



Red Sokz

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Congratulations

The Kildimo/Pallaskenry Community Games Special Merit Award was awarded this week to **Nikki Sterritt VN** whose dedication and contribution to sport though a variety of games has made her an accomplished athlete. Her sense of fun and good humour is well known no matter where she is competing. We are proud to have Nikki as one of the founding members of Red Sokz and despite her workload in Form V she still finds the time to help with news and gives lots of inspiration. For her commitment to her area in sport and on a general level, she is a most worthy recipient of the Golden Vale Limerick Community Games Sportsmanship Award. So, thank you Nikki and well done!

Red Sokz Committee

Reason to SMILE

You might not be counting, but we at Red Sokz await the Christmas Holidays with eager anticipation...
So you'll be glad to know that EXAMS

Transition Year Talent

Fashion Show 26th November!!!

After all the practice and preparation, the show is here at last! With Ms. Hillary Thompson directing, this fashion show is set to be amazing with over 50 students getting involved as well as 20 shops and designers from all over Limerick. It is proving to be the biggest and best fashion show yet. With the proceeds going to Self Help, Mr. Penney is urging all students, staff, friends and parents to attend. Tickets are for sale around the School during the week and will also be available at the door on the night. There will also be a raffle and prizes with all proceeds going toward Self Help. The show will be starting at 8:00pm Tuesday the 26th of November and we all hope to see you there supporting Self Help and the students involved. Our main sponsors are Expose, Uniques and the Hunters Lodge in Newmarket on Fergus. The shops we are displaying on the night are

: Bay, Vera Moda, Japan, Expose, Hobo boy, Morgan, Modesty, Miss Selfridge, River Deep Mountain High, Denis Moran, Black Tie, Havana, Chapps, Emerald Alpine, Rugby Plus and the designers are Caroline Mitchell, Margaret Ryan, Uniques, Occasions, Anne Behen, Linda Wilson.

Gráinne O'Brien IV N

Congratulations to Robin Van Der Klooster and Kiernan Mc Mullen IVN who will be playing three songs composed by themselves: Midnight Walk, Pressure and Break the Habit. This is part of the "Shockwaves Get out of the Garage" competition. The other two band members are Mark Daly and Eoin Coonan. Their band Insignia have qualified out of 400 bands, to compete in Galway on the 29th of November against another 39 hopefuls. Good luck boys!

Ciara Ryan and Natalie Kennedy IV M



Features

Peace & Reconciliation in Ireland

Recently as part of a movement to promote peace and cooperation, a group from Villiers comprised of Duncan Brickenden IVN, Jennifer Dann IVN, Heather Stanley IVP and Robert Hardy IVQ set off to the Centre for Peace and Reconciliation in Glencree, Co. Wicklow. Representatives from many other schools in the republic attended and the event was organized by the COMPASS group. The attendees discussed and debated about many prevalent issues; for example: North and South, Protestant and Catholic etc. The trip was a great success and was enjoyed greatly by all who attended.

Robert Hardy IVQ

Care Bear Friday

It was wet and it was cold. Last Friday was definitely one to be spent indoors, but many Form IV gave up their day to shake boxes at passers by in a terrific effort to raise money for the Limerick Rehab Centre selling **Rehab Care Bears**.

Scouting the City for donations, they managed to raise a much welcome sum. So a huge WELL DONE to everyone who took part, your help was well needed.

Maev Stone IVQ

Green School Committee

A Green Schools committee has been selected from the attendees of a meeting on the 10th of October 2002. Twelve students, a mixture of borders and day pupils, were selected from every form. The committee is as follows: Form I Adam Teskey, Form II Caoimhe Shine and Sarah Drew, Form III Caoimhe Buckley and Dearbhail Starr, IV Ciara Healy and Alice Maughan, Form V Katelynn Jenson and Damien O'Mahony and last but not least in Form VI Ciara Dyson, Trudy Sheppard and Emma Whiteford. Catherine Owczarski has agreed to assist at various times. Staff members will be on hand throughout the project to lend their support and are fully prepared to get

their hands dirty during the various activities which shall be held (lets hope Ms. Gowing has prepared them or we're in trouble!). Ciara Healy and Alice Maughan will share the position of press officer. The committee has already been successful in organizing can bins and in setting up bins, boxes for toothbrushes and egg boxes which are in the Duty Room. The committee has made plans for the future, both long and short term, such as paper recycling and we are organizing containers for bottles and batteries, in the dormitories. But whatever happens you can be sure that you will be kept posted! If you have any queries or suggestions, please contact a member of the committee or Mrs. Gowing.

