



Red Sokz

Volume III, Issue IV

<http://www.villiers-school.com>

21st November 2003



Editorial

Finland/Estonia Trip 2003

At the mid-term break, thanks to the efforts of Mr. O'Hanlon and Ms. Byrne, thirty students jetted off to Finland and Estonia on the annual Senior Tour.

We left at 4am on Wednesday 22nd October and arrived in Dublin a few hours later. We were supposed to fly to Copenhagen and then quickly switch planes and fly on to Helsinki. Just after we boarded the plane we were told that the airport was closed indefinitely. We ended up spending the whole day stuck on the aircraft. We took off around 6pm and we were then told that we couldn't get another flight to Helsinki. The cabin crew was very nice to us and the airline even paid for our accommodation and food in the Copenhagen Radisson Hotel.

We had to get up at 6am the next morning local time (5am in Ireland) to catch our flight. And then... the plane

required maintenance. We were 24 hours behind schedule but we had finally arrived in the Helsinki Eurohostel. That evening we went shopping and bowling.

The next day we went on a guided tour of Helsinki. We saw churches, political offices/headquarters and other local landmarks. In the evening we went to an Ice-Hockey match between the two local teams, Jokerit (the Jokers) and HIFK and on Friday we went on a boat trip to a Fortress Island.

On Sunday we took a boat to Tallinn, the Estonian capital and we checked into a very nice hotel. Later that evening, we went on a guided tour of Tallinn where we saw lots of interesting buildings such as the former Estonian KGB offices, the Brotherhood of the Blackhead and the Estonian parliament buildings.

We returned to Finland on Monday evening and made our way to what was

supposedly a hotel in Espoo, a suburb of Helsinki. The only thing was that we weren't in Espoo, we were 23km away from it, in the middle of nowhere, surrounded by forests.

On Tuesday, most of the group went to the Serena Waterpark, which is the biggest indoor/heated waterpark in Europe. It had three main slides including one in which you descend at 40km per hour. It had rapids, saunas and steam rooms. Twelve people went down the "Black Hole" slide at once - there was some pile up at the end! Some adventurous students went snowboarding at the same resort.

We returned home on Wednesday 29th without any delays. We were all very tired but that didn't stop us having a great time on the journey back to Villiers.

*Barry Kennedy IVN, Daniel Eve IVM
& Derek Long IVP*

Features

Choir Practice

Choir practice for the Christmas Carol Service has begun! The first session was held on Thursday 13th, but don't worry, if you didn't get the chance to join, there's still hope, and you will be able to start this week. This year anyone interested in stretching their voice boxes will be pleased to know that there are two chances to attend a class: either 3.30-4.30 or 6.30-8.00 on Thursdays. Please come to at least one session per week.

Jade O'Mahony IVN

Form IV Trip

On Thursday night, all Form IV boarders were treated to a highly entertaining evening at Laurel Hill to see a very successful production of "Me and My Girl". We would like to extend a hearty thanks to Ms. O'Sullivan who was kind enough to organize the trip.

Jade O'Mahony IVN

Congratulations

Well done to Sohaila Lindheim who made it into the top fifteen models in the Irish Supermodel of the Year competition, and was on the Late Late Show last

Friday night for this achievement. Unfortunately, she didn't win the contest and therefore missed out on the trip of a lifetime to New York, but it's clear to see that with her talents on the catwalk, she'll be reappearing as the winner of an even bigger competition soon.

On Tuesday night, Kiernan McMullan stunned the judges of "Kilmurry Search for a Star" with his amazing singing abilities, earning himself a place as one of the top four singers of the night, and thus making it into the finals of the competition. Well done Kiernan! It is worth noting that Kiernan's decision to take part was a last-minute one, as the judges looked for someone to fill the place of an empty slot, which was due to the absence of one of the contestants. The group of Form I boarders, who were originally only there to help supervise the trip and made Kiernan's triumph possible, thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Jade O'Mahony IVN

4th Year Orienteering Trip

On Tuesday 11th our lovely Form IVs went on a trip to Curraghchase for a bit of orienteering. The weather didn't hold

up but that didn't stop them. Afterwards they went to a local pub to get some hot, homemade soup to eat, which filled their stomachs after the hard days work. The winning team of the orienteering was Sarah Gray, Gillian Little, Eoin Walsh and Gordon Agnew. A good day was had by all.

Alannah King IVQ

Thank You

Thanks very much to Pauline who provided a great service to students in the café while Rose was sick. We're sorry to see such a charitable lady leave, and wish her well. Welcome back also to Rose, who returned on Monday to a café which is as orderly as ever, thanks to the great organisation skills of both ladies.

Derek Long IVP & Eoin Walsh IVM

Villiers Fashion Show!!!

In aid of Self Help

8.00 p.m.

Wed. 26th November.

Tickets on sale: €5:children &
€10:adults

Co-ordinated by: Hilary Thompson



Sport

Minor Hockey

The minor team beat Middleton 2-1 in a closely contested match with goals from Llewellyn Mooney and Eric Calendar. **U16 Hockey Boys Trails** are commencing in Cork this Saturday/Sunday. Congratulations to Eric Calendar, Edmond Gleeson, Simon Brickenden, Roger Gray, Diarmid Quinlan and Rowan Taylor who have made it thus far. Best of Luck Lads!

