



Mid Term Update

Welcome Back To School!

Welcome back to a new school year here in Holy Rosary! We've had a busy few weeks settling back in and getting the year off to a good start for everyone.

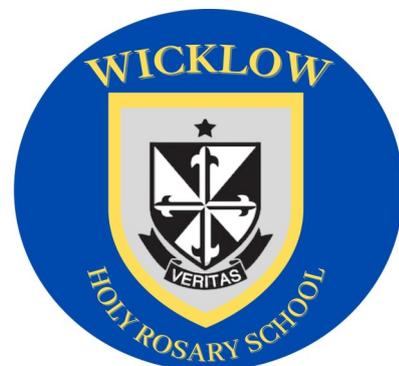
We are still maintaining our Covid 19 Response Plan and doing everything we can to keep our school community safe. Our pupils are fantastic ...they follow all the rules and procedures without complaint and are doing their bit to keep Covid out of school.

When we come back after the midterm break we will be fast approaching winter and the flu season. We

ask for your continued co-operation with keeping children who are sick home from school. This not only helps us in the fight against Covid, it also helps us stop the spread of coughs, colds and tummy bugs in school. We are really grateful for the support our families give us in this regard.

Our year is off to a good start. The teachers are working really hard to ensure the delivery of the full curriculum to all our boys and girls. Our ancillary staff are working hard to ensure the smooth running of the school. We have a great team here in the school and we hope

that the year will continue to go well for all concerned.



A New Deputy Principal

In September this year Ms. Byrne took up her new role as Deputy Principal in the school. We congratulate her on her appointment and wish her well as she begins this new chapter here in our school. Ms. Byrne is a

very experienced teacher who brings excellent knowledge and practices to our school's Leadership and Management Team.

Within the role of Deputy Principal,

Ms. Byrne has taken on the duty of SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator). She will lead the SEN Team within the school to ensure that all of our pupils have a high quality, inclusive education.

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Special points of interest:

- School is closed all next week for Mid Term Break
- School re-opens on Monday 1st November
- Enrolments for September 2022 begin on 2nd November. Keep an eye on the website for further details!

Welcome New Students and Staff!

At our first online assembly of the year, Fr. Donal offered a blessing for all the pupils and staff in our school. We prayed together that we would all have a great year in school with lots of fun and learning.

This year we have welcomed two new classes of Junior Infants and also some pupils to our Willow Room. With the help of Ms. Russell, Ms. Harris and Ms. Kearns they are all settling in really well to our school and are now fully fledged members of our school community.

We are super impressed with all our new Junior Infants who are walking up the ramp to school



Tá na duilleoga ag titim...an fómhar atá ann!

every morning and who are doing a fantastic job of it!

We have also welcomed some new pupils to other classes throughout the school and we hope that they are all feeling very welcome here in Holy Rosary.

This year we have also welcomed some new staff members and we are delighted to have them working with us this year.

We extend a warm welcome to Ms. Harris (Junior Infants), Ms. Lambe (2nd Class), Ms. Kenny (2nd Class), Ms. Murtagh (4th Class), Mr. Gibbons (5th Class), Mr. O'Sullivan (6th Class) and Carolyn Whelan (SNA). We hope that they will all enjoy working here in Holy Rosary School!

A New Class for Children with Autism

We are delighted to announce that we are opening a third class for children with autism in our school in September 2022. This class will be situated in Holy Rosary Building.

With the addition of this class, we will have 3 classes going forward:

1. Early Intervention: 3-5 year olds

2. Junior School Age Class
3. Senior School Age Class

We hope that our classes will support the provision of an age appropriate education in a suitable environment for children with additional needs. We are building towards strengthening our model

of inclusion and giving the children involved the maximum opportunity to utilise supports while still engaging, learning and playing with their peers. This is a very exciting and positive addition to our school!

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Enrolments 2022

Applications for enrolment for September 2022 will begin on Tuesday 2nd November 2022. Parents will be invited to complete an online pre-enrolment form on our school website:
www.holyrosaryschoolwicklow.ie

The application portal will open at 8am on 2nd November and will remain open until 12pm on Tuesday 23rd November.

Our updated Admissions Policy and

our Admissions Notice for 2022 will be emailed to all our current parents in the coming days and both will also be available on the website from next week.

The school will notify parents with offers of places by Friday 3rd December 2021. At that stage parents will be asked to complete a full enrolment form and provide additional information like birth certificate, reports etc.

Parents will also be notified if there is no place available and their child will be placed on a waiting list. All places must be accepted/declined by Friday 10th December at 12pm.



**ENROLMENTS OPEN FROM 2ND -23RD
NOVEMBER 2021!**

Check out our fabulous work!

All across the school our classes have been working really hard in all subject areas. We are working on reading, writing, maths and all the skills that go along with them.

But as the midterm has arrived, we've been getting extra creative! Check out some of the wonderful work that is on display in Bethlehem and Holy Rosary. Ask your children if they can spot some pieces that their class has done!



Our School is Alive with Halloween Spirit!



Mid Term Break

We have had a great day of Halloween celebrations in school on the last day before midterm. Everyone got in the spirit of things with fabulous costumes and face paint...well done to the Mams and Dads who organised all this at home!

We had our Halloween disco in the school yards and everyone had

great fun dancing the break away! The lovely weather made it all the better!

At this stage in the year everyone is tired and ready for the midterm break. We hope that everyone enjoys this well-earned break from the making lunches, school runs, homework and all the other daily tasks involved with school!

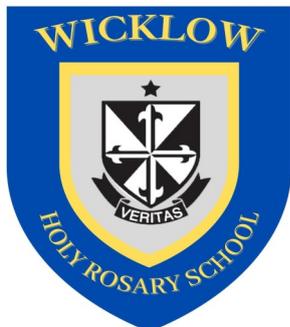
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and will re-open on Monday 1st November.

We hope that everyone has a lovely time celebrating Halloween.

Don't forget to change your clocks next weekend!





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Assistant Principal II: Ms. C. O'Hara

Assistant Principal II: Ms. J. Kearns

Assistant Principal II: Ms. L. Phillips

We're on the Web!
www.holyrosaryschoolwicklow.ie



Parents' Association Update

The Parents Association are recruiting!

We are always looking for people to join the committee (attendance at committee meetings is needed but meetings are never too long!).

This year we are putting together a volunteer list, people who want to help at events but not necessarily be part of the committee. We will send a message when an event is coming up and if you are available that is great but if not, that is no problem at all.

We hope that this year we may be able to hold some events and we have plans for a **Christmas event in conjunction with the Parents Association of DCW**. Details of this will be communicated separately.

We are also always looking for **new ideas**. If you have any ideas feel free to contact us.

If you would like to join the committee, be added to our volunteer list or have an exciting

idea for us then please email parentsassociation@holyroaryschool.ie or message 086-8815787 with your name and what you would like to be a part of.



AGM

We are hoping to have a more "normal" AGM this year however we will wait until after the easing

of restrictions at the end of October to determine if this is possible. We will communicate details to you as soon as we know what is possible. Details of the total amounts raised in the school year Sept 2020 – June 2021 along with details on where the money was spent/will be spent will be announced at the AGM.

Useful Parenting Information

This year the Parents Association will be passing on information to parents on useful talks and services that may be happening both online and in our community. These talks are mostly provided by National Parents Council but may also be from other service providers. These talks are held by outside service providers and if you wish to gain further information you should contact them directly.