

June 2019

St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are on our final full week and our last few days with 6th class. We wish Alanna, Enya, Ethan, Jennifer and Patryk the very best of luck starting Banagher College in September.

We had a lovely open day with our new infants who start in September. A teacher will be appointed for that classroom in August as Mrs Greaney will be on career break.

Wishing all our families an enjoyable, safe summer holidays. School will close for the summer Thursday 27th June at 12pm. School will reopen on Monday 2nd September.

Yours sincerely,

Eilís Treacy

School Principal

End of Year Activities

The month of June is extremely busy with tours, visits, matches and final testing.

Congratulations to the school **hurling** team who competed in the inaugural Garda tournament in Carabane. The mixed team of 5th/6th class came runners up in the division 4 final.

The junior tour had a great day in Birr Castle and the seniors look forward to their day out next week.

The **sports day** will be held during school time on Tuesday 25th June. Children will have to bring potato and spoon and tights for 3 legged race. Our outgoing 6th class will design activities for the day. Don't forget a hurl for the long puck also.

The school will close for the summer on Thursday at 12pm.



Upcoming Events

Monday 24th June

End of year assembly and Graduation

Tuesday 25th June

Sports Day

Wed 26nd June

Senior School Tour

Thursday 27th June

Closing for summer

Money collections

Music

€20 each term.

€60 for year.

School Tours

Junior Tour

€20

Senior Tour

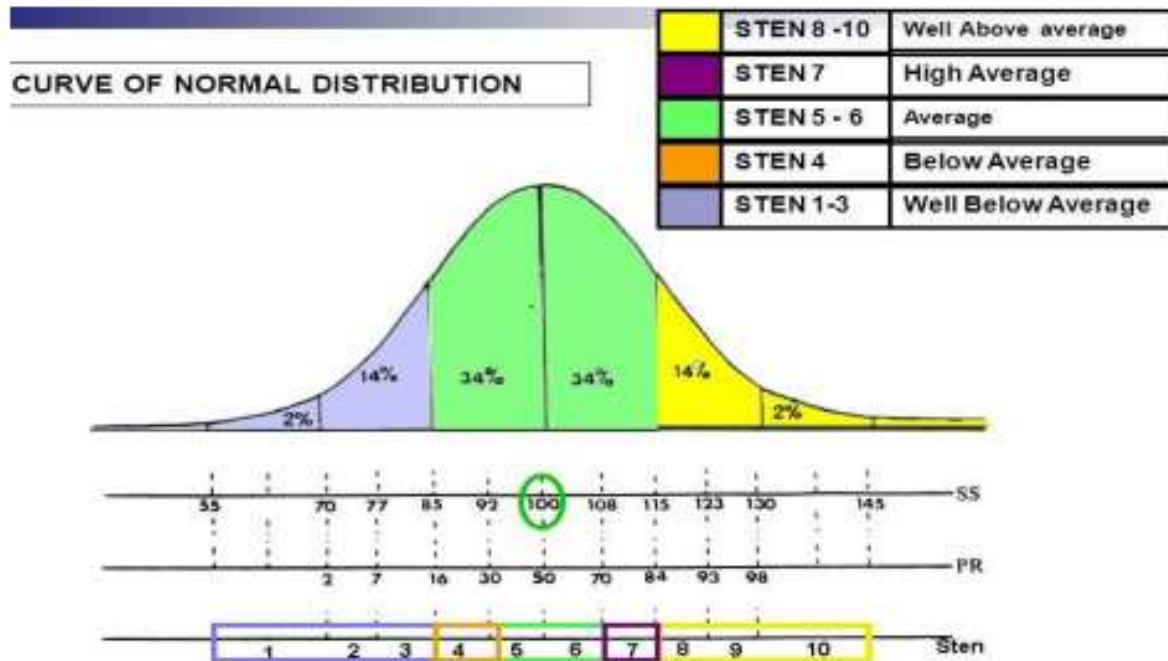
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School Office

Monday – Thursday

09:00 – 11:00

School Reports



School reports should reach all homes by Friday. I have included the illustration above to reassure and reiterate what the STen actually means. While we are always trying to get a 10/10 in a spelling test or other class tests, this is extremely rare in standardised testing. Only 2% or 2 children out of every 100 children can achieve a STen of 10. A STen of 5 or 6 is "Average" and is where most of the population is at. Any score above "Average" is a bonus but parents need to realise that a STen of 5 or 6 is perfectly OK.

We use these tests as teachers to check that each pupil is progressing at their pace. We would hope that pupils maintain the same STen from year to year and any improvement on their STen is an added bonus but not expected as the STen result reflects their ability.

We monitor the results and if a child is dropping we would look to see the reasons for this and investigate what support is needed to support the child.

We also test 2nd and 5th class in November on the NRIT (Non Reading Intelligence Test). We put this result against their Drumcondra reading and both STens should be similar. Comparing these helps us identify children who might have reading difficulties or dyslexia. We also use these results to plan for the coming year and prioritise pupils or groups who need extra support.

If you have any queries relating to your child's report, please ring Patricia in the morning and arrange to meet with your class teacher.

Booklists

With your child's report you have received their booklist for the coming year. As you know we purchase all the books and stationary for the year and the only purchases parents have to make are lunch box, schoolbag and pencils/pens.

We operate a rental scheme in the school and have any textbook we can on rental. [English Curriculum](#)

Follow-Up Inspection

The report on the English Follow up inspection is available to view here

https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Inspection-Reports-Publications/Follow-Through-Inspections/15997P_Follow%20Through_12625_20190404.pdf