



Joy Lane Primary School

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Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

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Tuesday 27th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 5

Term 5 Cognitive Ability Tests - May 2021

During Term 5 the children will be sitting their Cognitive Ability Tests in small groups. We administer Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) so that you have a guide as to the suitability of your child for the Grammar School selective system that operates in Kent. **As yet we have no firm information with regards to the dates of the Kent Test next academic year; however, as soon as we hear anything we will let you know.**

The CATs will assess your child's ability in four areas; Verbal (which equates loosely to English), Non Verbal (pattern awareness), Quantitative (Maths) and Spatial (shape and space manipulation). These tests are very similar in content to some of the questions the children have to answer in the actual Kent Test. It is important to remember that all Year 5 children are able to sit the Kent Test, and the scores achieved in the CATs are only a guide as to a child's suitability for a selective school. In our experience the pupils who score above average in all four areas, not just one or two papers, pass the Kent Test, although this is not always the case.

Once these tests have been administered and the scores processed, we will send a copy of your child's scores home with further guidance explaining the scores. You may also want further advice as to the best course of action as a result of these test scores, and the current progress and attainment of your child. There will, therefore, be an opportunity to make an appointment with the class teacher to discuss everything at a later date.

There is no need to make a decision about your child's Secondary School, at this stage, and additional information evenings will support you throughout the Kent Test procedure and the Secondary School application process.

Our Kent Test (11Plus) Information Evening will take place at 5.30pm on Thursday 20th May, via Microsoft TEAMS and further information will be shared nearer the date. It is your choice as Parents and Carers whether your child takes this selective test and hopefully by the 20th May we will have had confirmation of the test date in the next academic year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Ashley Jones

Mr R Rogers

Head of School

Key Stage 2 Leader and Year 6 Teacher