



# Red Sokz

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## Editorial

### Thanks to Form V

Big thanks must go to last year's Red Sokz Committee for the excellent job they did in producing Issue XII while the present team were away on work experience. They brought out a fantastic issue. Was it up to its recent high standards? Let you, the readers, be the Jury! A special thanks goes to Susan Ryan VQ for her help in this issue.

### Red Sokz! What is it?

Villiers Girls, apart from those in Form VI wear Red Socks. This is part of the long standing tradition of this almost two hundred year old School.

Red Sokz is not as old as that; it's only a baby by comparison. The first issue was published on September 7th, 2001 and thus began Volume I. It is a newsletter by Villiers Students, in particular Transition Years, published for people in the wider Villiers Community. The pioneering bunch involved in Volume I saw the newsletter improve steadily, in

terms of content and popularity, as new issues appeared. These young publishers moved on into Form V and the incoming Transitions Years took up the challenge and brought us Volume II with Issue I published on September 6th, 2002. Check out the web for the full archive of past issues.

[www.villiers-school.com/redsokz/](http://www.villiers-school.com/redsokz/)

*Robert Hardy IVQ*

### Scholarship Exam

This Saturday, an army of 88 future 1<sup>st</sup> form entrants will sit the school scholarship exam. This will be the first time that the prospective 1<sup>st</sup> years will meet their peers and see around the school. Three Scholarships are awarded by the school in recognition of achievement in the exam, one day, one boarding and one other. The Havergal & Roxborough Trust also awards a scholarship.

The students will take one hour long exams in English, Irish and Maths and ½ hour exams in Geography and

History. Best of Luck to them!!

*Robert Hardy IVQ*

### Dáil na nÓg 2003

On May 19 Transition Year students will be attending Comhairle na nÓg, organized by the National Children's Strategy, which is being held in City Hall. This valuable organization's main goal is that "Children will have a voice in the matters which affect them."

It is proposed that from Sept. to Nov. '03 two events will be held: A Dáil na nÓg for young people aged 12-17 and a Dáil na bPáistí for children aged 7-12.

Comhairle na nÓg will consult with children on issues of local and national importance. It aims to get representatives to attend the 2003 Dáil na nÓg and Dáil na bPáistí.

Ciara Hereward-Ryan, Alice Maughan, Kevin McNamara and Robert Hardy are off to City Hall at 9:30 am to discuss topics such as racism, the environment, drug and alcohol abuse.

*Sadbhbh O'Connell & Alice Maughan IVN*

## Action Day

This issue is very much about Action Day. Some of you may not know what goes on. All we'll say is that it's brilliant and you must come along and bring with you anybody from home. Here are some of the events to expect:

- Athletics
- Archery
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bouncing Castle
- Busking Competition
- Cake Sale
- Face Painting and Hair Wraps!
- Golf - Classic & Frisbee
- Hockey Penalty Flicks
- Lottery Wheel
- Mountain Bike Raffle
- Obstacle Course
- Soccer Penalty Shoot out
- Spaghetti Eating
- Talent Show
- 3-Legged Race
- Tug O War

### Harry Potter Character Hunt

Throughout the day, there will be a new event to take part in. The only requirement to take part is a rough knowledge of all four 'Harry Potter' books.

The 'Harry Potter Character Hunt' is not a colour event, which means that anyone, young or old, can take part. This event could be described as a treasure hunt with a twist - the treasure is moving!

The task will be to decipher clues in order to find out the name of the character, and then, to figure out who is playing that character and approach them. If you get the character right, that person will then give you a sticker. The person to arrive back to us with all their stickers on their card, in the shortest time, will win a nice prize!

This competition is open to everyone, young and old. We believe that Mr. Griffin is a big Harry Potter fan and is getting involved. Would he dig deep enough to invest the €1 entry fee.

*Susan Ryan VQ*

### Talent Show

Yes, it's that time of year again where all the talent from Villiers School students will suddenly reveal itself, apart from Form IV whom we saw earlier in the year.

With a fantastic 1st prize of €100, the Student Council are predicting a huge amount of entries with acts from all types of categories such as drama, magic shows, music, etc.

To enter the talent show, all you have to do is to fill out an application form. You can get this from Reception. Please fill out the required details and put the form in the Student Council Box which can also be found in Reception.

Auditions will be held in the week commencing on the May 12.

Get those entries in ASAP and you will soon get a letter from the Student Council informing you of your audition time.

Best of luck to all the talented hopefuls!

*Duncan Brickenden 4N*



## Sport

### U.L. Assistant Coaching Course

Leanne Gallivan, Alice Maughan, Niki Sterritt and Hannah McKechnie have completed an Assistant coaching course hosted by Ms. C. Bird of U.L. Coaching centre. Well done!

