

SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 15th July, 2016

A voluntary aided Church of England primary school in the heart of the City of London



A time to celebrate

We enjoyed an amazing performance yesterday from Year 5 and 6 Performing Arts. The group never ceases to amaze me what they can achieve. It was slick. It was polished. It was professional. The children retold the story of David and Goliath. What made this retelling all the more special was the fact that their version had been written by Dom— our Drama tutor— and much was also devised by the children themselves. This was no end of term off the peg play! The standard of singing, dancing and acting was impressive. Our thanks go to all the staff involved directly with Performing Arts or behind the scenes supporting administration and costumes. This unique aspect of our school continues to go from strength to strength.

Year 6 Test Results

Test	School	National
Reading	93%	66%
Spelling and Grammar	96%	72%
Mathematics	100%	70%
Writing (TA)	93%	74%

It's not only a time to celebrate children's musical, movement and acting skills though. You should have by now received your child's end of year report along with any results from national assessments if your child is in Reception, Year 1, 2 or 6. Please have a careful read of your child's report. I hope that you were able to come along today to the open afternoon in school to see their work in order to get a full picture of their achievements this year. When you've had time to digest it all we ask that you acknowledge receipt of the report and complete a quality of provision questionnaire. This helps us to continually make improvements to the provision at school. We read every reply and take your views very seriously.

You will likely be aware of the controversy around national assessments this year— namely Year 2 and 6 SATs tests. We only have information about national tests in Year 6 at the moment. The standards of the curriculum and the tests are much harder this year. Nationally around 70% of pupils got to the expected levels in mathematics, with scores in grammar and spelling just above that and scores in reading just below. Nationally, just 53% of children achieved the expected standard in reading, mathematics, spelling and grammar combined.

At Cass, we're very pleased to report that the children performed exceptionally well in their assessments. A massive 89% of children were at or above the expected standard in reading, mathematics, spelling and grammar combined— nearly 40% above the national average. In Mathematics every single child reached the expected standard in their tests — 100%! We scored 93% in reading and 96% in maths at or above the expected standard. 20-30% above the national average in individual subjects.

The performance of the children is testament to the talented teaching team, but most of all it's down to each and every child who was dedicated, hard working and mature throughout year 6. They should be very proud indeed of their achievements this year.

We'll be celebrating Class 6 and their service to the school on Wednesday 20th July, 2016 at our Leavers Celebration Evening. All parents should come along. We kick off at 5pm. I hope to see you there.

Mr T Wilson | **Headteacher**

Dates for your diary

Sat 16 Jul	All day 12:00pm – 4:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Summer Reading Challenge Launch ☐ City of London Community Fair
Mon 18 Jul	9:00am – 10:00am 9:30am – 10:30am 2:30pm – 3:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Nursery Welcome Morning ☐ Transition Morning ☐ Reading Challenge Assembly- New Day
Tue 19 Jul	3:15pm – 5:00pm	☐ Summer Market 🇬🇧
Wed 20 Jul	All day 11:00am – 12:00pm 5:00pm – 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Leavers Evening ☐ Strings Concert Year 4,5 and 6 ☐ Leavers Evening
Thu 21 Jul	9:00am – 3:00pm 1:00pm – 5:00pm 3:15pm – 3:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Inventors and Investigators Seaside Visit ☐ Key Stage 2 Theatre Trip ☐ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☐
Fri 22 Jul	All day All day 10:30am – 11:30am 1:30pm – 6:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ End of term ☐ School finishes 1.30pm - normal time ☐ End of term Service tbc ☐ Playcentre and Children's Centre Open
Mon 25 Jul	All day All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Centre and playcentre working all week ☐ ☐ School Closed- Summer Holiday



Year 6 French Visit

As a culmination to their learning in French this year the children travelled by Eurostar for a day trip to Lille this week. We visited the Zoo, walked around the Cathedral and museum, did some shopping and enjoyed a traditional French lunch in a restaurant. Children got the opportunity to practice their French speaking skills



David and Goliath by Year 5 and 6 Performing Arts



Year 5 DARE Graduation

Well done for making your commitment to make positive life choices.

**SUMMER
MARKET**
**TUESDAY 19th
JULY**
FROM 3.15PM

It's the Summer Market next week. The school and PTA have been busy making the last minute preparations. We still need donations of: unwanted gifts, toys and games, good quality books, raffle prizes, bric a brac, sweets and chocolates, tombola prizes. Please leave at the main office.



Please bring this plate back filled with something yummy, Anything sweet or savoury, tasty for your tummy, We will sell them on Tuesday at the School Fair, To raise lots of money, we hope to see you there!