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River Bank Clean-Up

Anyone walking near the riverbank two Saturdays ago will have noticed a very peculiar sight. In among the broken trolleys and abandoned cans you would have seen the likes of Nikki Sterritt and Sarah Holmes. No, these girls were not searching for food or shoes, in true altruistic spirit they sacrificed their Saturday to help clean up the riverside. Zoë O Malley, Eimear O Connell, Robert Hardy, Rebecca O Neil, Eva Corcoran, Natalie Kennedy, Abby Ryan and David Cowpar were among the students getting mucky and all together they collected over SEVENTY-THREE bags of litter. Now this is a lot by anyone's standards and there were some very happy faces in the Limerick-Shannon Rotary Club, the organizers of the event. All in all, it was a complete success and, no doubt, it will continue to be in future years. *Maeve Stone IVQ*

Showtime @ Villiers

Fashion

The traditional Form IV fashion show has an even bigger group than last year. There are 38 people in total and more still wanting places! The fashion show is directed by Hillary Thompson and assisted by her six member committee. The fashion show is expected to be the best yet with the possibility of O2 sponsoring the event. We're hoping to get shops such as River Deep Mountain High, Rugby Plus, Lifestyle Sports, A-wear, Japan and others to donate fabulous clothes. More news on the School Intranet and Internet, so keep a look out!

Turlough Adley IVQ

Musical

The big day finally came for announcements of lead roles in the

Form IV musical, West Side Story. Many jittery hopefuls crowded into room 23 last Wednesday, all hoping for a chance to display their enthusiasm and brilliant talents on stage. And AT LAST the moment arrived...drum roll please... Maeve Stone and Duncan Brickenden will play Maria and Tony, Lisa Griffin will act as Anita and Bernardo will be played by Robyn Van Der Klooster. Mark Sheahan and Robert Hardy will play Riff and Chino. Many more roles have been cast. Within the next few weeks, additional roles will be cast so don't give up hope yet. For more information check out the school intranet. Congratulations to all who got roles, you worked hard to get them. We look forward to seeing the performance in February. Best of Luck to all!

Anna Gough IVQ

Features

More Cleaning up!

In response to the great work done by Villiers students at the river bank clean-up last Saturday, the 4th year biology class, guided and helped by Ms Byrne and Mr. Whisker, have decided to clean out the greenhouse tunnel beside Mike's workshop today for Repak's national recycling week (we hope you will all be doing your bit, as well!).

Turlough Adley IVQ

College Fees

For students entering universities at the moment the issue of registration fees has become a great problem; this year, the fee has gone up by 69% to €690 which is causing great anguish to students who are paying their own way through college. This was a move that the Union of Students in Ireland considers to be a re-introduction of college fees. There have already been strong protests against this. The USI has staged a demonstration in Dublin city centre to protest against the Government's decision.

Union president, Colm Jordan said: "Students are facing an enormous amount of costs going into college and

this is going to add to the financial hardship that's on students. We've already seen spiralling increases in accommodation costs and this has added to an already worsening problem."

It seems that the Department of Education and Science are even considering going one step further by reintroducing college fees, which were abolished only in 1994! Third-level fees may be reintroduced for those who can afford to pay them, the Minister for Education, Mr Dempsey, acknowledged. In an interview with The Irish Times, the Minister said he could give no assurance to parents and to students that college fees would not return at some stage. He did say, however, that there was no question of fees returning for everyone, "The wealthy should be able to meet their own expenses", he said.

If tuition fees were reintroduced, an annual charge of between €4,000 to €5,000 on average would be levied per student, the cost varying slightly depending on the course.

In this same interview Mr Dempsey is quoted as saying:

"The route I would like to go is

proper levels of maintenance (grants); put proper grants in place so that people who need this money...need this support, can get it."

Mr Dempsey also said that the lack of access to third-level education was a blight on the Irish educational system and one he was determined to address. However, the Minister has yet to raise the issue of college fees in Cabinet but the pressure for their return is definitely becoming a major issue with other government ministers.

This issue is a very important one and I hope that the present Form VI will think about the consequences of this action if our government decides to go through with the complete reintroduction of the college fees.

Lianne Gallivan IVQ

Into The West!

Those of you who live anywhere from the North Circular Road back to West Clare may be interested in to know about a bus leaving from Villiers on a Friday afternoon which travels all the way back to the west! If you are interested please contact Evan Coady IVN.

Jenna Magee IVP



Sport

Girls Hockey News

Last Sunday Villiers invited four girls' hockey teams from Galway. In the Senior Match, Knocknacarra took the lead catching the Villiers Girls on the hop at the very start, with a very quick movement. Then during the first half, Nikki Steritt got a goal back. In the second half, Knocknacarra was very dominant, scoring two more goals. A great effort was made by Sarah Holmes and Noelle Casey. We would like to welcome Patricia Lopez-Fuchet, one of the Spanish students, to the team.

