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Dear Parents,

Starting week beginning October 4th, the majority of children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be taking the digital version of the Cognitive Abilities Test. This group does not include children who have just entered the school and have a very limited knowledge of the English language. The Cognitive Abilities Test measures a child's verbal, quantitative and non-verbal ability. The information gained by these tests helps the class teachers to plan class and individual work more effectively. The results will be shared with you after the testing period, which will last for 2 weeks.

We would appreciate your help in seeing that your child is in school on these days and receives adequate rest during the testing period, so that he/she can give his/her best performance. The administration of these tests occupies several hours of lesson time on these days. We hope that you will appreciate that a normal class timetable will not operate during the testing period. The homework timetable will also be disturbed.

During the month of October, the teachers in Kindergarten will be screening some of their pupils individually using the PIPs (Performance Indicators in Primary Schools).

If you have any questions please feel free to approach the class teachers or me.

Yours sincerely,
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Head of SEN Dept.