



Red Sokz

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Happy New €uro



Happy New Year everyone! We finally made it to 2002 and we have lots of news for you. After a term of bangs, loud noises and

builders, the Astro-pitch is nearly completed. We are all now dealing in those new shiny coins and trying to get used to the new Euro currency. In this issue we have a full feature on the Euro for you along with our usual announcements, and other items. Also we have a huge sports section. We hoped to include a buy and sell section for this issue, but due to a lack of adverts it cannot be displayed. If you do have anything to sell then please ask Mr. McCrohan for more information.

All the Red Sokz team wish you a prosperous new year and would like to thank you all for keeping us going.

Shane Sibbel and Sean Corcoran, 4N



Features

The Euro

The Euro is the monetary unit of 12 European countries, envisaged by its creators as the common currency of the European Union (EU). One Euro consists of 100 cents. The Euro is legal tender in Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Greece, and of course Ireland.

Most of us in Ireland will have Euro coins and notes by now but if you still have some Irish pounds and notes you can spend these during the 6-week transition period, which started on January 1st 2002. After the 9th of February the Irish Punt will no longer be legal tender.

On the 1st January we were introduced to the Euro notes and coins for the first time. After over 10 years of very careful planning, officials have confirmed that the change-over was a huge success nationwide in almost every country involved.

The Italians, who are renowned for their laid back attitude, are still juggling with the two currencies, reluctant to change-over.

Already in circulation, there are forged Euro notes circulated throughout

Europe, so shops and banks have been asked to be cautious when accepting notes. Be careful when you get your change.

Who Wants To be a Thousandaire

Villiers P.T.A will hold "Who Wants To be a Thousandaire" on Friday March 8th 2002 in Jury's Hotel at 8pm. All proceeds of the night will go to the school development fund - upgrading the Art and Technology Block and installing new lockers in the Sports Pavilion. Tickets and further details available shortly. This show promises a great night's entertainment and the possibility of nominating yourself or a friend to take part in answering up to 14 questions for the big prize!!!!!!

P.S. Tom Jones is seeking nominations!

The Annual School Musical

You have probably noticed lots of dancing and singing going on in every spare space around the school. This can only mean one thing: it's that time of year again! Most of you will remember the all-too-familiar non-stop practising on the part of the 4th years.

This year we are performing *Me & My Girl*. It is guaranteed to provide lots of laughs and we hope that you will lend your support to this dedicated group who

have been working flat out to make this show the best ever.

The casting has already taken place and if you didn't already know the principals parts are played by *Shane Sibbel, Niki Sterritt, Pamela McGlynn, Gordon Ellerker, Damien O'Mahony, Hannab Carr, Oisín Smith, Kit Porter, Sarah Holmes, Sarah Hammersley, Peter Bagnell, and Susan Ryan* (apologies to anyone who's left out).

The show will be performed on the nights of the 7th & 8th of February and tickets will be sold in the coming weeks. Come along and bring friends, parents, aunts, uncles . . .

Susan Ryan 4Q

Student Council News

We have been busy holding meetings and organizing our up-coming elections which you will be hearing about soon. Out of the €534 raised from Colours Day before Christmas we gave €250 to Focus Ireland. We are purchasing a new notice board so you can all see what is being discussed at our meetings and keep up to date on all the work we will be doing throughout the school.

Sarah Holmes, secretary.



Hockey

Well done to Andrew Gray who is now captain of the under 16 Munster hockey team which will be playing in Villiers on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of February in the Inter Provincials. He is the first in about 15 years from the school to captain a Munster team. Eric Duignan and Aaron Jolley are on the Munster under 18 panel which will also be playing here. All are welcome to come and watch this spectacular event.

The senior and minor girls played Middleton, Cork last Wednesday for the first time in years. It was just a warm up match before the inaugural cup matches in Presentation Thurles on Tuesday. Unfortunately the Senior girls lost 1-0 to a strong Ursaline side but on a happier note the minor team won 3-1 after extra-time.

