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Form IV Killaloe trip

Call us mad or what but most sane people would cringe at the thought of soaking wetsuits two sizes too big and canoes at this time of year but not our Fourth Years! Sporting their old runners and big smiles the enthusiastic group spent last Monday soaking each other in the freezing Lough Derg. This annual trip to the UL activity centre was "a deadly buzz" (*Kevin Mc Namara IVQ*). It's going to take us a few weeks to recover and no doubt some of the bruises are permanent but overall it was a great experience. None of us are likely to forget the screams that rang through the activity centre as people reached the top of the wobbling climbing pole and we would like to thank Mr. Gray for his enthusiastic support for everyone attempting the climb to the top of said pole... "It's not THAT hard, just stand up!!" We hear that Form II who went two weeks ago had almost as good a time as we did! :-)

*Maeve Stone IVQ***Villiers Spanish School Tour 2002**

On Wednesday 23rd of this month we say goodbye to Mr. O'Hanlon and Ms. Byrne along with some wonderful students (and some not so wonderful!!!) as they travel to sunny España. It's all paid for and now the students are waiting in baited anticipation for the day to finally arrive!

They will have an early start as the bus departs at 8.00am from Villiers to travel to Dublin airport. For their second day they will enjoy seeing the sights of bright and sunny Barcelona. On their third day they will split their time between the museum of Tarragona, which is over two thousand years old and Spain's newest and biggest adventure park in Port Aventura. On day four it's back to bustling Barcelona for more shopping and sightseeing. After a train journey from Barcelona during the night our exhausted crew will arrive in Spain's vibrant capital and

will be staying at the Hotel Meliodia. This well located hotel is close to the Prado Museum and Centro de Arte rein Sofia. If possible they will attend Real Madrid V Villareal. The day after this they will have a short break, after which they will take pleasure in a guided tour of Madrid and during the evening enjoy further visits and shopping. They will begin their seventh day by experiencing the sights and sounds of Madrid and later on will visit the striking medieval town of Toledo. On their eight and final day our much missed students will partake in some last minute shopping and sightseeing. At 9.00 that night our travel worn (and hopefully a little tanned!) friends will return home. From all here at Red Sokz we hope you enjoy yourselves!

Alice Maughan IVN and Ciara Healy IVP

Features

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT!

Ask yourself before you throw anything away, "Could this be of value?"

Many materials, such as biodegradable objects like plastic bottles and aluminium cans, that are disposed of in dustbins can be recycled or reused in some way. Much is recycled at the moment, but few people are aware of the full extent of this activity. Despite the huge growth in recycling practice by our European partners, Ireland trails many years behind the rest of the EU, in terms of facilities and infrastructure for major resource recycling. We have random recycling bins around the School and have a beverage can bin by the front door which is contracted by the Rehab Recycling Partnership. This is available all around Ireland, however some people are too lazy to use them. Two weeks ago, 30 September to 6th October, was National Recycling Week and as Mr. Hardy is very interested in recycling around the School, we decided to interview him for Red Sokz. Mr. Hardy believes recycling is important for two reasons 1) because he

wants a tidy clean world for us and for future generations as well. 2) Because he wonders what will become of the world without recycling. He wonders about the physical expansion of Ireland through the holes in the ground filled with litter. And no, Mr. Hardy is not just being a hypocrite, we did ask him the dreaded question "Do you recycle at home" and indeed he does. Is there anyone willing to go through his bins at home and find out?!? On an easier note, Mr. Hardy was working with Mike Kearsley to prepare the light blue bins which have been placed around the school they are used to recycle aluminium cans as well as the yellow recycling bins for plastic bottles.

If you find this interesting and wish to learn more and help our environment please talk to Ms. Gowing or Mr. Atkinson as they are currently working to provide a greener school for us and future generations. Ms. Gowing has organized a committee to help her with these environmental issues which include two members of each year, one boarder and one day pupil. For more information

please talk to Ciara Healy IVP or to the teachers. We are working towards a greener Villiers and to receive our green flag for 'greenness'! :-)

*Gráinne O' Brien IVN and Ciara Healy IVP***Form II Scottish Hockey Trip**

Last Thursday and Friday you may have noticed an unusual quietness reigning through our corridors as Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Whisker embarked on a journey with 16 hopeful hockey players. They headed off to Edinburgh to play in friendlies, the first against Fettes College, and resulted in a 6-1 victory! Congratulations boys! Sadly they were unlucky in a very eventful match against George Watson's College, 2-1. They evened it all off with a 1-1 draw against Currie High School unfortunately having a goal disallowed. In between all this they travelled to see the sights of Scotland including Edinburgh castle and dungeons, shopping (which I'm sure all the boys enjoyed!) They even ventured to the local bowling alley and cinema to see "Red Dragon" or "Signs".

