



Red Sokz



Editorial

Red Sokz is back after the show which was a great success and greatly enjoyed by all involved. We would like to wish everybody eagerly awaiting the ski trip a Good Luck and we hope that you have a good (and safe!) time. Thinking ahead, Mr. O' Hanlon is organizing the annual senior hot tour. The year they plan to go the Finland and Estonia. This is open to all Villiers Students of Academic Year 2003/2004.

The Pre-Leaving and Junior Certificate exams have just finished, and the attitude with which Forms III & VI dealt with their exams was apparently very positive. We wish them the best of luck with the results. The Form I Mile Run took place on Tuesday, and thankfully the weather was dry but cloudy on the day.

Congratulations to all participants, including . The results are posted on Form I notice board.

West Side story a huge success!!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the cast and Crew who participated in Westlife Story And helped to make it in the great success it was. The show raised over €650 for the Red Ribbon Project.

On behalf of the students involved, the Red SOkz team would once again like to thank the school staff who helped keep us calm backstage on the show nights and the generous patrons of the show as, without their donations, the show wouldn't have been possible and, of course, Mrs. May O'Halloran, Mrs. Gerdie McGlynn and Ms. Sinead O'Sullivan for all the help and effort they put into the show and the guidance they gave to us when we needed it most.

Sadbbb O'Connell IVN

Congratulations to the two businesses that have made it through to the city final of the Young Entrepreneur's Scheme. The mini-companies are:

'Foxford Industries' comprising Robert Hardy, Rebecca O'Neil, Alice Maughan, Natalie Kennedy and Bryan King. The other competitor is 'Breakout', who are Mark Sheahan, Michael O'Grady, Kevin Corcoran and Turlough Adley. Good Luck to them for their trade fair on Monday 31st February in Jury's Hotel. Thanks are owed to Ms. Kirby, Mr. Jones and Mike Kearsley for all their help.

Robin Van Der Klooster & Grainne O'Brien

Last Wednesday 26th, a Gardening Seminar was hosted by the P.T.A. in the Lecture theatre at 8 pm. The talk was given by Stephen Reddan and was considered to be a great success. The Seminar gave useful information on Garden care and techniques. It was an enjoyable and educational experience, And well done to the P.T.A. and the coordinators on the night.

Robert Hardy IVQ



Features

Ski Trip Well Wishes

As by now everyone is aware, a great number of students are jetting off tomorrow to hit the slopes in Ehrwald, Austria. This year Villiers is returning here after an extremely successful trip last year. The skiing, and the evening activities were greatly talked about by last years skiers, and this years potentials wait in anxiety to make this an equaling, if not even better trip. All of us spending the summer in not so sunny Ireland are ever so jealous of them, but wish them a jolly Bon Voyage, and hope they have fun and be careful. Ann any attempts to lock Mr McCrohan in the ski lodge will be much appreciated by all of us here on the Red Sokz team. We're counting on you, Ciara!

Ruth Court IVQ

ICT News

Congratulations to the ECDL Night Students who have passed four of their exams with flying colours. All this puts a little pressure on Form IV students who are also preparing for these exams. The School has negotiated a deal on behalf

of Villiers Students with Electronic Paper www.electronicpaper.ie providing:

- ECDL tuition software for use on the School's Network
 - Instant, ongoing and detailed assessment of coursework
- Students who opt for this deal will:
- Have the opportunity to sit ECDL exams in School and gain certification for same
 - Get the same software in the form of a CD which can be used by the whole family to work on at home

This is available to Form IV and V students and others on discussion with Mr. McCrohan.

Form IV students who do not opt for this will:

- Still be trained to ECDL standard, using the software on the School Network but will not sit the actual exams

Those interested in doing the ECDL exams need to register before March 14th. Please call to the ICT Suite.

Action Day

Action Day will be held on May 22nd this year, continuing this long-established Villiers tradition. Although originally called 'Sports Day,' it was renamed to complement the idea of widening the range of activities beyond sport. Action Day encompasses many sporting activities such as athletics, basketball shooting, penalty shoot-outs, penalty flicks, obstacle courses and archery. There will be an extensive range of non-sporting activities which will be decided upon after feedback from the student body. Exhibitions and presentations will be on show and lots, lots more. The day promises to be very enjoyable and **everyone is invited to take part.**

The organizers are looking for suggestions regarding the day, such as ideas for activities etc. Could one representative from each year please forward these suggestions to Mrs. Cottiss after the mid-term. This co-operation would be very much appreciated.

