



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. It has been a busy start of term. Pupils and staff have enjoyed celebrating Catholic Schools week, Storytelling week and St Brigid's Day. Currently our walkway is being decorated for spring. Thank you to everyone involved.

We look forward to celebrating the Confirmation of four of our pupils on Tuesday 11th February.

This month we are also celebrating St Valentines Day and Friendship February. We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and cooperation.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Thank you to the Student Council for sharing the worksheets for "Friendship February" in aid of Special Olympics Ireland.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Extravaganza, we hope that those of you who came along enjoyed the day as much as we did!

A huge thank you to everyone involved; our Parents Association for their help and for providing festive treats, Leonardo from Music Generation, and of course our amazing school choir.

Our raffle raised €1300.00. Thank you to all our local sponsors who donated prizes.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

As per Department of Education direction the school will have two closures in February to facilitate teacher training.

- **Friday 14th February**
- **Monday 24th February**

As per the school calendar the school will closed for mid-term break

- **19th – 21st February inclusive**

ST JOHN OF GOD ART COMPETITION

It's Art Competition time once again. There are two categories, general and digital and each child can enter twice in each category. Pupils can submit entries through the school or through their parent/guardian.

Entry forms will be sent home with pupils later this month.

SAHARA RUN FOR ST RAPHAEL'S SPECIAL SCHOOL

A big thank you to Gary for taking on this mammoth task and donating all money raised to purchasing Interactive Boards for our school.

We are all cheering Gary on! 🙌📣

Please support Gary's fundraising via the link below

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/RunSaharafor>

BRANDED THE 'TOUGHEST FOOT RACE ON THE PLANET!!!



Support Gary McDonald's Epic Fundraising Challenge!

In aid of St. Raphael's Special School, Celbridge Gary McDonald is taking on the legendary Marathon des Sables—a grueling 250km ultra-marathon across the Sahara Desert, spanning 6 days of intense endurance. Please share and donate





A very sincere thank you for all your support and donations for our Christmas Extravaganza.

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