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Editorial

Welcome to Issue V and with it we bring you a little change; you will notice below that we have a new section - **Writers Corner**. Through this section we hope to bring you a little snapshot of the work of some of the great literature talents we are fortunate to have in the School. The first Young Writer's article gets us off to a great start in this new venture for Red Sokz. We would like to congratulate and thank Ms. Storey and her students for bringing this wonderful work to us.

Mr. Penney tells us that the Fashion Show is 'done and dusted' and would like to Thank Everybody involved, in particular: the excellent student committee, School staff, shops, those who worked quietly in the background and last but not least, the models, who carried themselves off wonderfully throughout preparations and on the night itself. Roll on Fashion Show No. 14!

Main Stories

Fashion Show

Was it a success? Well, for those who could not make it, you missed out on a really spectacular night in a packed out hall. The models strutted magnificently down the catwalk in their designer gear. One of the better parts of the show was when all the Form IV models appeared in their gowns and tuxedos.

The music was brilliant and they were supported greatly by the student body. All this earned a tidy sum for the work of Self Help in Africa.

A big thank you goes out to all the supporters that turned up and the shops that donated clothes for this fund raiser.

Alannah King IVQ

ICT

Due to the introduction of the ECDL (Electric Paper) software last year, we have had to make significant changes to the Intranet. This has taken

quite a bit of time, but we are nearly there. Remember the Intranet is a wonderful learning and communication resource; if you find any useful content in terms of links to educationally sound websites or other resource material that you would like to make available to students through the Intranet, please email same to Mr. Mac.

In terms of **communication**, which we will talk about in later issues, we have set up an email account for all students in Forms I to IV, with Form V to be added early next term. The format of this address is username@villiers-student.com.

Class Reps in Form II & III, need to arrange a double period through their tutors whereby they can come to the ICT Suite to have their individual School email account configured. Perhaps, Class Reps might liaise with Mr. Mac on this one.

Writers Corner

The Pink Handkerchief

By Sharon Moriarty IP

The detective looked closely at the crime. The dead person had been a Mr. Viktom. Everything was in order and as it should have been, except for one thing – the murderer had left a pink hankie on Mr. Viktom's chest, right over a stab wound. The police were baffled. After three more murders, everyone was in a panic. There were statements on the news given by the detective and the country was in an uproar. There was nothing related about the murders except that a pink hankie had been left over a stab wound on the chest in each case.

The detective working on the case was called Mr. Smith – that wasn't his name but he was just called that for protection reasons. Mr. Smith was utterly confused, but after the fourth murder he became frantic. There was nothing in common – race, age, gender to determine a pattern. Only a pink handkerchief.

It was then that people began to phone up saying that they had seen some men and women walking around town with pink hankies. Delighted that he had at last found a lead, Mr. Smith drove to

town, only to find that pink hankies were on sale this week!

As he was leaving the hankie shop, he saw a man slide towards the counter, looking furtive. The man slithered up to the counter and bought five pink hankies. If the shopkeeper thought that that was strange, he didn't show it. He simply said "Of course Mr. Jones, and who might these be for?"

"They're for my five nieces." Mr Jones replied, and he cackled, but only for a moment, as he hastily turned it into a cough. Mr. Smith thought that it was suspicious, but he put it down to paranoia. He hurried home through the blustery wind to watch the telly.

Half way through the show, a news program popped up, much to Mr. Smith's annoyance. He wasn't so annoyed, though, when the newsreader announced that there had been another 'pink hankie murder'. Mr. Smith rushed out the door.

As he was driving, he thought about the man in the hankie shop. He turned sharply down the street and parked right outside the shop. He barged through the door and demanded to see the shopkeeper. It was then he realised that he was in the wrong shop. Looking very

sheepish, he apologised and backed out the door, his face maroon. He scuttled next door and barged in again, and again demanded to see the shopkeeper. This time, however the shopkeeper turned pale. His eyes flickered towards the door but before he could blink, he found himself handcuffed and escorted to a police car.

When they got to the station, the shopkeeper told Mr. Smith where Mr. Jones lived. Mr. Smith drove to his house and knocked on the door. When Mr. Jones answered Mr. Smith produced his badge and took him in for questioning.

On reaching the police station, Mr. Smith spent ages asking him questions but each time Mr. Jones answers came through. Until one special question: Mr. Smith had noticed that each of the hankies had the victims name, the word "next" and the date of death written on them. Mr. Smith pretended to sneeze and asked Mr. Jones for a hankie. Not thinking, Mr. Jones handed him a pink hankie. On the hankie were written the words –

"Mr. Smith,

Next – 8/11/2003"

Mr. Smith had caught the killer one day before he was supposed to die.



