

School of the Holy Spirit
Summer
Newsletter
School Year 2021-2022



Principal's Address - Newsletter 2022

School Year 2021/22 has been a very exciting one to be back after Covid-19. It has been a roller coaster in many ways

It has been an eventful and a successful year and we have shared some lovely occasions. Eleven students were Confirmed by Bishop Dermot and eleven students also made their First Penance and First Holy Communion with Father Dan this spring. Six students completed their Leaving Certificate Applied and six students also completed their Junior Cycle this year. All students throughout the school have worked very hard over the year, and we are very proud of their achievements.

We are also delighted to have a Parent's Association up and running again, and a new look website at www.holyspiritkilkenny.ie .

The photographs and reports that follow are testament to the many special events and occasions that have taken place over the school year.

I wish to extend my warmest thanks to the Board of Management, parents, students, teachers, SNAs, therapists, Olive, Breda, Walter, Andreia and all who have made the school year 2021/22 so special and memorable in the life of our school community.

All of our students and staff are to be congratulated on the many successes of 2021/22. We remember our many social and life skills outings, to places such as the Dublin Zoo, the Van Gogh exhibition, Johnswell Footy Golf , Scanlan Park, New Ross, Supermarkets, and a variety of restaurants.

Staff News

We welcomed Kevin Shortall and Lisa Buckley to our teaching staff over the year. Mary Mullally retired from the school in December 2021, and we thank her for her dedication and expertise. In addition, Ms Mulligan retired in January, after 25 years in School of the Holy Spirit. Congratulations and thanksgiving for the safe arrival of a number of new babies to staff members this year.

I also will be retiring at the end of August. It has been an honour and a privilege to be the Principal of this great school. I will miss everyone greatly, but I am excited about the adventures still to come. I wish you all God's blessing every day as the school community continues to move forward.

Warmest wishes,
Karen Lowther.

"Capturing the moments of today that will wow your hearts tomorrow"

Class 1



Spending time together!

Class 2



Admiring our class art!

Class 3



Ready for learning!

Class 4



Picnic in the park!

Class 5



Summer school trip!

Class 6



Working together!

Class 7



Summer Class Trip!

Class 8



Meals out together!

Class 9



Spending time in the sensory garden!

Class 10



Treat time!

Class 11



Up and walking!

Class 12



Cultural trips!

Class 13



LCA interview day!

Class 14



Debs night!

Good wishes to Mrs.Mulligan



We will miss you!

Special Events School Year 2022-2023

Music Generation.....Heritage Council Visit...Christmas Tree Festival in Hall...Christmas Art...Hot Chocolate Dock...Christmas Quiz...Anti-Bullying Week...World Book Week...Mobile Library Visit...First Penance...First Communion...Irish Culture Week ...Irish Dancing...Basketball...Rounders' Day...Confirmation...First Holy Communion...Active Schools Week...Swimming...Sports Day...Soccer...Visit to the Butler Gallery....Castle Park....Nore Valley Park...Dunbrody Famine Ship...Visiting Speakers from KITE...NLN...Ormonde College.....Kilkenny Fire

Station....Podcasts.....Graduation Night.....End of Year Service.....Ice Cream Van Visit...Picnic in the Field.....Confirmation....Science Week...Safer Internet Day...Visit from the Firemen...2km Challenge a day in June...Summer trip to the Zoo...Walks down town...Basketball....Pottery....Foot golf...Trips to the Castle Park....Sponsored Walk...Mario's for Lunch....Christmas Tree Festival...Pride Picnic....Drumming Workshop...Heritage Visit...Planting Wildflowers...Trip to St.Canice's Round Tower....Pool Table Restoration...Chess....Christmas Song Recorded....Class Breakfasts....Class Meals...Cookery...Litter Picking Project...Birthday Celebrations...Project:Grow it...Cook it...Eat it...Up and Walking....Junior Cycle Exams...Interviews...LCA Exams...Practical Cookery Exam.....School Trip to New Ross....Winterfestival...Work Experience...Debs...Visit to the Butler Gallery...Student Council....Anti-Bullying Movie....Yearbook...Odd Socks Barnardos...Buddy System....GAISCE...PROJECT 21...Kilkenny Gaol Break Task...Ukraine Fundraiser....**Lots of memories made!!**

What a year. We all had fun and enjoyed so much....



