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Committee

The Red Sokz '02/'03 committee has come together. We have editorial groups for the various sections. We are fortunate in that once again a good strong group of talented Villiers Students have come together filled with enthusiasm. And we thought last year's pioneers could never be replaced - watch this space!

If you would like to submit articles please check out the Intranet for email contacts of the relevant editor. Those outside of the School are invited to mail mccrohanjohn@eircom.net

We would like to thank all staff involved in contributing to this issue, your patience and support is greatly appreciated.

International Students

This important cohort of the School has grown to over 30 students this year. This gives an added dimension to our life in the School. A group of Form V students were asked about their opinions and here is the output.

The students enjoy more independence as they are living away from home in a foreign country. They learn English, form large groups of friends and have the opportunity to experience our foods, roads and culture. Being very adaptable they learn to fit in and live with our weather and ways of life. Some of our International Students find Ireland very laid back when compared with their own. Many of our foreign students may find this disconcerting at first.

The students' knowledge of other countries, cultures and languages grows. There is a lot of cultural diversity and the students find life new and exciting in a different setting. The experience of new traditions and habits is an exciting change. They learn to live in a country with a much smaller population: for example, one student has told us about the population of her city being approximately 17 million. Coming to our country must be quite a shock to see so few people around.

And so here's a big Villiers welcome to you all.

*Ciara Healy IVP
& Grainne O'Brien IVN*



Features

Fourth Year School Show 2002- West Side Story

The Transition Year of 2002 under the directorship of Ms. O'Sullivan has decided to do *West Side Story* as our annual production. Although the original show is at the moment, travelling around the United States with its professional cast we plan to better it with our talented fourth year students later this year. Ms. O' Sullivan encourages everyone in Transition Year to audition and give it their best try. You never know who has hidden acting or singing abilities as the past shows have proven. With May and Gerdie helping Ms. O' Sullivan in the acting and dancing areas of the show, it should prove to be an exciting and enjoyable night.

Grainne O'Brien IVN

This week's TV review

Popstars: the Rivals

This is a fairly new series which started two weeks ago; it is a new type of "Making the Band". If you liked Pop Idol and the other pop star programmes before you'll love this! This time our judges are Louis Walsh from the Irish

Pop stars, the ex Spice Girl Geri Halliwell and none other than Pete Waterman from the much loved; Pop Idol series. As in every one of these series the new nasty judge is Pete Waterman. One to watch! UTV Saturday 7.15

Lianne Gallivan IVQ

Website - www.howstuffworks.com

This website is brilliant if you are looking for information on absolutely any topic related to science and technology. The site itself is so user friendly a dummy could use it so CHECK IT OUT!!!

Kevin McNamara IVQ

Junior Certificate Results

Congratulations all who received some long-awaited results last Wednesday. This year thanks to Robert Hardy's fantastic efforts at bribing examiners! Well done Bob, we're all most grateful. He informs us that he did not fail anything and is quite pleased, and so he should be.

There was a great atmosphere outside Andrews's tiny room last week as 84 pupils milled around the corridor in

"hushed" anticipation. Such an attractive group of people in one place naturally drew some attention and Mrs. Cottiss and some other teachers were soon seen hovering in the back ground offering support and smiles to everyone.

A statement issued by Minister Dempsey confirmed that numbers taking the Junior Cert. have increased since last year from 60,426 students to 60,439.

"I welcome the increase in the numbers taking Mathematics and Science at Higher Level and the slight increase in the overall percentage of candidates who took Science,"

were the Ministers comments.

Mr. Hardy had the pleasure of giving out the results. Seventeen students received a complete set of honours while an average of six honours was received by all students.

The fourth year lockers were unusually quiet the morning after the results as the majority of students contracted temporary illnesses and failed to show up to school. We feel, however, that a day off had been earned after such outstanding results.

Maeva Stone IVQ



Sport

Hockey

An U13/U14 Boys hockey tournament is planned for Wednesday at 15.00 - 16.30. Keep an eye on the Sports notice board to see which team you are on.

Extra hockey practise is organised for U16 boys, Forms I, II and III on Monday nights. Please contact Mr. Gray for more information.

