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**Standardised Tests 2023**

**Literacy & Numeracy**: Standardised testing (Drumcondra Literacy, Maths, Irish and Spellings) have been carried out in all classes and the school is performing well. Screening tests (YARC and MIST have been undertaken in the Junior Classes.

Please see graphs below showing how Bekan School is performing against the national norms for literacy and numeracy. The pink line is the national norm, blue line is Bekan NS



**School Self Evaluation 2022-23**

In 2022-23, the focus of our School Self-Evaluation in Literacy was the area of **‘Reading Fluency’**. The initial evaluation entailed gathering information and views of parents, students and staff on the teaching and learning of same, the compilation and examination of whole-school data based on Standardised Testing, teacher-designed tests and observation as well as evidence from the area of Learning Support.

The staff has compiled a programme to target reading fluency within the school year 2022-2’3.

As part of our school self-evaluation process in the area of **Numeracy** we have targeted the teaching and learning of ***Tables Fluency* (number in the infants’ room)** Like our approach to literacy, the initial evaluation entailed gathering information and views of parents, students and staff on the teaching and learning of same, the compilation and examination of whole-school data based on Standardised Testing, teacher-designed tests and observation as well as evidence from the area of Learning Support. Teachers have set aside time each day to embed tables through various strategies-Tables challenges, maths games….

**Wellbeing Policy:** Last year (2021-22) following consultation with staff, pupils and parents (online surveys, teacher observation and pupil questionnaires) the staff drew up a Wellbeing Policy for our school. To further develop and embed **Wellbeing** in the school we decided this year to interweave certain targets from our Wellbeing Plan into Literacy and Numeracy School Improvement Plans as part of our SSE focus for this year. This is an area we will be continuing to develop over the next couple of years. We are delighted that our school has been selected to pilot the programme for pupil counselling as announced by the DES recently.