



WRITE STUFF: From left, Egzona Berisha, Zoe Ramsammy, Taylor Sonko-Garvey, Sophia Carter, Jennifer Chandrasegara, Olayemi Orewale, Shirvaughn Allanah and Cathy Cassidy

Author tells youngsters to follow their daydreams

LESSONS in daydreaming should be on the timetable in every school in the country. That was the message from children's author Cathy Cassidy to schoolgirls from Lewisham. The writer was speaking at St Matthew Academy in St Joseph's Vale, Blackheath, on Monday last week where she was launching the paperback edition of her latest book *Cherry Crush*. Ms Cassidy is a best-selling author of fiction aimed mainly at girls aged 10 to 13.

She said: "I was a daydreamer at school and was constantly in trouble for it. But I believe

daydreaming encourages creative ideas to develop and it should be on the curriculum – as creative visualisation, perhaps." Students from St Matthew Academy, St Winifred's Catholic Junior School in Newstead Road, Lee, and St Saviour's Primary School in Bonfield Road, Lewisham, attended the launch. Ms Cassidy told them to let their imaginations flow and work hard to follow their dreams. Students from Years 5 and 6 took part in a mini-fashion parade after the talk, dressing up as characters inspired by Ms Cassidy's books.