

# Graphic Classics

## 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.