



# St. Raphaela's Primary School

## March 2009

Dear Parents and Friends,

As well as bringing you lots of news from our school family, this newsletter comes with our thanks as a staff, for all your continued amazing support to the school, and with our best wishes for a truly blessed Easter.

Warmest regards,

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### Celebrating Success!

Congratulations to Samantha Warren (6<sup>th</sup> Class) for winning First Prize in the INTO Handwriting Competition. Samantha's work is on display in the lobby - please do take a look at it and let it be an encouragement to all our children to present their work beautifully!

### "Write a Book" Winners

Well done to the 230 children from our school who entered their books in the recent "Write a Book" Competition organised by Blackrock Education Centre. As you know, each class exchanges their books with a class of the same age in another school and good story-writing is celebrated. Our winners this year are:

"Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs" by Margot Moore - Miss Jordan's Junior Infants Class

"Emperor Penguins" by Catherine Briscoe - Miss Smyth's Junior Infants Class

"The Purple Bird" by Róise Cusack - Senior Infants Class

"The Magic Swing" by Jade Pinkney - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

"My Finnish Friend" by Kate Maher - 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

"Dragons" by Aoife McIntyre - 4<sup>th</sup> Class

"A Holiday in Pompeii" by Raanah Melrose - 5<sup>th</sup> Class

"A Circuitous Tale - TV Mail" by Chelsea Pearse, Evelyn Boylan, Samantha Warren, Kate Delaney, Róisín Flannery & Sinéad Power - all in 6<sup>th</sup> Class



The Awards Ceremony will be on 27<sup>th</sup> April in the Blackrock Education Centre, and all books will be on display in the school corridors sometime in May. More on this later!

### Incredible Edibles!

All over Ireland children in 4<sup>th</sup> Class are discovering the joy of growing their own fruit and vegetables, and our 4<sup>th</sup> Class have been busy planting and watering their very own strawberries! If you have a patch of garden at home, why not invite your child to don gardening boots and do some planting? Now is the time.....!

### School Plays

Need to rid your house of some unwelcome vermin?

Need to make dreams come true?

Come to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class plays and let the Pied Piper, Aladdin, Robin Hood and other familiar friends work their usual magic!

Join us for our Easter Plays on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm.

### Our Third Green Flag!

The Third Green Flag is awarded for water conservation and the Green School Committee have asked me to remind us all that water is our most precious commodity and must be valued as such and used with great care. Please do look at our displays in the corridors for tips on how to conserve water in your home.

### Daffodil Day!

I am sure you would all like to join with me in paying tribute to Hannah Cowley, Laoise Magee, Ciara Moore, Caoimhe Doyle, and Emma O'Gorman, who together raised €505 for the Irish Cancer Society. Together with Paddy Boylan, they persuaded you all to contribute *a further €800* to such a worthy cause. Well done to everyone involved!



### Concern Fast

Concern have written to express their immense thanks for the sum of €4208.98 which you children and parents rased before Christmas.

### Science - A Date for your Diary

As part of our application for a Discover Primary Science Award, each class has been busy doing lots of experiments over the last year. We now invite you to an Open Science Afternoon on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 1.15pm till 2.30pm in the school hall, where each class will have their tables set up for you to view. Only those wearing their thinking caps are allowed in! First Class will also invite you into their classroom to see their interactive whiteboard in action! This is our thank you to you for all your support in helping us to have interactive boards in six of our classrooms! Our ambition is to have one in every classroom eventually.



### Day of the Holidays: Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please note that children may wear their own clothes to school this Friday. Sixth Class, who will wear their Confirmation clothes, may finish school at 11am, as they are planning a belated Confirmation celebration together. School ends at 12 Noon for everyone else this Friday.

### Palm Sunday

Second Class have their special Family Mass in the parish church on Palm Sunday at 12 Noon. They are invited to welcome Jesus with their palm branches and to dress up in the type of clothing the friends of Jesus might have worn. Old dressing-gowns and towels for head-gear would be appropriate!

### Trócaire Boxes

Please could all Trócaire boxes be returned to the office on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you!

### Summer Term

School re-opens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at the usual time of 8.50am.  
We wish you a wonderful Easter and a relaxing and enjoyable break!

