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Editorial

Welcome back, we all hope that you had a good midterm and are happy to announce that our skiers have returned from their trip safe and sound and without any major injuries. There are many stories and we are glad to hear that everyone had a good and memorable experience. There are photos of the trip available to all students on the School Intranet.

We are also happy to announce that plans are already underway for next year's European trip to Helsinki and Estonia as well as a ski trip to Austria.

Form IV are leaving next week to take part in their work experience programme; don't worry because last year's pioneering, and very successful, Red Sokz team have agreed to write the end of term issue. We wish them good luck and hope they aren't too good or we might not be allowed back!

UL Activity Centre

Anyone interested in going there once a week will be able to do so after Easter.

It will cost you a small fee for boat hire but the school has offered to pay for the buses. If interested contact Mr. Atkinson as soon as possible - remember first come, first served!

Turlough Adley IVQ

Basketball & Cheerleaders ...

You may have heard the beat of "The Bongo Song" by Safro Duo parading through the corridors as fifteen students prepare for their cheerleading debut on Saturday night 8 p.m. in UL Arena.

We are all set to root for Burger King, Limerick who play their old rivals Star of the Sea, Belfast. TG4 will be there to cover the event. To see a brilliant basketball match, and maybe get your

mug on TV, grab a ticket for only €4, €3 of which is going towards Self Help through the work of Mrs. T. Ryan.

Ciara Healy IVP

Work Experience

On the 31st March, Transition Year will set out to experience working in the real world for their work-placement module. This will give them valuable knowledge of life in the work-place and give an excellent introduction to various careers, hopefully giving them an idea of which career they might like to pursue. Many different careers will be looked at including Veterinary, Accountancy, Medicine, I.T., and many more.

Work-experience is one of the highlights of the Transition Year Programme and the wide variety of opportunities show just how much is on offer to us, the workforce of the future.

Robert Hardy IVQ

Special Ski Report



Comments on the ski trip include that it was "a memorable experience", "brilliant" and "I'd like to go back next year". There were many great views; the instructors were more than helpful, the weather was great throughout. More importantly the snow was great, maybe a little icy in darker corners early in the mornings when Mr. Mac took the 'skiers' out before lessons most mornings. However, by the time beginners reached the slopes the snow was ideal for them. Beginners progressed gradually from blue nursery slopes up to some red slopes. Skiers from last year and before were delighted to make it down a black slope at the top of Ehrwald Alm, Hannah McKechnie and Jason Thong in particular. Ms. Storey was disappointed to miss out on that one.

The staff in the hotel were all very nice, especially Branca the waitress and Eddie the Chef. The food went down a treat and better still, it stayed down.

Megan Reilly Form I Q we are told kept the group entertained at many times during the trip. The staff Mr. Sutton, Ms. Storey, Mrs. Breen and Mr. McCrohan organised a full programme

of après ski activities. There was bum-bording/major snow fight on first night, followed on Monday night by a very exciting ski show with an amazing finale of fire-works. On Tuesday night, they went swimming in the hotel down the road. The pool was small with a 'cool' waterfall in the corner.

They were meant to go ice-skating on Wednesday night, but it was closed due to weather conditions. Temperatures rose slightly melting the ice rink into a puddle and softening snow a little. Given the option to have a quiz night instead, the group opted for a lazy night in: playing music, chatting, watching videos and bonding.

On the second last night they went to the local Musik Café to listen to a repertoire of songs from the Eggman's Gift; a band comprised of ski instructors. Kieran McMullan IV N joined in towards the end playing once more with Umberto, his ski instructor of last year. Well done, Kiernan.

On the last night, a hilarious talent show started the night, with Áine McGrath, Abby Ryan and Amy Carroll winning. Emma Corbett who was excel-

lent on the guitar was piped and came second. Damien O'Mahony and Peter Bagnell came in third place with some witty and very entertaining Limericks. Later on that night, perhaps the highlight of the trip, they headed to a disco at the Rustika in Lermoos.

As Saturday morning dawned, bags were packed which drooped spirits a little. Since the flight departure was late it was opted to take in a day trip to Munich where some shopped, others saw some sights and rugby fans saw the Irish beat the French (Sorry Ms. Julieron, better luck next time!). They arrived in Dublin and took a Martins' coach arriving in Limerick just after 1 a.m. On the way from the airport most people slept soundly.

We hear that plans are under way for **Next Year's Ski Trip**. The Ziller Valley, Austria is the likely destination. Again this is open to all students in the School and will be formally launched during next week. Keep an eye on <http://www.villiers-school.com/skiing/> for developments and further information.

Seán Keane IVM



Sport

Soccer

Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Jones have offered to organise a soccer team to play Glenstall and other schools. If you are interested please give a list of players to Mr. Atkinson. Training will start after Easter on the hockey pitch.

Boys Hockey

The Senior boys and Minor Boys went to Newtown on Wednesday and had a very successful day, the seniors won 3-0 with goals from Andy Gray, Eoin Cusack and Andrew Hodgins. That win has secured the league for them even though they have 2 matches left they have won all their games and only conceded 1 goal in the league so bring on the cup! The minor boys beat Newtown 5-1.