*Simon Brickenden IIP, Natalie Kennedy IVM
& Ciara Healy IVP*



Sport

Rugby

To their great disappointment the Senior Boys' Rugby Team suffered their first and hopefully last loss of the season to a capable Tipperary Abbey team in their second friendly of the season. A tight match, with a score of 13-10 was a sad reflection on the force and determination of the Villiers team with a great performance from Wayne Power who was awarded Man of the Match. Villiers were without four first choice players but still showed great heart against an equally strong team. Villiers lead at half time 7-5 with a converted try from Alex McLean; Abbey took the lead with a drop goal, but a well taken penalty from Alex put Villiers back in the lead. Villiers were only denied their win by a last minute try. All in all it, was a good performance that can be built upon.

Declan Pierce, Eric Duignan and Evan Coady IVN

Primary School Link

Last Tuesday Matthew Callaghan and David Clancy travelled to St. Nicholas Primary School, Adare, to promote both cricket and basketball and to teach the students there the skills involved in these games.

In two weeks Nikki Sterritt and Andrew Gray will also travel with high hopes to promote hockey to the students of St Nicholas'. We wish them the best of luck in their pursuits. After all this is over we hope the 5th and 6th classes of St Nicholas' will be spending a day visiting Villiers "friendly" environment! For more information and pictures log onto your nearest computer and check out the intranet and website!

Minor girls Hockey Match

Two minor girls hockey matches will be held next Wednesday afternoon. Villiers Minor 1 and 2 teams will be playing against Laurel Hill on home territory.

Ciarra Healy IVP

Congratulations!

Last weekend, Colm Turner, VP competed in the Fell Running Championships in Llansborough in Wales. He was up against four runners from each of England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Northern Ireland. Out of the 20 boys in the U-19 competition, he came 3rd, very respectable. Colm was picked to participate after he was spotted winning a race in St Columba's College, Dublin. Well done Colm!!

Ciarra Hereward-Ryan, IVM

Basketball

Girl's team training started last Tuesday and will commence every Tuesday at 4.50pm. All girls are training extremely hard, but we have three stars amongst us. These three girls are from Spain, Gloria Sagarra, Patty López-Fuchet and Teresa Arroyo Conde. Our intentions are to play against other schools and to hopefully win a competition. Pictures coming soon!

Clara Hayes IVM

Senior Boys Hockey 09/10/02

The Senior and Minor Boys travelled to Middleton in Cork last Wednesday the 9th. It was a very cold and wet day for all involved but we came out with two wins, both 3-0, although the Seniors should have gotten two or three more goals, no thanks to the Middleton referee! For the Seniors the scoring started early on with Eoin Cusack scoring from around the penalty spot. The game quietened down until the end of the second half when Sam Dann made a great run down the right wing and crossed it to Turlough Adley at the back post, who scored easily. After a flood of short corners and frees just outside the D, Andrew Gray scored to make it 3-0. The backs had very little to do and Jason Thong only had to make two saves on his debut as keeper.

Junior Boys Hockey Match 16/10/02

The Junior Team beat Ashton 3-1, with two goals from Diarmuid O'Shea and one from Turlough Adley. Villiers were always the better team and at half time it was 2-0 although it could have been more. Ashton put a spell of pressure on at the start of the second half and the Villiers defence let the centre forward in to score. It was one of their few chances and he took it well. After that the Villiers team played well and put them under pressure and Diarmuid finished off a good move and scored to finish the game.

Senior Hockey Match 16/10/02

The Senior and Minor boys played hosts to Newtown on Wednesday and both teams won. The Minor boys won 4 - 0 and the Senior boys won 5-0 with the goals coming from Eric Duignan, Andrew Hodgins, Robert Armstrong and two for Andrew Gray. It was a good result and it will keep their heads up high for their all-Ireland Schools Championships on next Wednesday and Thursday. We should all wish them luck

Turlough Adley IVQ

The U-14 Boys Hockey Team had a great match on Wednesday beating Newtown 4-0. Eric Callander scored three goals and Roger Grey scored the other. There will be more information on this match and team in next weeks issue.



Announcements The weeks ahead

Drama Club

The Student Council are currently working to start an after school Drama Club. If there is enough interest we will get started on sorting out a day. For more information and to put your name down contact Duncan Brickenden IVN or Maeve Stone IVQ

Tracksuits!

Anyone looking for School Tracksuits (€80) or Rugby Jerseys (€35) please contact Mr. Atkinson.

Attention Skiers! A meeting will be held next week regarding the forthcoming Ski Trip so keep your eyes and ears open and notice will be posted soon!

Shock Horror! The impossible has been achieved! Congratulations to Ms. Storey who recently left Kenneth Bracken speechless for 5minutes! She is delighted with her achievement and rightly so!

CSPE Survey

Form III CSPE classes are currently preparing a survey regarding the Euro changeover. Be expecting a survey coming to a class near you soon!

Ciarra Healy IVP

Young Entrepreneurs

Form IV **Young Entrepreneurs** are working very hard on their various businesses for this exciting module of the Transition Year Programme. Watch out for the annual Trade Fair in early December, we are confident that this year we will achieve similar successes as other years, if not even better!

Natalie Kennedy IVM

Congratulations

A big congratulations must go to Sarah Gray and Aislinn Ryan who have been selected for the reduced panel of 20 on the Munster Girls U-16 hockey team. They are planning to go to Cork for an intensive training week-end. Best of Luck, girls!!

Ciarra Hereward- Ryan IVM