

## Worksheet 1

# The Happy Prince

*Newspaper Production Team*



## Directions

- i) To undertake this activity you are to work in a group of four.
- ii) It is the year 1890 and your group produces the city newspaper.
- iii) Your editorial group have heard rumours circulating across the city about:
  1. An unknown benefactor who is leaving riches for the poor.
  2. The sightings across the city of birds in various places. These swallows should have flown south weeks ago. People are concerned that the seasons are changing.
  3. The fate of the statue of the happy Prince which has deteriorated badly.

## Group Task

Your group must design and produce an A3 sized front page for your newspaper. It must have:

- i) Masthead with name of the paper, date, city and cost.
- ii) Main story, reflecting the most serious of the rumours, complete with headlines
- iii) Stories covering the other rumours. These will give the reporter's account of the event.
- iv) Any additional space to be used for small advertisements relating to trade in 1890.

## Group Meeting

Before you can begin you must hold a group meeting to decide:

- i) What your paper will be called.
- ii) What day and month will appear on the paper. (Remember it is winter in the northern hemisphere where the story takes place.)
- iii) What style the masthead will have and who will design it.
- iv) Who will write each story and design the accompanying headlines.
- v) Who will research background information to discover what money was used in 19th Century and how much a paper might cost. Research other information to be able to create small advertisements.