Rugby

Good news! All the rugby teams have started back and are training hard with the seniors practising on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The junior team will train on Thursday and the under 13s and 14s are getting out there on Mondays. The best of luck to the Senior and Junior teams who are playing a match on Thursday next.

Evan Coady IV N & Richard Dodd IV M

Under 14 Hockey Blitz

Congratulations to the Villiers students who took part in Wednesday's Hockey Blitz. Our division 1 team played at a high standard after a wobbly start but failed to qualify for

the semi-finals. Our Division 2 team played very well and reached the semi-finals but unfortunately, lost. Some excellent performers were Georgia Adams, Amanda Roe, Audrey King and Eimear O'Dwyer.

Blitz Winners

Division 1 - Crescent Comprehensive (Overall Winners)

Division 2 - Laurel Hill Coláiste

Division 3 - Laurel Hill Secondary School

The Blitz was a great success. We would like to thank the organizers and more credit must be given to the players themselves, to the people who coached and to others who helped in the café. For more information, see the school website

Jason Thong & Mark Sheehan IV P

North Munster "Assistant Hockey Coach" Coaching Programme for Transition Year Students

A hockey coaching programme for Transition Year students is being organized for the 2002/2003 season. This will consist of two, three hour coaching sessions and an opportunity to coach, under supervision, Form I or younger players. Participants must record a minimum of 10 coaching sessions. For further information contact Bean Uí Riain.



Announcements The weeks ahead

Wrought Iron Tables for Sale

Constructed by metalwork and welding classes. Dimensions: 24" x 20" and 16" high. Cost: €25 not including glass (glass can be provided as an extra). All monies go toward costs for class materials in the Metalwork and Welding areas. Tables will be ready in December, making them a perfect Christmas present! For more information contact Mike Kearsley.

PTA - Uniforms

Anyone who gave their uniforms to the P.T.A. to be sold on open day, please contact Janet in Reception as soon as possible. Also contact Janet if you're expecting a delivery of a new boy's blazer from McGoverns.

Higher Options

After a slight delay, 40 Form VI students headed to an exhibition in the R.D.S. where Universities from Ireland and the U.K displayed their range of diploma and degree courses. A great day was had by all and we hear they all got great ideas and material on university options.

RSE - Relationships and Sexuality Education

The P.T.A invited Mrs. Carmel Wynne to give a series of talks to Form II on the area of sex education on Monday and Tuesday. Everyone benefited from the talk and is grateful to the P.T.A for organizing this.

Anna Gough IV Q & Duncan Brickenden

Library

The library is open every afternoon for study. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45-5:00 and on Wednesday from 3:15-4:30. Everybody is welcome to come in to read and study. Each day a member of the teaching staff is there to supervise. The computers in the library lobby can be used for project work during this time. Please remember you need to sign in for them on the booking form in the library.

Greek Day

On this Wednesday, September 25th, the Catering Dept. are celebrating European culture and will prepare a Greek dish for students who dine at lunchtime.

Menu

- Chicken breast marinated with an Onzo sauce and filled with a garlic chick pea and lentil hummus
- Tomato, feta cheese and black olive salad
- Pasta with wheat and onion
- Chocolate fudge cake

To add a little atmosphere to it all, our chef, Mike Rynne, is looking for a few students to make a few large Greek flags, streamers, balloons and other Greek-related decorations.

Ciara Healy IV P

On Thursday we had our annual **Coffee Morning** in aid of **Milford Hospice**. Once again this was a great success, thanks to all involved.

We would like to **congratulate Noelle Casey VI P** who captained the very successful Galbally Under 18 Camogie team in winning the county final. They trounced Na Piarasigh in a very one-sided encounter. The final score was Na Piarasigh 1-1 Galbally 0-10. Well done Noelle!

Heather Stanley IV P & Jane Hedigan V P

Colm Turner VP was in Austria from Thursday until Monday. He competed in **Mountain Running for Ireland** against countries including the USA, Italy, Germany, France, Spain, Australia, New Zealand and many, many more. He competed in the Under 20 age group at just 17. This leaves him with another three years in which he can enter this competition again. He came 26th out of over 60 participants from around the globe, an absolutely brilliant achievement for his age. Well done, Colm!

Nikki Sterritt V N