



**CHEF RACHEL ALLEN RELEASES 218 BALLOONS TO RAISE ISSUE AWARENESS**

Transition Year students highlight Child Labour Day

By EDEL O'CONNELL

MORE than 200 brightly coloured balloons were spotted in the skies over Carrigtwohill yesterday as part of a special event to raise awareness of child labour.

The Child Labour Day organised by the Transition Year students of St Aloysius' College in Carrigtwohill was officially opened by celebrity chef Rachel Allen.

The transition year students of Rang Eibhlin, St Aloysius' College, are taking part in the **Young Social Innovators** project — one of the country's largest social awareness and active citizenship and education programme which sees students getting involved in awareness raising of pertinent social issues in Ireland at the minute.

Teacher, Miriam Wall and her students got together and decided they would choose child labour as their topic.

"Every day up to 218 million children are living the horror of child labour.

That's why we de-

cidied we would release 218 balloons yesterday to symbolise children being freed

from their employers," she said.

"We also showed presentations on child

labour to our First Year students and we also plan to show the presentation to the

primary school pupils," added Ms Wall.



Celebrity chef Rachel Allen with first year and transition year students of St Aloysius College in Carrigtwohill, releasing 218 balloons to raise awareness of the 218 million children worldwide involved in global child labour.

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