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Editorial

Happy New Year and welcome to Issue VIII of Red Sokz, the first Red Sokz of 2004. Originally we had hoped to publish this issue last week, however Mr. McCrohan was not available to us to add the finishing touches.

This week we have a music review by Alannah King and the eagerly anticipated end to Kevin Hayes' short story from the last issue (see the website if you didn't get to see this issue). We also have a report on the hugely successful Careers Night.

In Sport we have articles on recent Hockey matches, the School Fitness Centre and the Caving Club.

Meanwhile in Announcements we have articles on the Parent Teacher Meetings, the Student Council and Lost Property.

Remember that the Form IV musical is only a few short weeks away. For more information check out Jade O'Mahony's article in the Main Stories Section.

By Barry Kennedy IVN

Main Stories

Careers Night

The recent Careers Night held in the school was a great success. It took place on Wednesday 14th January. The night, organised by Mr Griffin and Mrs. Sirr, gave students a chance to look at possible careers.

Both the hall and Room 23 were filled with students, parents and various professionals who were eager to explain their line of work.

By Barry Kennedy IVN

Album Review

For the past twenty years the Red Hot Chilli Peppers have brought you albums full of funk and rock, even with the death of their first guitarist and the drug addiction of their second guitarist they have still managed to make some of the greatest records of all time. Now the remaining four, Anthony Kiedis, Flea, John Frusciante, and Chad Smith bring us their most popular hits includ-

ing their usually provocative videos.

When they first started out, twenty years ago, people didn't take them seriously but just recently they performed their biggest headline show ever in Slane (August 23rd 2003, to 80,000 people) and are still going strong. They continue to rock and will be doing a major world tour all next year for their Greatest Hits CD/DVD, keep your ears and eyes open for information.

By Alannah King IVQ

Annual Musical

Be prepared for the greatest performance of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat ever to hit the stage.

This year the show will run for three nights three nights Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th of February. There will be a matinee on Wednesday morning to which a number of primary schools are invited.

By Jade O'Mahony IVN

Writers Corner

The Pink Handkerchief (Cont.)

Mrs. Hendy got up and walked over to the piano, picked up a photograph in a golden frame. In the picture there were two young women in summer dresses and two men dressed in uniforms; in the background there was a spitfire. "There's me and there is my husband Jimmy". She pointed to a tall well built man with dark hair who was dressed in a uniform.

"There's Molly, she is my sister-in-law, we were good friends, and there's my brother. Jimmy's her husband", Mrs. Hendy said softly. She continued with her story.

"That picture was taken at Howth, October the 13th the date was. It was the day Jimmy and Tommy flew out over Howth. Their objective was to take out a flight of Nazis. Tommy's plane got damaged so he had to retreat. Jimmy was left there fighting the Germans alone. He"

Mrs. Hendy took three deep breaths to finish the sentence.

"... was never seen again. After I heard the news the British army sent her a letter which Jimmy had there. There

was a note inside it and a pink handkerchief. The note read:

"When you are alone and worried about me, don't be afraid to cry. Just wipe your eyes with this and everything should be better."

Mrs. Hendy got up and took the letter from a wooden chest in the corner; it was in a brown envelope. "You see", Mrs. Hendy started. "This morning was the day this picture was taken 60 years ago," Mrs. Hendy showed Luke some more of Jimmy's things. She showed him a model spitfire which she'd bought him as a present before he had died. He had said he would build it up. A strange idea came to Luke. Soon afterwards Mrs. Hendy drove him home. Luke said he didn't need to be driven home but she insisted. That night he snuck out and went to Mrs. Hendy's house. She had told him that she only brings the chest out for a day and he saw her bring the chest into her shed. She had also forgotten to lock the door. When he reached Mrs. Hendy's house, he crept around the

back, opened the shed, knelt down and turned on his torch which he had brought with him. The chest was in the far left hand corner. He opened it, took the model spitfire kit and headed home. The next day he started to make the spitfire. It was hard work for Luke but within a week he had one of the wings assembled. One day when Luke came home from school, Martina, his mum was waiting for him; her expression told Luke something had happened. Mrs. Hendy had been taken seriously ill. Luke stayed with her talking about the stories she had previously told him for nearly five hours. When he went home he got back to work on his spitfire. He knew he wouldn't be able to bring her to Howth and fly the plane over the sea like he had planned, but he had noticed a window in her room he could fly it around there. He fixed the spitfire body within the next day, but just before he assembled the other wing, Mrs. Hendy died but Luke swore that he would finish the spitfire and fly it over Howth for her.

By Kevin Hayes IP



Sport

Hockey

The U15 Girls Team played Doon yesterday in a friendly. Georgia Adams scored two goals in the first half. In the second half Doon answered back with two goals of their own. The final score was a draw at 2-2

By Kathryn Buggy IVQ

The Minor One Girls Hockey Team played spectacularly well in their League match against Doon on Thursday 22nd of January, with an end result of a 6-0 win.

