



# Red Sokz

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## Editorial ...

Hello and welcome to yet another issue of Red Sokz. The team has been working hard to bring you yet more news, announcements, features and much more. You will find this issue jam - packed with more achievements and prospects of pupils at Villiers. From sports victories to musical talent we have had trouble trying to fit it all in! We'd like to say a huge thanks to Sarah Hammersley, Ryan Hartigan, Niki Sterritt, Susan Ryan and Colm Turner who all contributed articles and, of course, the DTPs (Desk Top Publishers) for their unremitting effort in the production of Red Sokz! Last but not least, thank you, the reader, for your interest and hope you enjoy your read....

Catherine Owczarski, IV Q

## Can You Help?

In case you hadn't already heard there is a group of Villiers fourth year students doing a sponsored walk from Malin head to Mizen head. This is a huge challenge and the starting date is the 24<sup>th</sup> March! We really don't have much time left. However, you can help us by simply donating towards the cause. Our chosen charity is the Neurofibromatosis Association of Ireland. Never heard of it? Neurofibromatosis is a fairly common genetic disorder with a wide variety of symptoms. These range from learning difficulties through to various cancers with most affected people having multiple tumors on and under their skin. As these grow on nerve tissues, severe pain can be experienced and the growths can lead to extreme disfigurement. There is

no prevention or cure for this much misunderstood condition but by donating your money you can help sufferers to lead a more comfortable life.

We are still looking for larger businesses to sponsor us and responsible adults to be our support driver whilst we are walking. If you would like to find out more or have an offer to make we now have a special phone dedicated to the event. Just call 087 750 73 70 or fax 061 640989.

If you would like to make a donation please leave it into Janet's office where a special box has now been provided. We hope you will support us and don't forget to tell your parents!

Catherine Owczarski IVQ



## Features

### Form and Fusion

On the first Saturday of the half - term break, a group of Form IVs travelled to Kilkenny College to take part in the Coca Cola Form and Fusion competition. The competition was to design a themed costume made almost entirely of recyclable material. Villiers had three costumes entered: Centurion Angel, Let Them Eat Cake (based on Marie Antoinette) and Mass Destruction (based on the destruction of the earth's environment). Check out the Art Department's homepage on the School website for pictures and more <http://www.villiers-school.com/art>

The people involved were Robin Edwards, Shane Slattery, David Clancy, Hannah Carr, Hannah McKechnie, Pamela McGlynn, Susan Ryan, Yvonne Long, Laurie Bird, Anna Kelly, Catherine Owczarski, Jane Hedigan and Nicola Sterritt. We are delighted to announce that one costume has made it through to the national finals in Milstreet, Cork. Pamela McGlynn, Hannah Carr, Susan Ryan and Hannah McKechnie who designed the costume 'Let Them Eat Cake' have been selected from over 1,500 costumes to be one of 30 in these finals. This costume is the only one to

make it from all Limerick schools. This final will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> April and we wish them the best of luck. We should like to give a special thanks to the Form I Art class for their help with the costumes, to Ms. Kingston for her help, patience and support during the run up to the competition and to Mr. McCrohan and the other 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Forms for their support in Kilkenny.

By Susan Ryan IV Q

### Form IV Business Trip

Last week a number of Form IV students went on a trip to a fine chemicals and pharmaceutical company called SIFA limited, a branch of Schwarz Pharma in Monheim, Germany. The object of the trip was to look at the types of jobs available that students might be interested in, whether it is the area of business or science. Three members of staff described what the company produced and explained the type of jobs they did. They also spoke about what courses they had studied in university which led to their getting the job. This they found useful.

After the lecture which the three members of staff gave, the group was

taken and shown around numerous laboratories, for example the analytical development lab where chemical sprays were tested. From this trip, many of the students got a clear notion of what jobs were available in the pharmaceutical area - making the journey well worth it. Thanks to Ms. Kirby and the staff at SIFA limited who made this trip possible and so worthwhile.

By Colm Turner IV P

### Composing Music at Villiers!

Students from Form IV and V took part in a number of two-hour workshops with composer Fergus Johnston. Education and Community Outreach Officer of the Irish Chamber Orchestra - ICO - Frances Shanahan along with Nicky Sweeney and Kenneth Rice who play with the ICO. Photographs can be viewed on the web site <http://www.villiers-school.com/music> A minidisk recording of the pieces composed was also taken and will be given to the school. All students who attended the workshop went to the ICO Spring Series concert in UL last night where they listened to Grieg's Holberg Suite which provides the basis for the workshops.

By Jane Hedigan IV P



Colm Turner ,IVP, entered a Munster mountain racing competition just before the mid - term on Claragh Mountain, Co. Cork. This was his first time ever in a mountain race and he succeeded in coming first so CONGRATULATIONS Colm! He will now go on to compete in the All-Ireland stage of the competition and we wish him the best of luck.

A big 'Well done' to Niamh Ryan in IM who came third in an All Ireland gymnastics competition at the start of the mid term.