Alice Maughan IVN & Ciara Healy IVP



Sport

Badminton

You might remember last year when we wrote about how Noelle Casey defeated David Condon, more commonly known as Mary, in a badminton match. Well David decided to take on Noelle again, why we ask, would anyone want to put themselves through that humiliation again? We just don't know but maybe David was trying to overcome his embarrassment from last year. So David, and his ten supporters, took to the badminton court for a highly anticipated match last Wednesday to take on Noelle and her fifty or sixty supporters. David started well and took a good lead but Noelle brave as ever rose to the challenge and came back to destroy David in the final minutes of the hotly contested match. The final score was 21 – 18 to Noelle. Once again Noelle shattered his manly pride and once again David and his ten supporters are left walking around the school in shame. C'mon Galbally!

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Rugby

On Thursday the 7th of November the Villiers School Junior Cup Team played Cóláiste Chiaráin Croom in the preliminary round of the Junior Cup and won comfortably 33-5. The Scorers were Roy Stoddart, Finn Robson, Owen Ryan and Darragh Gleeson. We similarly, have to mention Rowan Taylor for his great play and wonderful kicking.

After that on Thursday the 14th the Junior Team played in Tralee. Unfortunately they lost 17-10 to a strong St. Mary's CBS, Tralee. A lot of decisions went against them but we can't blame anybody, it just was another unlucky day in Villiers Rugby. Despite the loss some of our stars were

Oscar Barret Cuixeres, Roy Stoddart and James McCarthy. Roy Stoddart also scored a try and so did David Fogerty. Now they are recovering and training hard for the O'Brian Cup in a few weeks.

We would also like to wish the Senior Team the best of luck in their Senior Cup match against St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh on Tuesday.

Evan Coady IVN

Before the midterm our Form I Rugby Team (with a few added extras from Form II) engaged in their first ever rugby match as a Villiers team against Crescent Comp. They were unfortunate to lose, 3 tries to 1, with Tomás O'Donnell Form II scoring the only try. Better Luck in future boys!

Ciara Healy IVP

Hockey

Well done to all the Form I Boys who played in the Ashton Blitz on Wednesday. After some hard matches, and with no defeats, Villiers A came out one point short of the winners, Middleton. Goal scorers included Matthew Shine (Captain), Eddie Roche, Reuben Sheen, Llewellyn Mooney, our international player Conrado Alvarez-Miquel, Peter Guckian and Kristopher O'Shea. The team was accompanied by four of our training coaches Amy McMahan, Clara Hayes, Sarah Scales and Kevin Corcoran.

WELL DONE BOYS!!!!

Amy McMahan IVQ

Hard luck to the Minor Girls who were narrowly defeated (1-0) in their match against Castletroy College on Thursday. Their next match is on Monday so best of luck girls.

Ciara Healy IVP



Announcements The weeks ahead

Excuses!

Mike, the Chef, would like to announce that there is a very poor standards in late for lunch excuses. He would like to inform students taking dinners that if they want to come in late then they should have a good excuse prepared. In May he is going to award a prize for the wittiest, most original excuse. Get your thinking caps on!

Prize Day will be held on Friday the 6th of December. Get your blazers organized and watch this space for more information!

Carol Service Choir

Villiers School Choir Musical Director, Ms. Sinéad O'Sullivan is holding rehearsals for the Carol Service beginning on Tuesday 19th November at 3:30pm. All are welcome! Let's make this year's Choir the best yet!!!

A Sad Farewell

It's a sad day as we prepare to bid goodbye to the cheerful lady who brings us chocolate cake and breakfast rolls. As you may have heard, Pamela is leaving.

Extra Curricular Activities

For people going **Horse Riding**, please bring your €20 to Room 1 at lunchtime on Monday to Bean Uí Dot. The bus leaves at 3pm sharp. Don't be late!

Woodwork classes may be held after school with Mr. Jones subject to interest. Please bring in €10 to Bean Uí Dot. on Monday or Wednesday morning at 9am if you are interested.

Pottery classes may also be held throughout the week with Ms. O'Brien. Please go to Bean Uí Dot. for more information.

Library

Mrs Hardy would like to announce that there is a new range of books keeping the Library shelves warm for the winter! A huge Thanks to the former Form VI students who donated books to the school. Some of these books include : *The nature of Alexander the Great*, given by Anna McLeod, *When Time Began to Rant and Rage* given by Emma Heaton, *Plots to Rescue the Tsar* given by Sarah Fenton, *Field Hockey*, given by Sharon Sterritt, *The Devil that Danced on the Water* given by Jennifer Gallivan and *Contemporary-Turned-Wood* given by Steven Cole

The **Student Council** have finally got a notice board so any goings on will be posted there in the future. Elections for the student council from 1st to 4th year are coming up soon and nominations need to be given to Mrs. Cottiss ASAP.

Ciara Healy IVP

LCVP- Enterprise Seminar

Form V LCVP had a very successful trip to UCC yesterday. Thanks to Ms. Quinn and Ms. Kirby, we had a very informative and enjoyable day.

Susan O'Leary