Turlough Adley IVQ

Rugby and Hockey Trip

In the early hours of Friday morning, 3.30a.m. to be precise a bus load of eager rugby and hockey players arrived at the gates of the school to depart for Dublin Port to catch the ferry to head for Holyhead. After the 6 hour journey across Wales and England and a stop for some lunch along the way, the group were warmly greeted by some Harrogate Grammar students to host Villiers for two nights.

Not wasting any time the girls headed to the cinema to see "Maid in Manhattan" great acting skills from J. Lo really!!! Everyone then met up in town for an enjoyable night.

Next morning at the ungodly hour of 9.30a.m. Senior Girls, accompanied by Mr. Sutton and Ms. Storey went to the Harrogate School to play St. Aidan's. Aislinn Ryan opened the scoring but St. Aidan's made a quick break just before half time to even the score at 1-1. However, thanks to the persistence of Hannah McKechnie, the match finished 2-1 a good start to the trip. Unfortunately the boys weren't so lucky losing to Ripley 10-8. Later that day a trip to see a Division 1 rugby match between Otley and Bedford was organised.

On Sunday *most* people met up at the Bowling alley for a morning of fun-filled bowling, the competition was great with people like David Condon and Patrick Bird putting everyone else to shame.

At 1.30p.m. the girls played their second match against

Harrogate Grammar, unfortunately the team weren't so lucky this time losing out 3-2. The girls then went to see the boys match but unfortunately they also lost. Villiers were then invited in the club house for some food and the presentation of a Harrogate jersey. That night both English and Irish met up and had a great time but sadly good-byes had to be said.

Rising at 6.30 we left the Moat House and had a long and tiring journey and arrived back in Limerick at 9.30. Special thanks must go to Mr. Collopy, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Jones, Ms. Storey and Mr. Gleeson for a fantastic trip!

Ciara-Hereward Ryan

Senior Girls Hockey

Many of you will know already that our Senior Girls Hockey team have reached the Cup Final. The match will take place next Wednesday the 26th of March 1:30 p.m. between Villiers and Laurel Hill Secondary in the Crescent Comprehensive. A Supporters Bus will be travelling to the match at a cost of €2. Anybody interested in supporting the team should give their name to Mr. Sutton. Good luck to all the girls!

Natalie Kennedy IVM

Rugby

This week was a sad week in rugby. It started off in Coonagh with the Junior Team V's Mallow. Their performance in the first half was very weak without star out-half Eric Fogerty. They conceded 3 tries but fought to the bitter end. The second half opened with a very positive attack from Villiers but Mallow defended very well. Thankfully a try from Evan Coady in the last play of the game made the final score 22-5.

The **Seniors** played St. Clements. They played out of their skins but with a few decisions not going their way, they lost 23-14. Two wonderful tries from Captain Paddy Bird and our Estonian Kirill Ulitin were converted by both Aaron Jolley and Alex McClean. Alex's conversion was made more difficult; he did not have a kicking tee and took a brilliant drop goal.

Sadly we say goodbye to our coach Seán Collopy who is stepping down from the senior coach position to manage the juniors.

Evan Coady IVN



Announcements The weeks ahead

Colours Day Reminder

Just a reminder that Colours Day has been postponed to next Wednesday, so bring in €5. Remember, you can't wear any labels, if you do, you'll be fined. The €5 also covers entry to the Band's Night at 8pm that night.

Seán Keane IVM

A **Lost Property** sale is coming up, so time is running out to collect your lost property. Please visit the basement at 11.20am on Wednesday if your name is on the list.

Ruth Court IVQ

French News

A school in France at Luc en Diois would like any interested Form I students to draw a sheep for their "Fete de la Transumance" which takes place on the 21th June. They hope to make a big flock of sheep from different countries. A jury will vote and elect the best one that will be sent to the school. In exchange they will send us a photo of their international flock. They are counting on you!

A competition organized by the French Embassy for junior cycle students of French about Francophone songs has already started.

Any Form VI students interested in practicing for their oral (after school or during 'free' classes)? If you are interested in this or any of the above go to see Ms. Jullieron to make arrangements.

Band's Night in aid of Milford Hospice.

On Wednesday March 26th you will have the privilege of listening to three bands perform, the music that they love. All proceeds will be going to charity. The three bands are Insignia, Whatever and Emergency Exit. These bands will be playing varied styles of all alternative music i.e.: Rock, Grunge, Punk and Metal. This event is going to take place in the sports hall. The night is "going to rock" and we hope all Villiers students will attend.

Graham Kilroy IVN

Bits and Pieces

If you have any ideas for games on **Action Day** would you please submit your same to Ms. Cottiss as soon as possible.

If anyone wants to order **Tracksuits** or **Rugby Jerseys** then give your name to Mr. Atkinson. It might also be possible to put your name on the back for an extra fee. Rugby Jersey €40. Tracksuit €80.

Turlough Adley IVQ