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School Newsletter

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School News

Christmas Concert This year our Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday 12th December at 6:30 pm in Began Church. The Juniors will perform a musical called "Baarmy Bethlehem" and the Seniors will stage "Stable Manners" We hope all families will join us on the night for a good evening's entertainment!
Pupils are asked to be in the Church for **6pm** please.

St. Vincent De Paul Fundraiser

Every Christmas the school hosts a fundraiser for our local St. Vincent De Paul Society in Ballyhaunis. This year we will have a **Christmas Jumper Day** on Friday 13th December. Pupils can dress up and bring in €2 on the day for this very worthy cause.

A Special Visitor: On the day of the Christmas Holidays the junior classes will have a visit from a very special man in a red suit!

French Language Programme: Pupils from 3rd-6th class will be offered an opportunity to learn French for one hour per week as part of the Primary Language Curriculum. Classes will run from February to June.

Phone numbers: Please ensure that you inform the school if you have changed your mobile number or email and it is very important that we have a second contact number for every family.

Dates for your diary

Christmas Holidays: School will close on **Friday 20th December at 12 noon** and re-open on **Monday 6th January 2025**

Please check out our website (www.bekanschool.ie) for updates on school projects and individual class blogs.

Board of Management News

The Board of Management would like to sincerely thank the Parents' Association committee members who presented a cheque for €4000 on behalf of parents to the school. This money will be used to purchase equipment/ resources for the school.

Policy Updates: The following school policies for Began School were ratified/reviewed this term. Policy on dignity in the workplace, School Improvement Plan for literacy and Substance Use Policy.
All ratified policies are available on the school website (www.bekanschool.ie) or a hard copy can be requested through the office.

New Classroom: The plans for the new classroom are now completed and have been sent to the Dept of Education for approval.

Pupil Wellbeing: The Board have invested in playground games and equipment to enhance children's wellbeing on the yard.

Parents' Association News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Halloween Disco

Christmas Bake Sale There will be a Christmas Bake Sale in the outdoor area of Ronan's Bar Began after 11:30am Mass on Sunday 8th December. There will be a wonderful selection of delicious cakes and treats available. Please support this very popular school fundraiser by baking or buying!

50/50 Raffle

This year the PA are delighted to announce that there will be a another 50/50 raffle which will take place on Friday 20th December.