Jennifer Lyttle and Margaret Gleeson scored within the first 58 seconds, and Jennifer scored again 3 minutes later. Edele Martin scored goals in both halves. Meanwhile Cara Kavannah got the second half off to a good start with great goal for Villiers

Good luck to them in their next match, as a victory in this will mean that they will be playing in the final of the League.

The Villiers Senior Girls Team played remarkably well in a match against Laurel Hill on the 14th Jan, with a triumph of 3-0.

Kathryn Buggy scored in the first half in an amazing feat of brilliance, as she scored on the reverse from open play. She did not seem to be in the least bit deterred by the distracting shouts of "NO!" from the on-looking non-believers who didn't think she would be able to score. Ashlynn Craughen scored the remaining 2 goals, her first from a rebound of a short corner, and second from open play, taking on the goalie.

This victory got the team into the next round of the Coca-Cola Senior B Cup, which was played last Tuesday, 20th Jan against a team from Loreto, Clonmel.

Sarah Gray scored the first goal of this match, using the opportunity of a short corner very effectively. Ashlynn Craughen followed this up soon after with a great goal from a touch. Sarah then scored again with a powerful hit from open play on the top of the circle. Ciara Hereward Ryan scored the final goal of the match from an accurately hit straight shot

from a short corner, leaving the final result a well earned 4-0 victory, leading the way to a match against VCT in the semi finals of the North Munster Round, which is to be played in the near future.

Good Luck to Sarah Gray, Aislinn Ryan, Andrew Gray, Roger Gray and Eric Calender who will be representing Munster next weekend.

On Wednesday 21st, the Villiers U16 Girls Team played in a thrilling and exciting match against a team from Rockwell, Tipperary. Although they didn't win, the final score being a disappointing 3-0 to Rockwell, a great standard of play was maintained throughout by the Villiers team, and Rockwell had to fight for every goal they got. So well done, and we wish you better luck in your next league match.

By Jade O'Mahony IVN

Gym

What is indubitably a great new addition, to our already well equipped School Gym, we have acquired a rowing machine.

For those of you who are envious of students who have already joined the gym, don't be! There is still a chance to join, and it couldn't be simpler: just pick up a form from Janet's office, and fill it in. Membership for the term costs a very reasonable €30.

By Jade O'Mahony IVN

Caving

The Caving Club has reopened after the holidays. Mr Lillis is planning several activities for both experience cavers and novices.

In November the Club went to the Outdoor Adventure Centre in Clare for a day and everyone had a great time.

The Club meets every Wednesday in Room 7 between 3pm and 4pm. For further information talk to Mr Lillis.

By Barry Kennedy IVN



Announcements The weeks ahead

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms Storey who recently gave birth to a healthy baby girl Jessica, and to Ms. Redfern, who recently got engaged.

By Jade O'Mahony & Barry Kennedy IVN

Parent Teacher Meetings

The Parent Teacher Meeting for parents of Form III, Form IV and Form VI students are on today.

Meanwhile the parents of Forms I, II and V are invited to meet the teachers on Monday 2nd February.

Students should note that teachers will accept monetary bribes from €50 upwards in exchange for a good report.

By Barry Kennedy IVN

Condolences

The Red Sokz team would like to wish Mr McCrohan our deepest sympathies after the recent and very sudden death of his grandmother.

Thank you

Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Breen, Mrs. Donegan, Mrs. Moriarty, Mr. Kearsley, Ms. Aherne, Mrs. Hartery, Mr. Carroll, Conor and Jim would like to thank all students for the gifts that they received at the Christmas Dinner 2003. They really appreciated the kind gesture.

By Luke Hamilton & Jade O'Mahony IVN

Cat Alert :-)

Students are advised to look out for a stray cat wandering around the School. Do not try to confront the cat as he may be extremely dangerous. If cornered please shout: "Help Help! The Cats got Me!!!!" (Only Joking! Don't take this serious!)

By Brian Carney IVN

Lost Property

Due to the fact that there will be a Lost Property Sale in the upcoming weeks, Ms. Breen would like to remind all to pick up, during the course of next week, any property of theirs that might have been left there. At the moment it's cram packed, and Ms. Breen would love to see property claimed. You can go any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 11.20 and 11.30.

By Jade O'Mahony IVN

Student Council News

The Student Council would like to inform students that an estimated €886 was collected from the Colours Day before Christmas.

It has been decided to give €500 to the Red Ribbon Project in Limerick City which deals with HIV and AIDS awareness.

The remaining €386 will be used to fund upcoming Student Council projects

By Barry Kennedy IVN