Congratulations to Sarah Gray and Aishlinn Ryan who made it to the last twenty on the Munster U16 Hockey Squad.

Search for Rugby Players

The Rugby coaches are looking for Junior Rugby players. If you have an interest in participating and are in Form I, please come along to training which is held every Monday.

Roy Stoddart IVM

Senior Hockey

On Wednesday the 12th of November the Senior Hockey Team beat Middleton 3-1, with goals from Andrew and Roger Gray and Alan Milne. This was the last league game of the season. Villiers also won the league last year, so for the second year running they are unbeaten in the league and are looking promising for the future.

Rugby

On Thursday the 6th November the Senior Rugby Team faced Newport in their opening match of the season. The match was at home. Villiers had a great win for a very young side, with a score of 44-3 with two tries from Richard Dodd, two from Tony Cusack, one from James McCarthy, one from Roy Stoddart, one from Robin Edwards and one from Eric

Duignan. Tony Cusack and Richard Whyte added to this fantastic set of tries with two conversions each.

Villiers showed great defence and coordination by not letting Newport breach the line once. The focus now, is on the Senior Cup Match against St. Clements in the second round after Mt. St. Michael's from Cork forfeited their first round game against Villiers which was due to be played on Nov. 19th.

The first Junior Cup match against St Mary's of Newport is fixed for the 26th of November so it's all systems go for this.

Junior Rugby

The Junior rugby team got off to a good start in their warm up game towards the junior cup against St Alba's of Tipperary. They won 39-0 with 2 tries from Roy Stoddart, 2 tries from Glenn Wallace and one a piece from Oscar Barret (through Mr. Fennell's bad judgment according to Roy who just missed out on his hat trick) and Colm Goode. James McCarthy kicked another nine points to add to the total score and a well deserved win.

Glenn Wallace IVP

New Fitness Centre

The new gym is finished for info on when you can use it ask the P.E department.

Outdoor club.

Mr. Lillis would like to remind people about the outdoor Club which is on every Wednesday. There is a caving trip coming up at Christmas with only ten places available. For more information ask Mr. Lillis, or keep an eye on this space and the sports noticeboard.

Derek Long IVP



Announcements The weeks ahead

Condolences to Mr. Fennell

All students wish to express their deepest sympathies to Mr. Fennell whose mother passed away last week.

Congratulations

We all wish to extend a hearty congratulations to Jason Sibbel for his record-breaking 10 A's in the Junior Certificate. At the risk of having his only B, in Geography, downgraded to a C, Jason confidently decided to have this exam rechecked, and fair deuce to him! We can't forget Laura Cooke however who also did amazingly well with her 9 A's, and very nearly joined him with his perfect results.

Eoin Walsh IVM

Students Council Elections

Elections onto the Students Council took place last Friday, and were very successful. Well done to all who were up for election, the results were very close. Unfortunately, not everyone could be on the committee, and those who were elected were Casper Lillburn and Georgia Adams for Form II; Alva Gallagher, Daniel Mortell and Nathan Cardy for Form III; Marion Murphy, Barry Kennedy, Garath Davis and Marguerite Leech for Form IV; and last, but not least, Rebecca O'Neil, Sean Keane and Alice Maughan for Form V. Congratulations! Lets hope that the '03-'04 Council does a good job, and that we'll be hearing from them again soon.

Lending Library

Calling all Bookworms! A great new selection of books has been added to the collection in the Lending Library in Room 3. Titles such as "Kurt Cobain's Journals", "Sabriel" and "The Diary of Anne Frank" are now available, as well as takeoffs of the famous "Harry Potter" and "Lord of the Rings"- the

originals are also up for grabs if you haven't been fortunate enough to get your hands on a copy yet. Both are good reads, and better than the film versions any day in my book!

Jade O'Mahony IVN

Fashion Show

All around the school over the past week there have been notices displayed for this years annual Form IV's Fashion Show. Once again the proceeds are going to **SELF HELP**, so please buy a ticket and support this worthy cause. Adults: €10, students and children: €5. The show is being held on 26th November, tickets are on sale now so if you haven't got one, then get one, please. If you forget, our form IV's will remind you by going around to every class, everyday to sell them.

Limerick Food Appeal

Ms. Sexton would like to remind you peoples to please bring in some non-perishable foods (pasta, beans, cereals, coffee, tea, biscuits etc.) for the Limerick Food Appeal. Leave them into the duty room. Please donate so that some unfortunate families can have as nice a Christmas as you. Thank you.

Alannah King 4Q

Get well soon

We would all like to wish Carlos Munar IVQ a speedy recovery; he had a terrible accident in his first five minutes of School rugby in which his arm was badly broken. We expect to see him, complete with cast, some time next week.

Mouse Mats

For customised mouse mats, with any picture you want, contact Daniel Eve or Derek Harvey. Prices are 7.50 or 12.50, depending on size.

Daniel Eve IVM