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Dear Y6 children,

I am sure it won't have escaped your notice that this week you have been sitting your SATs tests. I wanted to write to tell you all how proud I am of all of your hard work to get to this point. It isn't easy to be in year 6 as the changes that have been made to the curriculum over recent years have resulted in you having to learn some really difficult concepts, some of which I didn't do until I was at secondary school or even college.

The teachers always have a struggle on their hands again because of the way that SATs tests are marked and graded. Unfortunately, this means it has been difficult to tell you and your parents exactly how we think you will score in your tests as we simply do not know the pass marks as these change every year (depending on how well Y6 children across the country do). I do know that, however you are defined or levelled, you will have done your very best and I cannot ask for more from you than that.

These tests are such a small moment in your lives and they do not define you as people. They do not test your ability to sing, dance or play a sport. A punctuation and grammar test cannot showcase your talents for drawing, gymnastics or computer programming in the same way an arithmetic test cannot measure how kind you are, how helpful you can be or just what an amazing friend you are to those around you.

This year you have been taught so much more than the National Curriculum. We hope you will look back at your time in Y6 and see that you were taught about the world you live in, how to be accepting of differences, supportive of those in need and how to treat people with respect. None of these things were tested this week, as they cannot be measured with a test paper, but they are essential life skills and I am pleased to witness them within you every day.

Whatever the outcome of these tests, please remember this - your scores will be a small snapshot of what you can do in a test environment but they will not measure anything about what makes YOU the fabulous person that YOU are!

So, enjoy your weekend. Try to put the SATs out of your mind, spend time with your family and relax. I look forward to seeing you at school next week where life continues as normal. SATs is a milestone in your life but our learning continues in the way it has throughout this year. As we approach the end of your time at Yew Tree, we will maximise our time with you so that you really are ready when you leave us ready for that next step.

Well done and thank you for your efforts this week.

Mr Jamie Barry
Head Teacher

