



Red Sokz

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Editorial

Year III

Can you believe it? Here we are beginning the third Volume of Red Sokz, our regular School newsletter. This year, new issues will appear on the School website <http://www.villiers-school.com> prior to their issue in paper format. Please see the Red Sokz section for this and the full archive of previous issues.

Once again we are fortunate that another group of talented students have joined the Red Sokz Committee. We would like to wish them the best in their work during the coming year.

We would like to extend a huge Thank You to all those involved in Volume II who have moved onto Form V and wish them the best in their studies.

Mr. J. McCrohan

Warm welcomes

A big welcome back to everybody and a warm welcome to the new Form Is, the new Students in other Forms and the new International students.

Welcome back to all staff and a special welcome to our new teachers Mr. Fennell (Limerick), Ms. Sexton (Limerick), Mr. Sadleir (Tipperary), Ms. Redfern (Tipperary), Ms. Lynch (Clare) and Ms. Howell (Clare). Mr. Hardy tells us this represents a fair Geographic spread but a certain Corkwoman and a certain Kerryman wonder and want the score evened. Perhaps this is coming from certain recent defeats elsewhere.

Tutorial System

Congratulations, and best of luck to all the prefects new and old. New students please remember they are there to help you. For more on this see our homepage and follow hyperlinks.

Junior Cert. Results

Congratulations to all students that got some long awaited results last Wednesday. They were exceptionally good this year. Could there be something in the rumours that abound

about Jason Sibbel and efforts to bribe the examiners? Laura Cooke is the lady that we should be congratulating; she achieved the same amazing set of results, and definitely without the exchange of brown envelopes. Well done also to Garath Davis. He informs us that he didn't fail anything and is delighted. However, we've saved the best until last, Niamh Ryan got a superb set of results – well done, Niamh!

There was a nervous atmosphere as all students stepped up to receive what were apparently the best results ever achieved at Junior Cert. Level. Amidst all the great results, not one of the teachers who were there (including some of the 'strictest' in the school) noticed the huge number of hyperactive students on mobile phones!

The Form IV locker area was less lively than usual the morning after, as most students had been sent to school against their will. We feel, however, that a day off should have been earned after such outstanding results. Well done again to all!

Emily Bourke & Derek Harvey IVP

Features

13th Fashion Show

November 26th is the date set for this year's Fashion Show. Mr. Penny and Hilary Thompson are busy once again.

The clothes being modeled will come from certain shops which are undisclosed at the moment

The preparations for the show are coming together and students who signed up include: Erin McClure, Ada Kelly, the "beautiful, utterly divine" Alan Ryan and many more.

Eoin Walsh IVM

Music Notes

Many of you have been wondering which musical is to be performed by the Transition Years, this year. We are glad to announce that it will be *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat*. The musical is based on a very well known story from the Bible.

The cast has not yet been picked but the first phase of the auditions will be held next Wednesday 24th after School.

The show will open on February 3rd and run for three nights. Keep an eye

out for more on preparations for the Show in future issues of Red Sokz.

Alannah King IV Q

Whiz Kids

For all you whiz kids out there, there's an Inter-School General Knowledge Quiz happening soon. Two Juniors and two Seniors will be picked to compete as well as a Junior sub and a Senior sub. For more information on how to participate please contact Mrs. O' Sullivan.

Alannah King IV Q

Form II trip to UL Activity Centre

This annual trip takes place next Tuesday. It's a great day for all in Form II. The excellent facilities, landscape and waterscape in Killaloe makes this centre Villiers' favourite destination for P.E. trips.

Brace yourselves Form IIs, for the treat in store. You will have windsurfing, kayaking, sailing and not to mention jumping in a cold lake! Apart from water sports, you have the chance to do arch-

ery, orienteering and climbing. Like other years, we are sure you will have a great day.

Pream Neote IVP & Roy Stoddart IV M

"Bogger Bus"

Mr. Hardy has announced that the price of travelling on the "Bogger Bus" is set to increase from next weekend. As yet, we don't know by how much, however all will be revealed in good time.

Apparently this is the first increase in twelve years. That's a long time without inflation affecting this "Lilac Bus". Anybody still around from back then?

Derek Harvey IVP & Roy Stoddart IV M

Bookshop

This year the bookshop opens on Fridays at 13:15 so be sure to take note as the shop only opens once a week.

