



Red Sokz

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Year II

Taking over from a pioneering group of very dedicated people from last year's Transition Year and we are coming together to bring you Red Sokz in this, its second year. Like Year I, we aim to produce this newsletter fortnightly so you can look forward to reading little bits about life in Villiers: what's happening, what's happened and what we have to look forward to in the weeks ahead. If it's Villiers news, views, sports reviews, announcements and various features you are looking for, keep an eye out for Red Sokz.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website <http://www.villiers-school.com/> which signals the arrival of new issues and contain much more.

Mr. McCrohan

Welcome

Hello everyone and welcome back to yet another academic year at Villiers. The sun is shining and the birds are singing, at least, since the 29th of August when we arrived back to school - somethings never change! It is a pity the weather couldn't have brightened up sooner. We'll just have to make do with break, lunch and after school for sunning ourselves - long may it continue!

We'd like to begin by welcoming everybody back; both staff and students. A special welcome goes to all new students in Form I and those who have joined the various forms up through the School - we're not a bad lot here, best of luck settling into the Villiers community. A special Villiers *Céad Mile Fáilte* must be extended to our growing group of international students and what a great

group they are! See next issues for a special feature on this important cohort in the Villiers community.

We'd like to bid a farewell to Mr. Fry, Ms Kingston and Ms. Griffin. A warm welcome goes to Mr. Gleeson who takes over in the Physics and Chemistry Department. A huge welcome back is extended to Ms. O'Brien (Art) who comes back with her First Class Honours Teaching Qualification tucked under her arm - no mean feat! Up to the time of printing it is not confirmed who Ms. Griffin's replacement in the Music Department is to be, however Ms. O'Sullivan assures us we will know very shortly. Either way, whoever you are, congratulations and the very best of luck!

By Red Sokz Committee '02/'03

Features

Villiers Prefects

Congratulations, well done, well deserved and best of luck to all the prefects, particularly our Head Girl Kerry Molyneaux VIQ, Deputy Head Girl Sarah Evans VIN, Head Boy Warren Symes VIQ, Deputy Head Boy Nigel Calender VIP.

Welcome back to last year's prefects and congratulations to the new prefects: Devin Murphy VN, Colm Turner VP, Shane Sibbel VN, Nicola Sterritt VN, Andrew Gray VN, Jacqueline Hodgins VQ, Damien O'Mahony VQ, Catherine Owczarski VQ, Jane Hedigan VP, Susan Ryan VQ, Sarah Holmes VP, Noelle Casey VIP, Andrew Hodgins VIQ, Neasa Starr VIP and Aoife Ryan VIN.

Mr. Sutton reminds us that prefects are there to help and through assemblies their role will become clearer. In the Junior Forms, Class Prefects are assigned to help pupils settle in, get on with their studies and comfortably find their place in the School Community. They are senior students so they know the way things work and as prefects they will help people deal with any small difficulties

that may arise. Students should get to know their class prefects. They should not be afraid to ask for their help if they feel it is needed. Certainly, nobody should suffer in silence.

Student Council

The first meeting of this school year took place on Wednesday. The committee are now busily drafting a constitution. Election date has not yet been decided but keep an eye on future editions for this and further information on what the council is about and what is going on. The Council aim to begin the real work of representation, so if you have a suggestion, speak to your councillors and we'll do our best to see to its provision.

A Cleaner and Greener Villiers

From an interview with Mr. Hardy we learn that this year we are to make a concerted effort with the Green School's Project.

This project was designed by the F.E.E.E. - Foundation for Environmental Education in Europe - aiming to make schools environmentally friendly places. This European project has already had a high success rate in

Ireland. Villiers School aims to achieve this success, this year.

We already have recycling available for food, cans, glass and batteries. Very shortly we hope to add plastic bottles to this list.

The Catering Staff put waste food into a green bin which goes for composting where the worms enjoy a much - improved diet. Other items need to be collected and separated, so an effort is required by all in the Villiers Community. You are asked to please put in this effort and make use of recycling facilities. Surely, we all agree that recycling is better than throwing everything into skips and landfills.

Of course, the School will save money which will be channelled back into the School so, again, further benefits to all of us.

Mr. Atkinson and Ms. Gowing in conjunction with Villiers Interact Club are doing a **riverbank cleanup** along the Condell Road on **September 21st at 10:00**. Form IV students are particularly encouraged to get involved.



Timetable - Autumn 2002

Rugby

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Forms I & II
Boys

Junior & Senior
Boys

Hockey

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Form I Boys
U14 boys
Senior Girls
Junior Boys
Senior Boys

U13 Girls
U14 Girls
Junior Girls
Junior Boys
Senior Boys

Matches & Training

U13 Girls
U14 Girls
Junior Girls
Senior Girls
Form I Boys
U 14 Boys

All ages
Boys & Girls

Sports Hall

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Tennis
Badminton

Basketball

Tennis
Badminton

Hockey

Hockey

U13/U14 Boys hockey tournament on Wednesday @ 15.00 - 16.30. Keep an eye on the Sports Notice Board to see which team you are on.

Afternoon Activities

Check out the huge list below. Scheduling is subject to interest. For more information please contact Bean Uí Dot – keep a eye out for timetables!

- Art Expression
- Beauty, Skin Care & Make-up
- Calligraphy
- Computer Advanced
- Cooking
- Counselling
- Craft & Needle-work
- Creative Writing
- Dancing
- Decoupage
- Fashion Design
- First Aid
- Frame Making
- Health & Nutrition
- Hindi
- Horse Riding
- Interior Design
- Italian
- Japanese
- Journalism
- Martial Arts
- Media Studies
- Metal work
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Poetry
- Politics & Debating
- Pottery
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Sculpture
- Self Defence
- Spanish
- Speech & Drama
- Tai Chi
- Typing
- Vegetarian & Vegan Cooking
- Video Production
- Woodwork
- Yoga



Announcements The weeks ahead

Chaplaincy Room

Call in to Room 18 for a coffee or tea and have a well-earned break from all the books. Open most days at break time from 11.10 to 11.30 and also open after school until 4.20.

Music

Ms. O'Sullivan wishes to inform you that classes in piano, voice-training and drums begin from Monday next. Please check the Music notice board, located outside Room 11, for your class times.

Book Shop

Ms. Quinn wishes to let you know that the shop open every Wednesday from 13:15 - 13:30. Textbooks can be charged to your book bills while small stationery items must be paid for in cash.

ICT

Over the summer we expect people many people have forgotten their password. Please come into the ICT suite immediately before School or at the beginning of break times to reset your passwords. Any Form IIs or Vs who wish to sell

their ECDL books can get €15 credited to their book bills, if the book is in good condition. Bring them in ASAP.

Spanish Trip

In seven weeks we reach mid term break and with that Mr. O'Hanlon and Ms. Byrne along with 46 students are heading off to sunny Spain. Monday 9th September is set as final payment date so dig in deep and spend that hard earned summer cash. Please bring your passports as soon as possible. Keep an eye on this spot for information updates.

Ski Trip

A meeting will be scheduled for next week for those who have signed up. We are off to Ehrwald, Austria i.e. the same place as last year. We are heading off in the first week in March i.e. Mid-Term break of term two.

Catering Department - Theme days:

Once again we have something exciting to look forward to with a Greek dish later this month, Halloween dish in October, Thai dish in November, Mexican dish in January, Israeli dish in February, Japanese dish in March with others to follow.