Robert Hardy IVQ



Sport

Form I Mile Run

The Annual Form I Mile Run took place on Tuesday. All of Form I's budding young athletes donned their PE gear and ran the Mile long track around the hockey pitch, and down around the school. For the girls, the first three results were, in First place, Amy Van Kuyk IN, Second was Audrey King IQ, and Georgia Adams IP. For the boys, the top three were Roger Gray IN, Matthew Shine IN and Simon Crawford, IQ. For Full results, and timed placing, see the notice-board beside Room 11.

Hockey

Congratulations to Eric Duignan, Aaron Jolley and Andrew Gray who played for Munster under 18s in the Inter Provincials held in Belfast last weekend. Andrew Gray was vice-captain.

Congratulations to Andrew Gray winner of the 2002-2003 Fédération Internationale de Hockey youth leadership award!

Ruth Court IVQ

Swimming

John McCall and Ciara Hereward-Ryan competed in the Irish Schools Swimming Championships in Belfast last weekend. After the six hour journey up, and a comfortable stay in Jury's Inn, Ciara swam a determined 100 metre breaststroke but narrowly missed out on making the final. John swam the next day and did a personal best time in his 100 metre butterfly. This is the fourth year in a row that Villiers Students have represented the school in this elite, highly competitive competition. Congratulations John and Ciara.

Kevin McNamara IVQ

Congratulations

Nigel Callendar won the Galway round of the bouldering league and has enough points that he does not need to compete in the finals as he has already retained his title. Instead he has been asked to set the route for the finals. This high standard of sportsmanship is extraordinary and all here at Red Sokz would like to congratulate him on this. Well Done Nigel!

Ruth Court IVQ

Soccer

During the summer term, Villiers will compete in a challenge Cup, for under 13, under 14's, junior and senior against Glenstal in some friendly challenge matches. Mr Atkinson would like the teams to nominate their own captains and see him with their choices.

Tennis

Soon there will be four tennis courts in action on the astro-turf, and anyone interested please bring their rackets in after mid-term.

Outdoor Pursuits

Next term, there will be an opportunity for students to go to UL outdoor pursuits centre on Tuesdays and Thursday. There will be a fee and anyone interested please give your name to Mr. Atkinson as it is a first come first served basis.

Senior Girls Hockey

On Wednesday the Senior Girls took on the Crescent in a friendly match in preparation for the League and Cup finals which will take place in March. The team knew they were facing a strong challenge against the 'A' Cup winners, yet never gave up. Three twenty minute sessions were played but unfortunately they were beaten 4-0 in the end. The game was a great experience.

Ciara Hereward-Ryan IVM



Announcements The weeks ahead

Currently there are a number of up coming bands in the school, waiting to launch their exciting music career. They are hoping to organize a night dedicated to Villiers students and their new bands. Further information will be posted in Red Sokz.

Robin Van Der Klooster IVN & Ruth Court IVQ

We at Red Sokz would like to comment on Rose's new neon "open" café sign which she is very proud of and we hear Mr. Hardy bought it for her. All she needs now is one that says "Closed." Rose, it's fabulous!

Sadbbb O'Connell IVN

Cake Sale fundraiser for Hockey/Rugby Tour

To raise funds for the tour to England, there will be a cake sale on Monday the 10th of March. It will be held at Break and Lunch time and also after school to facilitate any parents that may want to come along.

Ciara Hereward-Ryan IVM

Lost Property

Ms. Breen would like to let anybody know that there are Tonnes of books in lost property and could people PLEASE come to collect them. There are also many bags in Confiscated property that can be collected after school. The Charge is one euro that goes towards Self Help.

Gráinne O'Brien IVN

Colours Day

The student council have organised a colours day on Friday the 14th of March. Those of you who don't want to have to wear your uniform will be charged 2 euro and the money is going towards Interact.

Mr Griffin's Plea

Mr. Griffin would like to announce that he is tired and needs a Break.

Gráinne O' Brien IVN

Villiers Debating

On Thursday Villiers School hosted a debate, the first they have been involved in this year. Our debating team, Robert Hardy, Kevin McNamara, Alice Maughan and Ciara Hereward-Ryan, were proposing the motion "The increased drug abuse in Ireland in an indictment of the failure of Irish society", against St Clements. The opposition held a strong defense against our Villiers team. Both captains spoke twice, at the start and the end, and by the end of Kevin's second speech, the decision had been made, by the audience at least, if not the judges. The debate was a legendary event, the emotion and research pumped into it was phenomenal, and the performance from both teams was exceptional. The debate team is now in the Semi Finals, and is yet to know who they face. We wish them the best of luck and will provide up to the minute news on their future success.

Ruth Court IVQ