Textbooks can be charged to your bills so don't worry about having to bring large amounts of money to School, however small stationary items must be paid for in cash.

Daniel Eve IV M



Hockey

Villiers Minor Boys had a convincing win against Newtown. Roger Clark IM played very well, scoring a hat-trick in this, his second game for the School. Well done lads, keep it up!

Roy Stoddart IV M

Senior Boys Hockey

On Wednesday, the Senior Boys drew 2-2 against Newtown in a very close match. Roy Stoddard IVM scored for Villiers and for Newtown. Later on, Diarmuid O'Shea VQ scored for Villiers, his goal balancing Roy's mistake. This was a first for Roy who up to now has been an excellent defender. Perhaps after a summer in Portumna, Roy's lost his touch on solid ground!!

Hail, Rain or Shine Club

Any Form V & VI girls interested in doing Power Walking as an afternoon activity, please contact Ms. Redfern. You will need proper footwear and a change of clothes.

Walkers have the option to walk either 2 or 4 miles. The aim

is to walk the Women's Mini-Marathon on Sunday October 12th. Keep an eye on the sports notice board for more.

Daniel Eve IV M

Tae-Kwan-Do

There has been a large interest in setting up Tae-Kwan-Do as an Afternoon Activity. If you're interested, please contact Bean Uí Riain for more details.

Pream Neote IV P

Achievements

Thomás O'Donnell competed in this years All-Ireland **Rock Climbing** Championships in Dublin. The competition took place in Blanchardstown in late July. He competed in the 50m free climb, and came 4th. Unfortunately this was not good enough to qualify for next year's European Championships in Italy.

Congratulations to Matthew Callaghan who has made it onto the Senior Men's **Cricket** team for Munster.

Daniel Eve & Roy Stoddart IV M

Sports Timetable - Autumn 2003

Rugby

Monday
Form I & II Boys

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday
Forms III - VI

Friday

Hockey

Monday
Junior Girls
Senior Girls
Junior Boys
Senior Boys

Tuesday
Minor Girls
Form I Boys
Minor Boys
Junior Boys
Senior Boys

Wednesday

Matches & Training

Thursday
Minor Girls
Junior Girls
Senior Girls
Form I Boys
Minor Boys

Friday

All ages
Boys & Girls

Sports Hall

Monday
Table Tennis
Badminton

Tuesday
Basketball

Wednesday
Table Tennis
Badminton

Thursday
Hockey

Friday

Power Walking

Monday

Tuesday
Form V & VI Girls

Wednesday

Thursday
Form V & VI Girls

Friday



Announcements The weeks ahead

Study Skills Seminar

Form V should note the date Nov. 10th, as there will be an all day Study Skills Seminar held in the lecture theatre on that day. Any interested Form V students can give their names to Ms. Donegan, along with a small fee of €10.

Green Schools

For anyone interested in helping the environment and wants to be involved in helping earn the Green Schools flag for Villiers, there's a meeting in Room 18 at 13:10 on Monday next to elect a new Green Schools Committee. If you're not there, you can't be on the committee, but don't worry, there'll be many chances during the year to help out.

Careers Night

Those of you, who have been waiting with bated breath for three years, anticipating the next Careers Night, should be interested to know that Mr. Griffin and Mrs. Surr are working towards holding it next January.

Lost Property

For the convenience of all new students, we would like

to note that Lost Property is open by Mrs. Breen every Mon, Wed and Fri in the basement at 11:20. You will find lists of owners of named property posted up around the School.

Jade O'Mahony IV N

Irish Red Cross

The Irish Red Cross are looking for 12-16 year olds to take a certificate in Basic First Aid. The course includes basic first aid training, but also fun and games. There are a number of courses on around Limerick and they all start this Saturday. Course take place at: St. Paul's Community Centre, Dooradoyle 11 am, Scoil Íde, Corbally 11am, Milford MS Castletroy 11 am, 58 Henry St (upper, opposite Spar) at 4:30pm. The course costs just €10 and lasts 15 weeks.

Daniel Eve IV M

Happy Birthday

Heather Whiteford is sweet sixteen and never ... driven the red tractor. We believe she's getting her provisional license and with the double wheels and tracks there'll be no stopping her over the Bogs of North Tipp.

Undisclosed