

School Self Evaluation (S.S.E.) Community Report June 2017

A school based self-evaluation of Teaching and Learning was undertaken during the period May 2017. We looked at how well our students are doing in **Literacy** and **Numeracy**. The focus of SSE¹ 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 2017)	<i>89% of Students surveyed (May 2017) were confident in asking questions without teacher prompting 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 literacy.</i>
RESULTS TO DATE (June 2017)	<i>76% of Students surveyed (May 2017) expressed either an improvement in understanding of a Subject's Key Words or an improvement in exam results as a result of the Key Words strategy.</i>

TARGET	Keyboard skills of students should be improved.
RESULTS TO DATE (June 2017)	<i>80% of Students surveyed (May 2017) agreed or somewhat agreed that their Digital Literacy (Keyboarding) skills have improved. (Target as per S.I.P. was 30 wpm with 90% accuracy.)</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 2017)	<i>74% of Students surveyed (May 2017) 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 2017)	<i>73% of Students surveyed (May 2017) stated that they were more confident in completed Bar Charts as a result of completing Numeracy Sheets.</i>

WHAT'S AHEAD???



LITERACY ACTIONS 2017/18

- Integrate Key Words into everyday classwork – WEEKLY SCHOOL KEYWORDS.
- Literacy Targets to extend to 1st; 2nd; Junior Cert. and **Transition Years**.
- 2017/18 School Journal to include dedicated Key Words Pages for each Subject.

NUMERACY ACTIONS 2017/18

- 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, Junior Certificate and **Transition Year Classes**.

ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING (A.F.L.) ACTIONS 2017/18

- 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?
- Re-inforce assessment for learning techniques and build on existing classroom practice:

TARGET	To ensure that Assessment for Learning techniques are embedded in Teaching and Learning in Eureka.
RESULTS TO DATE (June 2017)	87% of students surveyed (May 2017) indicated that their teachers used Pair Work in the classroom and 53% of students surveyed indicated that teachers had asked that they correct a neighbour's copy.

S.S.E. 2016 – 2020

Surveys will be conducted of teachers, students and parents in early September 2017 and this will determine which two of the four aspects of Teaching and Learning will be the focus of SSE 2016/2020.

The four aspects of teaching and learning are; Learner Outcomes; Learner Experiences; Teachers' Individual Practice; Teachers' Collective/Collaborative Practice.

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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.