Yesterday the Intermediate girls played St. Anne's in Tipperary in a league match. Unfortunately they lost 4-3. Hard luck girls!

Well done to Jason Sibbel who is now ranked tenth in Ireland at under 16 level in tennis.

You may or may not have noticed the brilliant new facility where the concrete hockey pitch used to be. That's right, our long over-due Astro-pitch is finally complete, leaving us with one of the best sports facilities in Munster.

The very first match was played on it on Wednesday when the Minor and Senior boys played Ashton in friendly matches. The minor boys lost and the Senior boys drew 1-1 with Craig Cullen scoring the first ever Villiers goal on the astro pitch.

Rugby

The under 15 rugby team played Glenstal on Monday in a challenge match. Unfortunately they lost 29-10. They will be playing Bandon Grammar in the second round of the Junior Cup next week so the best of luck to all playing.

As you might have already noticed Villiers Senior Rugby Team has hit the news. Today the Irish Examiner tells of the historic win Villiers had over Waterpark yesterday. It was their first time ever competing in the Coca-Cola Munster Senior cup. Tony Cusack was an inspiration on the pitch as he put the first Villiers points on the scoreboard. He also

showed spectacular skill when he dodged 3 defenders and scored Villiers first try of the match. Then after a Waterpark injury Villiers came back stronger than ever with Eric Duignan scoring the winning try leaving the full-time score at 15-12 to Villiers. We wish them the best of luck when they go on to play St. Nessan's in the next stage of the cup.

Rugby & Racism Feature

Accusations of racism in rugby again flared over the past week when Castres accused Munster of "racist and discriminatory comments" in their heated Heineken Cup pool match in France on Saturday. Castres' accusations and concerns came to light Tuesday night immediately after Munster decided to cite No 8 Ismaela Lassissi, the Ivory Coast native, after an incident in the 60th minute.

No racist allegations were made immediately after the game, which Castres won, nor on the Sunday when French TV repeatedly showed the incident in which Lassissi appeared to bite Munster prop Peter Clohessy's outside arm at a scrum in midfield.

Lassissi has since been found guilty and given a 12 months suspension for biting along with gouging, is considered the most dangerous form of foul play in the game. Not really very sportsmanlike. Castres have since dropped the racism allegations.

Last month in a league match between Newcastle and Gloucester, director of rugby at Newcastle Rob Andrew claims that his Tongan wing forward E. Taione was subject to racial abuse and was spat on by Gloucester hooker Olivier Azam. A RFU panel last week banned Taione for three weeks and Azam for five following their dismissal for fighting in the game, a loss for each club.

The allegations and citings arising from Castres' game against Munster have been investigated as both sides qualified over the weekend for the Heineken Cup quarter-finals later this month. Munster must travel to play Stade Francais in Paris on Jan 26, while Castres entertain exciting Montferrand the following day.

Munster usually blossom under extreme pressure but it will be difficult, though not impossible as Munster have proven on French soil in the past. Also, the Paris side did knock us out in the semis last year so Gaillimh and company will want revenge of the highest order in France.

MY PREDICTION: Away win

By: David Clancy 4Q



Announcements The week(s) ahead

Congratulations to Mr. Sutton and his wife who had a baby boy, christened Barry, over the Christmas holidays. Also, congrats to Andrew who tied the knot on Christmas Eve.

The annual fourth year musical will take place on the 7th and 8th of February. This year we plan to perform the wonderful 'Me and My Girl' and all are welcome to see the enthusiastic fourth years perform.

The book shop will be open on Mondays from 1.15 to 1.30 in

Rm. 8. As the bills have been completed everything must be paid for in € cash.

A group of very enthusiastic third years went up to the RDS last Thursday to the Young Scientists Exhibition. From the grapevine we hear they had a very interesting and enjoyable day.

Ms. Breen has informed us that there is far too much lost property. So please check the lists posted all over the school for your name and get down to lost property and collect it!