### Hockey

The Senior girls played Laurel Hill Coláiste last Tuesday. They won 2-0 with Niki Sterritt and Emma Heaton scoring to become the champions of North Munster. They will go on to play a Cork team on Tuesday to see if they can achieve the Munster B title.

Bandon Grammar of Cork played Laurel Hill Coláiste in Villiers on Wednesday. It was a very big event for the school as it was a Senior A Munster final. As everyone could see the pitch was packed with support for both teams. Bandon won after the match was forced to go to penalty flicks.

The Minor girls A team played Crescent Comprehensive last Wednesday in the semi-final of the cup. After extra-time they drew 4-4. Instead of going to penalty flicks they set a replay

match for the following day . Unfortunately they lost 3-0 . The Minor A and minor B girls hockey teams traveled to Urseline, Thurles on Tuesday. The Minors A's lost 3-1 in a league match and the minor B's lost 3-0 in a friendly. Hard luck girls !!!

### Rugby

Villiers 5 , Kildysart 3. Another good performance by the senior team, showing great character and commitment on a day where conditions didn't suit for a free flowing game.

Due to circumstances outside their control, the team arrived five minutes before kick-off. The team barely had time to do a warm up before playing the match.

Man of the Match went to Andrew Hodgins. Playing his first game at scrum half, he ran the show for the home team, making many of the hard yards himself to help the Villiers cause. Rob Bretherton shone in the lineout winning all of our ball and disrupting most of theirs. Declan Pierse marked his entry to the game with a couple of international quality pick and goes that even The Claw would have been happy with.

Check <http://www.villiers-school/sport/rugby.html> for the full article and team listing & report on game against St. Enda's yesterday - well done lad!



## Announcements ..... The weeks ahead

Last Monday night, the **School Debating Team**, Shane Sibbel, Sarah Holmes, Sarah Hamersley and Declan Clifford successfully beat St. John the Baptist of Hospital in a very tough debate. They proposed the motion that "There are better alternatives to democracy." The team now goes on to the finals which will take place in U.L. in April. Supporters most welcome.

There will be a supporters bus travelling down to Cork for the **Senior girls Munster hockey final** next Tuesday. The cost is €5 and it will leave at 1 and will return at 7.

Tonight is the night we have all been waiting for, after a week of not being able to spit in the school without hitting a poster advertising "**Want to be a Thousandaire**", the time has finally arrived. As I said, it's on tonight at 8.00p.m. sharp in Jurys Hotel Ennis Road and we would strongly advise you to turn up. Its going to be a great night and an "easy few bob in yer pocket at the end of it" (If you're lucky!). Tickets are €12.50 and are available at the door or from any committee member.

Congratulations to **Nigel Callender Form V** who is now the Irish Indoor Bouldering Champion. He is no longer allowed to compete at Junior Level as he is too advanced. Fair play.

### Prize Day Awards

#### March 15th 2002 1:30 am

- IP** Jason Sibbel, Aisling McInerney, Emily Bourke, Pream Neote  
**IQ** Aideen Madden, Marion Murphy, Beth O'Connell, Benjamin Walter-Range  
**IN** Emma Lane, Jade O'Mahony, Gerard Thong, Laura Cooke  
**IM** Gráinne Kelly, Jessie Moroney, Erin McClure, Daniel Eve

- IIP** Ailbhe O'Driscoll-Collins, Charlotte Scott, Mark Sheahan, Amy Carroll  
**IIQ** Kevin McNamara, Robert Hardy, Maeve Stone, Anna Gough  
**IIN** Louise Carey, Gary Long, Jennifer Dempsey, Leona Madden  
**IIM** Mehnaz Hossain, Ciara Hereward-Ryan, Yvonne Brennan, Saidhbh Quinlivan  
**IIIP** Holly Cottiss, Kate Doran, Jane Hedigan, Alan Milne  
**IIIQ** Alan Drew, Oisín Smith, Mary Brennan, Yvonne Long  
**IIIN** Shane Sibbel, Brian Collins, Jillian McInerney, Nicola Sterritt  
**IVP** Alastair Baron, Ellen Grace, Jane Long-Sarah, Michelle Ryan  
**IVQ** Kerry Molyneaux, Deirdre Crowley, Jennifer Flewett, Jennifer Sheahan  
**IVN** Zara Power, Wesley Cowpar, Breffni Quinlivan, León Hernández

### **Form V**

Samantha Penney (**Irish**), Anna McLeod (**English**), Colin McNamara (**Maths**), Laura Little (**History**), Shona Browne (**Geography**), Samantha Penney & Rachel Ryan (**French**), Shona Browne (**Art**), Owen Kelly (**Business**), Shona Browne (**Home Economics**), Colin McNamara (**Technical Graphics**), Colin McNamara (**Applied Maths**), Emma Sheahan & Sharon Sterritt (**Accounting**), Rachel Ryan (**German**), James Kavanagh (**Religious Education**), Suzanne McMahan (**Economics**), Sharon Sterritt (**Biology**), Colin McNamara (**Physics**), Colin McNamara & Anna McLeod (**Chemistry**), Colin McNamara (**Construction Studies**), Alan Delahunt (**LCVP**), Mark Clendennen (**Agricultural Science**)