

**Eureka Secondary School Kells County Meath
School Self Evaluation (S.S.E.) School Community Report August 2016**

The focus of SSE in Eureka is to improve student outcomes in both areas through student engagement and teacher practice.

The following is a brief summary of our achievements to date in meeting both our Literacy and Numeracy Targets, as stated in our *School Improvement Plan*.¹



Literacy Targets [2013 – 2016] – How are we doing?²

TARGET	<i>To improve student confidence levels in contributing to class discussions without teacher prompting.</i>
RESULTS TO DATE (June 2016)	<i>95% of Students Surveyed (May 2016) were confident either some or all of the time. (Target as per S.I.P. was 40%)</i>

TARGET	<i>Strategies should be introduced to improve student proficiency in spelling and grammar.</i>
RESULTS TO DATE (June 2016)	<i>77% of Students Surveyed (May 2016) responded that their spelling and grammatical use of Key Words have improved through the Key Words Strategy.</i>

TARGET	Keyboard skills of students should be improved.
RESULTS TO DATE (June 2016)	<i>88% of Students surveyed (May 2016) agreed or somewhat agreed that their Digital Literacy (Keyboarding) skills have improved.</i>

Numeracy Targets [2014- 2017]– How are we doing?

TARGET	<i>To improve both the use/understanding of mathematical language, estimation skills in converting fractions to percentages, converting fractions to percentages using a calculator and ‘rounding off’ decimals to the nearest whole number.</i>
RESULTS TO DATE (June 2016)	<i>77% of Students surveyed (May 2016) agreed or somewhat agreed that they are more confident in converting Fractions to Percentages as a result of completing Numeracy Sheets.</i>

TARGET	<i>To ensure a more consistent approach to the teaching of Numeracy throughout the whole school community.</i>
RESULTS TO DATE (June 2016)	<i>83% of Students surveyed (May 2016) stated that they were more confident in completed Bar Charts as a result of completing Numeracy Sheets.</i>

WHAT'S AHEAD???



LITERACY ACTIONS 2016/17

- *Integrate Key Words into everyday classwork – WEEKLY SCHOOL KEYWORDS.*
- *Literacy Targets to extend to 1st; 2nd; Junior Cert. and Transition Years.*
- *2016/17 School Journal to include dedicated Key Words Pages for each Subject.*

NUMERACY ACTIONS 2016/17

- *Numeracy Sheets (including Bar Charts) to be included in each Years' Journal and will replace the Numeracy Folders used to date.*
- *Numeracy Targets to extend to 1st; 2nd and Junior Certificate Classes.*

ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING (A.F.L.) ACTIONS 2016/17

- *Numeracy Pages will include Bar Charts to be completed by each student to help their understanding of areas they are doing well in/need to be improved.*
- *2016/17 School Journal to include a dedicated A.F.L. page where each student provides answers to the following questions on a weekly basis:*

What did I do well during the week?

What could have I done better during the week?

What next? What do I have to do to improve?

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¹ *For more information on how we intend to improve our students' learning, please see an outline of our School Improvement Plan which is available on the School's website, www.eurekasecondaryschool.ie.*

² *Results of recent Parent, Pupil and Teacher Surveys/Evaluations on the effectiveness of our Literacy and Numeracy Strategies are available to access on the School's website.*