



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This is our first school newsletter for this academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our 10 new pupils to the school and also to welcome back all our pupils. We look forward to an exciting year ahead with our whole school community.

Kathy Waldron

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

A reminder of the school contact details is below.

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ACTIVE FLAG AUTUMN WALK



Thank you to Paul and class B3 for their work on the Autumn Walk at the field. The children love participating in the walk as part of our Active Flag Programme. You never know what you will spot in the trees, all painted by our pupils in the school workshop. As you can see it looks great!

We are in the process of changing our outdoor area at the front of the school so it can be used for sports activities and Tuck Shop on Friday. New equipment has been purchased and we look forward to seeing our pupils enjoying this space as part of our Active Flag Programme.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The next date of our PA meeting 16th October in the school grounds at 10.30am - all new parents & everyone welcome.

The Facebook page for the school can be found at " St.Raphael's Private Chat Support Group" You can also contact the PA by emailing: Straphaelssspa@gmail.com

Recently parents met for a coffee morning which had a lovely turn out. There will be another one organised for Oct/Nov. Keep an eye on FB page.

The PA has secured a grant from Kildare County Council to purchase and install musical panels for the school. It is anticipated that these panels will be installed in the coming weeks on the grounds of the school.



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CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder that the link to pay the parent contributions for 2023-24 is available on Aladdin.

Thank you to everyone who has already paid this, we appreciate your support.

CREATIVE SCHOOLS

Teachers Philip and Christina are going to head up our Creative School Programme in the school this year. Thank you to both of them. They have already met with Aisling Byrne from Creative Schools and have big plans for this year, watch this space!

OUTDOOR LEARNING PROJECT

Work has commenced on our outdoor learning area / performance area at the front of the school. It is hoped that this will be completed in the next few weeks. Thank you once again to Intel for funding this project.

FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

A very big thank you to the members of the K Club, Lady Captain Phyllis and Men's Captain Brian, for organising and hosting a fundraiser for our school which was held at the K Club in August. We are delighted to inform you that they raised the unbelievable sum of €50,000 for our school. We have lots of exciting plans in place to ensure that this generous donation is put to good use and to the benefit of all the pupils in our school.

We have also received a donation from Aldi stores of €500. Thank you to the ALDI Community Grants Programme for their generosity and for choosing our school!

Thank you to Colourtrend Celbridge for all the lovely coloured paint they have donated to the school. It is already getting well used!

Thank you to all who used their blue tokens to support our school in Tesco Celbridge in their Community Fund. Members of our Student Council were delighted to go to Tesco to accept a cheque for €1217. Thank you also to Tesco.



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OUR TEAM

So far this term we have celebrated National SNA Day and World Teacher's Day. I would like to our whole team for all their hard work and dedication!

Great job!



GREEN SCHOOLS

The Green Schools theme this year is 'Biodiversity'. Our classes will be participating in monthly Biodiversity themed activities. For the month of September class C8 made a birdhouse for our treehouse area. This coming month of October, the classes will be electing their new Biodiversity Buddies, who will assist in promoting Biodiversity around the school.

STUDENT COUNCIL



The Student Council were very lucky to visit Tesco Celbridge to collect our cheque for the Tesco Community Fund.

They are very busy preparing for our Halloween celebrations in school.



See our website for details on our visit to Tesco and to view the latest Student Council Newsletter!

<https://www.straphaelsschool.ie/tesco-community-fund>

<https://www.straphaelsschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Student-Council-Newsletter-October-2023.pdf>