Sport

Villiers Sports Kit

School Tracksuits and Rugby Jerseys are available. These are now in stock, please ask Mr Atkinson for more information and further details natkinson@villiers-school.com

Roy Stoddart IVM

Rugby

Our **Junior Cup** Rugby team emerged victorious in a thrilling away game against Newport on Thursday last. In a game which hung in the balance for the last fifteen minutes Villiers secured victory on a score line of 14 - 12. Our captain on the day, Tomas O'Donnell, was an inspiration putting in great tackles. Leslie Hayes and Steven Harvey continued to put in crunching tackles throughout the game and determined running by Glen Wallace, Rory Guyett and Diarmuid Quinlan helped in no small way to overcome a skilful and spirited Newport side.

Newport were first to score with a very good try but failed to convert. Villiers reacted immediately and forced the ball over the line to get back on level terms. Glen Wallace came close but the try was scored by a now improving Diarmuid Quinlan. The rub of the green was with Villiers as a fine kick by Oscar Barret clipped the post, falling to the right side allowing Villiers to go in at half time in a good position.

Newport started the second half in determined fashion and looked dangerous. Hard work by Blaine Creegan, Stephen Cairns, John Perrot and Robert O'Donoghue however kept Newport under pressure. Newport Scored again in the 16th minute leaving a lot of work for Villiers who now trailed 7 - 12. With players such as Casper Lilburn, Luke Holmes, Alex

Muir and Robert Brislane now getting stuck in, all was not lost. Our effort was rewarded in the 22nd minute with a fantastic try by Leslie. From the sideline it appeared that Leslie struck the ground in slow motion after a great sprint. Again Oscar used the upright to help his kicking. Villiers held on till the end for a deserved win. Kris O'Shea, Simon Crawford and Ilya Liaskine played a very important part on the day also. We look forward to seeing Stevie Kennedy, Adam Wallace and Paddy Galvin play a big part in our next game. Well done to all involved.

Mr. D. Sadleir

Next Wednesday the **Senior Rugby** Team are due to play St. Clement's in an all-important second round tie of the Cup.

We will need to be at our very best as we come up against a strong Clement's outfit, who have not yet had a Cup match this season. The Villiers team are hoping to have a lot of support for the match and hopefully a bus will be organised to bring our fans.

Roy Stoddart & Daniel Eve IVM

Hockey

Congratulations to Aislinn Ryan and Sarah Gray who got on the Munster Inter Provincial U16 Team.

Roy Stoddart IVM

Munster Schools Swimming

The Munster School's Swimming Championships take place this weekend in Douglas, Cork. Representing Villiers are Kevin McNamara V Q, Ciara Hereward-Ryan V M, and John McCall IV M- two former Red Sokz committee members and one fledgling one. Best of luck, lads!

Paul Murphy IVP & David Fogerty IVP



Announcements The weeks ahead

Inter School Quiz

Four Villiers students took part in the first heat of the Inter-School's quiz last Monday. The quiz took place in the School and was attended by many teams from around Limerick. The Villiers team comprised of Paul Murphy, Dearbhail Starr, Rickey Power and Sharon Moriarty. It was a close contest between Villiers and Laurel Hill with the teams tied going into the final round. In the end our team came 2nd, taking them onto another round of quizzes in January.

Congratulations to the team for a fantastic effort and Mrs. O'Sullivan for putting them through their paces beforehand.

By Barry Kennedy IVN

M2

Music room M2 is now out of bounds to students during School hours due to losses and damages to musical instruments.

Eoin Walsh IVM & Derek Long IVP

Fare thee well.

We want to wish Ms. Collins luck as she leaves us today to return to UL and her studies. The School has many more fit and literate students since her arrival, and we are sorry to see her go. Best of luck, Miss!

Jade O'Mahony IVN

New Library Magazines

For those of you who are interested in the areas of Science or Mechanics, you might like to know that there are two new magazines being ordered by the School Library covering these topics. These are "New Scientist" and "Car Mechanics".

Happy Reading!

Jade O'Mahony IVN

Shiny New Badges

As you have probably noticed the new Student Council members are wearing shiny new badges. Remember that they are there to help and if you have any questions or queries don't hesitate to ask them. We wish them all the best of luck for the forthcoming year.

Daniel Eve IVM

Villiers Enterprise Club

Congratulations to Mark Sheehan, Ciara Healy, Alannah King, Jason Thong, Daniel Eve, Barry Kennedy and Rebecca O'Neill who have been chosen to run the first ever Villiers School Enterprise Club. They had a training day last Tuesday in Jury's hotel in Limerick which gave them some good ideas to work on during the year. Their purpose is to encourage enterprise and to help small businesses in the School.

Daniel Eve IVM

Martial Arts

A big hand must be awarded to all students in the Jiu-Jitsu evening classes, who completed their first grading last night. It was a success all round, with everyone achieving their Yellow Belts. Well done to all!

Jade O'Mahony IVN

Piano Exams

Congratulations to all students who participated in the piano exams yesterday evening. The tension as they awaited that fateful exam must have been pretty unbearable. We wish them the best of luck as they await their results. You'll all do grand!!

Luke Hamilton IVN

Happy Birthdays - today

Ms. S. O'Sullivan, Brian Carney IVN & Rebecca Milne IIIQ.