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Dear Year 6 Pupils

This week you have taken your SATs tests for Reading, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Maths. We know how hard you have worked. When I spoke to you on Monday morning before the start of the tests, I told you that all I asked of you was that at the end of the week of testing you felt that you had done the best that you could do and then I would be VERY proud of you, no matter what the score you were given at the end.

I am EXTREMELY proud of each and every one of you. You have done everything that Mr Steele, Ms Benjamin and I have asked of you – WELL DONE, but there is something very important that you must know.

The SATs tests do not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way that your school family and your home family do.

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 singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument or football skills. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them, that your laughter can brighten up the day or that you can be very shy in front of strangers. They do not know that you take part in sport, wonder about the future, dream of being the next X factor winner! Or that sometimes you have to look after and help your little brothers and sisters before and after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to do your best.

The levels you will get from these tests will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart and You are smart! So remember now that the week is over, there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU!

Enjoy your trip out with Mr Steele and Annaleigh, have a rest this weekend – forget about school and tests and scores. Enjoy the good weather and continue to shine brightly.

Catrina Tilbury