After enduring two weeks of training, these four girls had to do ten coaching sessions and, considering these sessions were all at 9.30 on a Saturday morning, they deserve some praise. Well done, early risers!!

*Susan Ryan VQ*

### Summer Term Sports Timetable

Venue	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Astro Pitch</b>	Athletic & Tennis	Soccer	Athletic & Tennis	Soccer
<b>Hall</b>	Badminton & Table tennis	Basketball	Badminton & Table tennis	Badminton & Table Tennis

### Action Day Sports

Trophy winners from last year for Athletics, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis and Badminton are asked to return them as soon as possible to the office. The list of names is up around the School.

**Athletics** heats will be run between the 12<sup>th</sup> of May and Action Day. There will be a **Basketball** tournament for anyone interested in the Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of May. The names for the Badminton draw are up on the notice board by Mr. Hardy's office so take a look at it if you have entered. The finals for these will be held on Action Day.

The annual **Swimming** gala will take place on Thursday the May 15. People who are interested in this and/or the **Tennis**

tournament should give their names to Mrs. T Ryan. Remember to bring your rackets and tennis balls.

*Ciara Hereward-Ryan & Natalie Kennedy IVM*

### Get Involved!

We'd like to remind you of the broad horizon in terms of sports clubs and associations available to you through the School. Don't be shy, please get involved.

Many are delighted to see **Soccer** come on stream with a challenge against Glenstal. We've achieved a double victory for Villiers: Form II 6-3 & Form I 5-2.

The **Tennis** courts are being marked and the nets placed in preparation for them being available for students on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Every Tuesday there is **Sailing** and **Kayaking** with Mr. Atkinson and other staff.

Representatives from Shannon **Rowing** Club / UL came to the School during the week to recruit oarsmen/women.

On the off-chance that none of these takes your fancy there are many new and exciting sports and activities such as Rock Climbing, Caving, Surfing, Bowls, Snooker, Karate, Judo and Tae kwon-do.

**Rock climbing, Caving** and **Surfing** can be found around the coast of Clare, Galway and Mayo while **Karate** and **Judo** can often be found locally. At the moment the closest **Tae kwon-do** club is in Shannon with one being set up in Limerick before the end of the year.

The message we are trying to get across is to get involved in sport no matter what it is, you will be the one who benefits. For more information please talk to teachers in the Sports Department. Remember a 'healthy body means a healthy mind'!

*Bryan King IVQ*



## Announcements ..... The weeks ahead

### Stardom hits Villiers

Congratulations to Beth Treacy for getting the lead role as 'Ella' in a film called "Somebody's Daughter". Best of luck, Beth hope you go all the way!!!

### Lost Property

In Room 11 on Action Day students &/or parents are welcome to come in and see the huge amounts.

### Bike for raffle

A Mountain Bike will be raffled for charity on Action Day. We are hoping that you will purchase a raffle ticket from Rose in the café during the coming weeks.

### Budding Young Writers at Villiers

Congratulations to Orlagh Reynolds IP who won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in a writing competition for 12 years and under, sponsored by Kerry County Council as part of Listowel Writers Week.

Her entry 'Life' will be published in the book 'Winners 2003'. Orlagh's prize will be presented at the official opening on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 8:00pm in the Listowel Arms Hotel. Well done, Orlagh! We look forward to your involvement in Red Sokz in the future!

**Griffith Law School** is running a Legal Essay Competition "Does the Legal Profession deserve its reputation". Congratulations to Shane Sibbel on being one of the five

entries short-listed in all of Ireland. Shane has to present an essay to the panel of judges in Griffith Hall on May 14<sup>th</sup>. If Shane wins he will receive €500 and a computer for the School.

### Summer Blues????!!!!!!

If you have nothing to do during the summer why not try:

- Introduction to Uni. at UL from the June 16-20 and June 23-27
- Daghda Dance School June 16-27 ( full days or half days)
- Betty Norton Drama School in Dublin
- Engineering Summer School at U.L June 16-20

If you want anymore information please contact Mr. Hardy!

### Form III Competition

Congratulations to IIN who succeeded in winning the Form III competition! They deserve it and will be rewarded greatly for their good behaviour and hard work. I am sure they would like to express thanks to their form tutor, Ms. Storey, for her guidance, and to their form prefects, Susan Ryan and Catherine Owczarski, for their presence day after day!!!

### Athletics Dates

North Munster Championships - Tuesday May 13, Thursday May 15. Entries are in, good luck to those involved.

Teams will be selected next week for the **Inter Schools Sports** Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> in UL.

*Jennifer Dann 4N, Clara Hayes 4M & Susan Ryan VQ*