and Harry had to go to the side and was replaced. Sadly time was up so the Rhinos won the match.

Next in line were the kangaroos for their long jump competition. Bob the kangaroo went first, he started to do the run up but unfortunately he slipped and lost his balance and didn't manage to jump far enough. Jerry came running and jumped as far as 5m20 which enabled him to win. Jerry was very pleased to win the prize which was a bag of apples.

Following that was the very exciting swimming race for the dolphins and penguins. The race was very tense because the dolphins were doing huge jumps while the penguins were able to go through small tunnels and shortcuts. However, towards the finish line Dan the dolphin just whizzed through and came first through the finish line. Dan was ecstatic to receive a basket of fish as a prize.

The races had barely ended when suddenly Sam and his family heard the zoo gates open. What was happening? Who was opening the gates at this time of the evening?? It was the zoo keepers! As a result, Sam and his family quickly ran and hid just in time behind a big prickly bush. They saw the gates still open so decided to escape back to their house. What a fun day it had been! What an adventure.

The next day was school. Sam couldn't wait to tell all his friends and teacher about his adventure at the zoo. But would they believe him?

The End