

Health & Safety

- **School begins at 9:30.** The school **doors open at 9:20 a.m.** to receive pupils. Please do not drop off your child before 9:20 as pupils cannot be accepted on the school grounds due to insurance issues before this time, except in exceptional circumstances.
- Parents who bring children to school by car are requested to park parallel to the school wall on the school side of the road only, allowing children to walk to the school gates close to the wall.

School Wellbeing - As part of our school focus on pupil wellbeing we will be asking all pupils from first to sixth class to complete a survey as part of their homework one evening next week. We will email the link to all parents.

Rugby training: Pupils from 3rd -5th are undertaking a six week programme for development of rugby skills. This initiative is funded by Rugby Ireland

School jumpers: Please ensure uniforms are clearly labelled as we are finding it difficult to locate missing jumpers.

Healthy Eating policy: The school has a healthy eating policy in place. Please note- crisps, sweets, bars, chewing gum, nuts or fizzy drinks are not allowed in school. Children are allowed to bring a treat on Fridays

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School Newsletter

Term 1

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Parents' Association News

Parents' AGM

The PA will hold an AGM in a couple of weeks time. Parents will be notified by text when the date is confirmed. New members are most welcome. Please try and support your school by joining the Parents' Association.

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the PA fundraising events during the past school year. The PA presented a cheque for €6200 to the Board of Management in June. This money was used to fund our outdoor classroom.

Halloween Disco

The PA will host a fundraiser disco for Halloween. Details to follow closer to the time.

Board of Management News

New teaching appointment; A special welcome to Joanne Walsh who will be covering the shared Special Education Teaching post this year. Joanne will be based in the school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Policy Updates: The following school policies for Began School were ratified/reviewed this term.–Child protection Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment, Anti-bullying policy and School Code of behaviour. All ratified policies are available on the school website (www.bekanschool.ie) or a hard copy can be requested through the office.

Cycle safety course: Pupils in 5th & 6th have just completed this very worthwhile and enjoyable course. Please be mindful of children cycling on our roads and give them space when overtaking.

Parent-Teacher Meetings: These face-to-face meetings are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday October 26th and 27th. If any parent would prefer to have a phone consultation, please email your child's class teacher to arrange this.

Teacher's email addresses

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Dates for your diary

Christmas Concert: This year our concert will be held on Tuesday December 13th

Confirmation : Wednesday 15th March 2023

First Holy Communion: Saturday 6th May 2023

Closures

School will be closed for Halloween Break from Monday 31st Oct– Friday 4th November inclusive