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Growing Hearts and Minds

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Dear Parents and Carers,

KS2 SATs

Next week children in Year 6 will be taking SATs tests and will be the first Year 6 cohort to do so since 2019 due to the pandemic.

The tests are not 'high stakes' in the sense that they do not determine entrance into secondary schools but we know that statistically children who are working at the national expectations in the tested areas – reading, spelling and grammar and maths and teacher assessed as working at the expected level in writing, have a greater chance of achieving the corresponding passes in these subjects at GCSE.

Of course, not all children will reach these expectations and some will surpass them. However, we should never see results from tests taken at 11 as completely defining. There is a long time between these tests and those taken at 16 and children can still make great progress in this time. At Garden Fields we aim to promote a 'growth mindset' in our children - this is the notion that intelligence isn't 'fixed' and can change and accelerate with the right work ethic and willingness to take risks and not be fearful of making mistakes, but instead see them as a key part of how we learn.

You can find out more about this theory at:

<https://www.mindsethealth.com/matter/growth-vs-fixed-mindset>

In the meantime, I would like to wish all of our Y6 the very best for the test week. Please ensure that they rest well, have a good breakfast each morning and just give them lots of positive encouragement!

A test timetable for the week is at the end of this letter.

6-a-side Football Tournaments

Last Saturday morning, I had the pleasure of watching **our Y6** valiantly take on some of the best schools in the district at Colney Heath School, in the annual 6-a-side tournament. After qualifying from a small qualifying group on the Wednesday before, they went on to play 6 other teams in mini 10 minute matches. Although they were unsuccessful in finishing in the top 2 and qualifying for the final or the match for 3rd and 4th, they finished the group strongly winning their last 2 matches. St Colomba's finished as overall winners.

It was great to watch our team compete on a beautiful sunny morning. Thank you to all the players involved for representing the school so well and to Mr Berman for coaching them.

Our Y5's qualified from their group this week and did so in style, winning every match. They will now compete tomorrow in the equivalent Y5 tournament. Good luck boys!

Dogs

This is a polite reminder to ask that dogs are not brought on to the premises including when picking up from clubs after school. Thank you.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Mr Farrugia



KS2 SATs Timetable

(All taken in the morning – last test is on Thursday)

<p>Monday 9th May</p> <p>Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation</p>
<p>Tuesday 10th</p> <p>Comprehension</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th</p> <p>MATHS</p> <p>Arithmetic Paper</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th</p> <p>Maths</p> <p>Reasoning Paper 1</p>
<p>Thursday 12th</p> <p>MATHS</p> <p>Reasoning Paper 2</p>