In the Under 14 match, we lost 5-0 to a very experienced team. This mostly Form II team made a great effort, with Vikki Martin putting in a strong performance through-out the match, but unfortunately were beaten by a better team.

The Under 13 match was also a fairly one sided affair with Knocknacarra again putting the ball in the back of our goal five times. Georgia Adams worked extremely hard to help her team make a come back in the second half. We hope to hear a lot of good hockey news about Georgia in the future!!

The Under 15 match was notable for the fine goalkeeping debut of Rebecca Milne. The team went down 3-0, however. A great effort was made by two of our new students Teresa Arroya and Jana Castles. Well done, girls!!

A big thank you must go to the kitchen staff, as they provided rolls, crisps and beverages for all. Also, great praise must be given to all the coaches who gave over their evenings to prepare the teams. People like Ms Storey, Mrs. Ryan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Rusk and Christian Toral.

Munster Trials

For the last two Sundays, Munster trials have been taking place at UL and Villiers. Ashlynn Craughan, Kathryn Buggy, Ciara Hereward-Ryan, Sarah Gray, Aislinn Ryan and Chloe Sexton turned up to show off their talents. Well done to Ashlynn, Aislinn and Sarah who reached the final trial in Cork on Wednesday. Good Luck!!!

Ciara Hereward-Ryan IVM

Senior Boys Hockey

Last Wednesday the Senior Boys had a great game, beating Ashton Seniors 5 – 0. The scoring opened up with Form I Roger Gray, scoring at the back post. Not to be out done by his little brother, Andrew scored two goals, one in the first half and one in the second to show that Roger will have a

tough time becoming best in the family. Andrew Hodgins scored a great goal from just in side the D. Eric Duignan also scored. It was a good result to heal the wounds of last year's final.

Turlough Adley IVQ

Battle of the Blitz!

The Form I boys Hockey Blitz took place on Wednesday in Villiers Astro pitch. Ashton, Bandon, Newtown and Middleton participated. Bandon won both A and B divisions with Villiers A team coming second, and Conrado scoring the first goal! Over one hundred Form I's flocked to our pitch to play hockey for three hours in very good weather. The next hockey blitz will take place in four weeks time in Ashton.

Ciara Healy IVP

Basketball:

Basketball started last Monday. Nazareth Henry who plays for Burger King, Limerick will be coaching our Under 16 Girls for a limited six week course after school.

Table Tennis:

Starts on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week after school. Contact Mr Penney for further information.

Clara Hayes IVM

Kellogg's Jump For Joy Challenge

This is an opportunity for Form IV students to come together and organize a day packed with fun and exciting games. Run a sponsored penalty shoot-out, tug of war, basketball drills even a Yo-Yo competition. The Kellogg's Jump for Joy Schools' Sporting Challenge encourages students to take the lead, to create, develop and manage the activity. The experience gained will provide excellent leadership and communication skills for all involved. All funds raised will go towards Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children Crumlin.

Mark Sheahan IVP

Rugby

Last Thursday the Senior Team beat Kildysert 25-0. Robin Edwards, Craig Cullen, Tony Cusak, Alex MacLean, all scored tries. Aaron Jolly kicking a superb penalty got us started and he also added a conversion to his tally. The entire front row controlled the match when the poor backs were tired. All played well; a few who were on top form, including our new addition Wane Power, the home grown Richard Dodd and the Man of the Match and try scorer Robin Edwards.

Evan Coady IVN and Richard Dodd IVM



Announcements The weeks ahead

Fáilte

Villiers School would like to give a very warm **welcome** to Carole Nong Ou– IIM from China.

Greek Day

A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all in the dining hall last Wednesday. The dish was inspired by Greek culture and it was a runaway success, particularly the chocolate fudge cake. Everyone enjoyed trying the different meal. All of us day students, with our packed lunches and ham sandwiches, are VERY jealous. Many thanks to the catering staff for providing the meal, and well done to all who helped with the decorations.

Españoles

Mrs. O'Sullivan would like to express her most sincere thanks to Alvaro Jover Villegas Form V and León Hernandez Form VI for helping welcome the new Spaniards. This has helped ease the first few days here.

College Open Days

A reminder to Form VI students who attend these, please don't forget to check with Mr. Griffin to finalise all dates.

Choir

Rehearsals for the Villiers School Ensemble Choir began Monday, September 23rd. They will continue each Monday at the same time. Anyone interested please contact Duncan Brickenden-IVN.

Anna Gough IVQ

Extra Curricular Activities

Bean Uí Dot. would like to inform everyone about Swimming, Horse Riding, Yoga and Creative Dance lessons which can be held depending on numbers and interest. Swimming will hopefully be a definite depending on a swimming pool. Horse riding is nearly full so get a move on & sign up! As for Creative Dance, a teacher from U.L. and the Belltable will visit if there is enough interest. For more information contact Bean Uí Dot.

Ciara Healy IVP