

Dear year 6 pupils,

Next week you will sit your SATs tests for maths, reading, spelling and punctuation. We are so very proud of every single one of you. The resilience, independence, determination and hard work you have demonstrated this year has allowed you to make fantastic progress but there is something very important you must know.

The SATs tests do not assess all of what makes you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way we do, and certainly not in the way your families know you.

They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or your ability to create complex algorithms or play a musical instrument. They have not seen your cooperation or your ability to score a winning goal in the dying seconds. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them; that your laughter and infectious smiles can brighten the darkest days or that your face blushes when you feel shy. They do not know you participate in sports, wonder about the future or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you are kind, funny, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every hour, every day, every week you strive to be the very best version of yourself.

The results of these tests will tell you something but they will not tell you everything. They do not determine the exceptional people that you all are, or the exceptional people you will become.

In the words of Dr. Seuss, "You have brains in your head; you have feet in your shoes; you can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

Next week we are sure you will try your hardest and that is all that counts.

Believe in yourselves. You are wonderful.

With the very best wishes,

Mr Horan