



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

June is always a busy month in school and we have lots of information to share with you in this newsletter.

We have achieved a lot as a school community this year and we look forward to continuing to work together during the next academic year.

We will celebrate the Graduation of 7 of our pupils on Wednesday 28th June. We will miss you and wish you all the best for the future.

Please ensure that you keep up to date with the information shared on our website, Facebook and Aladdin over the next few weeks.

*Kathy Waldron*

## ThisAbility Week

As part of our ThisAbility week we will have a non-uniform day on Tuesday 20th June. We are very excited to welcome some of the support dogs from My Canine Companion on that day.

Members of An Garda Síochána will visit the school on Thursday 22nd June.

We look forward to a busy fun-filled week.

Thank you to **Nally's SuperValu** in Celbridge for providing some snacks and treats to help us celebrate this special week.



## KEY DATES

- In-person Parent Teacher Meetings: 21st June (3-5pm)
- ThisAbility Week: 19th - 25th June
- Parents Association: next meeting 22nd June @ 10.30am
- Graduation: 28th June @ 4.30pm
- End of Term: School closes 30th June @ 12.30pm

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are reviewed each year. For 2023/24 we request contributions as listed below:

• School Journal €10.00 • Minibus expenses €30.00 • Cookery €30.00 • Garden & Life Skills €20.00

**Total €90.00**

\*As the school received a Book Grant from the Department of Education for every pupil for 2023/24 we are not requesting the contribution for Classroom Materials as in previous years.

A link to pay will be put on Aladdin soon. If you prefer, you can pay in cash or by cheque made payable to St Raphael's Special School. Please note, whatever method of payment you choose you can opt to pay by instalments (any amount), to spread the cost. All these payments go towards supporting our pupils' education programme in school.

## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

In-person Parent Teacher meetings will take place in the school on Wednesday 21st June from 3-5pm. Your child's class teacher will have advised you of your appointed time. If you have not confirmed your attendance, please do so as soon as possible.



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### SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to all our pupils for the effort and achievements during sports week. It was a great success.

Thank you to the Parents Association for purchasing the medals and Get Creative for supplying the balloons.



### NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT COUNCIL

We are **Jack, Evan, George, Seán, Zach and Ella.**

We are delighted to be representing our school and being included in some important decision making. We are excited about the things to come in the next year. We will have our next meeting on Monday 19th June and we will share our ideas for ThisAbility Week



### ART COMPETITION

The quality and artistic talent of the children was truly fantastic to see in the inaugural SJoG Schools Art Competition. Congratulations to the four pupils from our school who won in their categories. Conor McCarthy Group CEO will visit the school next week to present prizes to the winning children.

### FUNDRAISING

We are delighted to let you know that our school has been successful in our application for funding under the **Intel Pride of Place** competition. The Intel Pride of Place competition is about supporting projects that enrich the lives of people in our local communities of Leixlip, Celbridge, and Maynooth. We can't wait to share the progress of our project from start to finish.

A reminder that we were selected by **Tesco Celbridge** for their Community Fund. The €2,000 fund will be divided between three nominated charities and voting will commence on 27th May for 12 weeks. Tesco invited staff and pupils to their store this week to celebrate our nomination, thank you to **Tesco** for their welcome, the pupils enjoyed their visit.

On Tuesday 20th June, we will have a non-uniform day for the charity **My Canine Companion**. Pupils may wear their own clothes or wear something green to support the charity. We would appreciate any donations in aid of this worthy cause. You can donate via the QR code below or visit <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/straphaelsbigwalkhome>  
Any donation big or small would be appreciated.

ST. RAPHAEL'S SPECIAL SCHOOL ARE TAKING

PART IN MY CANINE COMPANION'S

*The big walk home*

SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Please support our non-uniform day  
on Tuesday 20th July

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