



Joy Lane Primary School

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Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

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Friday 6th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 5

Term 5 Cognitive Ability Tests – Week beginning 16th May 2022
and Kent Test information evening on the 19th May 2022

During Term 5 the children will be sitting their Cognitive Ability Tests (CATS) in small groups; We administer these 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.

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 in term 6 together 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 19th May, via Microsoft TEAMS with further information and a link for the meeting shared nearer the date. It is your choice as Parents and Carers whether your child takes this selective test with registration for the Kent Test opening on Wednesday 1st June and closing on Friday 1st July 2022.

Remember detailed information regarding the Kent Test and registration process will be shared on Thursday 19th May.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Ashley Jones

Mr R Rogers

Head of School

Key Stage 2 Leader and Year 5 Teacher