

# Bekan School

## Newsletter June 2025



### School Self-Evaluation 2024-'25

**Maths:** In September a new maths curriculum was introduced throughout the school. This curriculum is characterised by playfulness, creativity, challenge, risk-taking, collaboration and opportunities for reasoning and solving real-life problems. In this new curriculum, children must understand why math works and how different areas of math are related

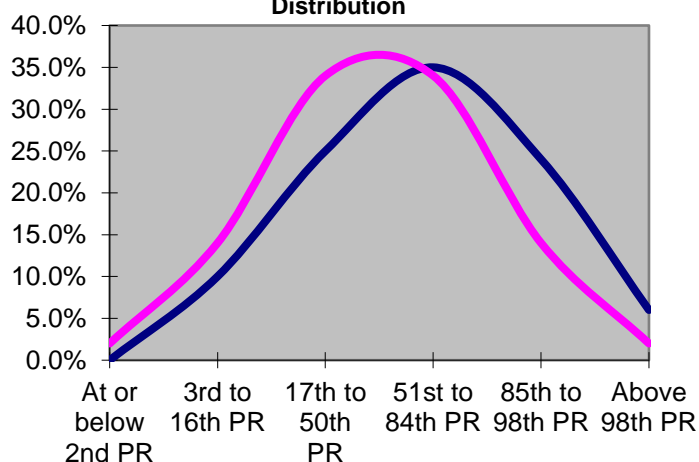
**Wellbeing Policy:** Pupil wellbeing is an area we are continuing to focus on. The school has invested in upgrading facilities in the playground so that children have a variety of play opportunities. We have installed a climbing wall, basketball hoops and games boards at the junior end. A new picnic bench has been put into the senior yard. Our student council take turns in helping others on the yard who might be finding it hard to join in games. This year our school provided a counselling programme for pupils with anxiety. We also had a very enjoyable and successful wellbeing week in school in April.

**Literacy:** In 2024-25, the focus of our School Self-Evaluation in Literacy was in the area of **Comprehension development**. The school has invested in resources for all classes to enable teachers develop and embed comprehension skills as part of this plan. We will implement our school improvement plan for comprehension in September.

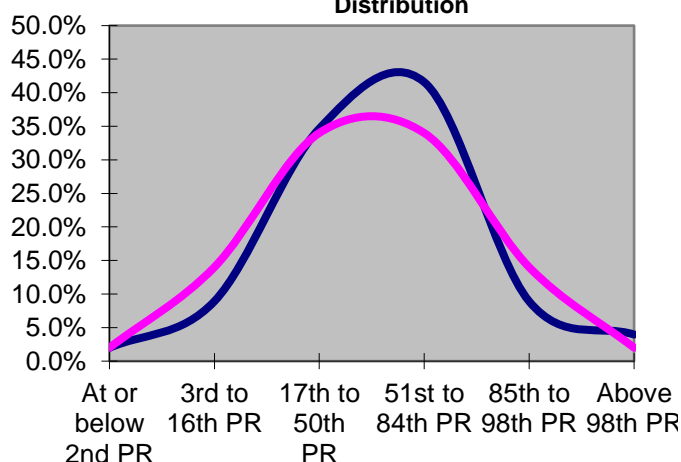
### Standardised Tests 2025

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

Numeracy Test Results Compared with Normal Distribution



Literacy Test Results Compared with Normal Distribution



## School News

We would like to wish the pupils in sixth class all the best for the next stage of their journey in education. We hope they enjoyed their time in Began school and that they will be very happy in their new school.

We are hoping to have the free school lunches in operation for early September. We will update parents when we have more information.

All books will be supplied by the school for September. Please remind your child to keep these books clean as we will be re-using them again.

School Calendar for 2025-26 is available on our website [www.bekanschool.ie](http://www.bekanschool.ie)

## School Uniforms

Following on from the uniform survey carried out earlier this year, the following changes will come into effect in September;

Junior & Senior Infants will wear school tracksuit everyday.

Pupils from 1st-6<sup>th</sup> class will wear the formal uniform. School tracksuit to be worn on PE days. **This year the red school tie will no longer be part of school uniform.**

Please send in a note to teacher if your child is not in uniform.

## Board of Management

The Board wish to thank all of the school community for their support and dedication to Began School during the past year. Special thanks to our PA committee for their support and fundraising efforts this year. This funding enables us to keep the school well resourced and maintained to a high standard.

**Bí Cineálta Policy:** This anti-bullying policy will be mandatory from September and all parents will be emailed a copy once it has been ratified by the Board of Management. Thank you to everyone who took time to complete surveys and give feedback. Please take the time to discuss this policy with your child in September.

## Parents' Association News

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraisers during the year-through donations, sponsorship and attendance at events and meetings.

We will have a final fundraising event on Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6-8pm in the school

This is a bring a **"Bring and Buy Uniform Sale"**. Please bring any old uniform (must be in good condition) and you can also purchase uniforms for next year at very reasonable prices.

We hope you all have a happy and safe summer break.

Wishing you all a Happy and Safe Summer Holiday!