



Red Sokz

Volume III, Issue X

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

March 12, 2004



Editorial

Ski Trip '04

Welcome to Issue X of Red Sokz. This year's ski group of 55 are back and we have the first in a series of reports from them. Alannah King and Hollie Lawlor are co-ordinating a fairly lengthy and exciting ski report, which we hope to bring you over the next few issues. Plans are already afoot for Ski Trip '05 - watch this space for more and start saving your hard earned €.

In Features we have articles on World Book Day, the PTA's successful Dream Auction and the results of the Young Enterprise Competition.

In announcements we have news on the Form & Fusion Competition, Jiu Jitsu, and the School Fitness Centre.

In Sport we have reports on recent Hockey and Rugby matches, some Dutch visitors and the Girl's Soccer Team.

Remember that next week is both St. Patrick's week and Seachtain na Geailge. The Irish Dept. have plans to celebrate Irish Culture during the week.

ᵿᵿᵿᵿ ᵿᵿ ᵿᵿᵿᵿ!

By Barry Kennedy IVN

The year's ski tour to Lofer, Austria, left the School on Saturday 21st February at precisely 10:30 am. We got off to a great start. Traffic wasn't too bad, check-in went smoothly and some got a bit of last minute shopping done. All was well until our flight was delayed for 3 hours and was diverted from Salzburg to Munich, which meant we had 2 more hours than expected on the bus ride to the hotel. But that didn't seem to bother anyone! Luckily some bright spark brought a mini rugby ball and amused the departures lounge with a friendly rugby ball throw about and if you weren't throwing the ball or watching it you were more than likely wondering where the mini McCrohan came from!

When we finally got to Munich everybody dragged themselves off the plane and onto a bus, soon though all eyes were awake and staring out the windows at the views of sparkling snow and trees. We got to the hotel at about

2:00am Sunday morning. People got their bags, sorted their rooms and fell asleep, for 5 ½ hours!

Later that morning everyone was woken up by the notion that breakfast would be waiting for them at 8:00am, and so it was. It was an Austrian style buffet, slices of meat and cheese and hard bread! It wasn't exactly what people hoped for but they ate it nonetheless. Afterwards the staff took us to get our skiing gear, when that was done we headed for the slopes. Unfortunately it took us longer than expected, as usual, but we got there.

We were put into 4 groups: people who had skied 4 times or more, people who had skied 2 times or more and 2 beginners groups. The instructors included: Catherine (the 'hottie', whose dad owned the mountain, apparently!), Wolfgang, Timo and Mitch (the hottie who owned a great a**!). At around 11:00am the skiing began....

To be contd.

Features

Young Entrepreneurs

A group of Transition Years went to Jury's Hotel to participate in the Limerick Finals of the 2004 Young Enterprise Competition. Sadly, Villiers did not bring home the winner's shield, but we did ourselves proud. Everyone involved had a very enjoyable day. Well done to M@tt-Electronics who won the Villiers section of the competition.

World Book Day

This year, World Book Day fell on the 4th of March. As with every year for the past number of years, book vouchers valid for the month of March have been printed and can be used in most book shops around the country. For anyone interested in getting €1.50 off a book, you can ask your English teacher for a voucher.

On a larger scale, you might be interested to know that the tradition of World Book Day is derived from a custom which was started 80 years ago in Catalo-

nia. Here, roses and books were exchanged as gifts to celebrate St. Georges Day. Book-fairs and street festivals were spread nationwide, and when a book was sold, roses were offered to customers with every book they bought. This small festival was extended by UNESCO to become a worldwide celebration of books. Last year, 30 countries across the globe got into the spirit of world book day, which is some achievement considering how small its origins were!

A number of famous people got involved to make world book day a success by participating in book-related events which were organised throughout the country. One of the events more specific to Limerick was that children's author, Cora Harrison, read from her Drumshee series at Limerick and Ennis libraries on World Book Day to students of the local schools. Eoin Colfer, the author most known for his success with writing humorous and witty books on the child prodigy Artemis Fowl, also contributed

by writing a book specially for the occasion: "Artemis Fowl: The Seventh Dwarf". This can be bought in exchange for a book voucher, and if his other Artemis Fowl books are anything to go by, this book should be a great read and well worth the voucher!

By Jade O'Mahony IVN

Dream Auction

The Parent Teacher Association held a Dream Auction in the Radisson Hotel last Friday.

Over 100 lots were donated by Parents and local businesses. These ranged from a hamper of assorted food to a Ariel tour of the Aran Islands. Among the highlights of the evening was the sale of 3 suitcases for €400 and when Ms Kirby bought a dinner with Mr Jones' money.

The PTA was hoping to raise money to pay for Science Equipment for the School's new Science and Technology block.

By Barry Kennedy IVN



Sport

Minor Hockey

Hard luck to Mr Suttons Minor B team who unfortunately lost against Crescent Comprehensive, on Wednesday the 3rd of March.

Within 10 minutes of the first half Chloe Fanning 1Q scored a goal for Villiers giving them the lead a while later Crescent evened the score, other attempts came from Jade Moore 1N and Ellen Scott 1M.

In the second half Villiers fought hard but Crescent broke their defence scoring another goal taking the lead. At the final whistle the score was 2-1, well done girls and also to Ciara Danaher 1Q who was goalie.

By Gillian Lyttle IVP

The Minor A Girls Hockey Team played their first Cup Match of the season on Wednesday 3rd March, against Crescent Comprehensive. The team suffered a defeat of 4-1, but this was understandable, and even exceeded expectations as this particular team from Crescent have been obtaining victory after victory in the not so distant past, and most of their wins have been concluded with greater differences.

The first goal of the match was scored by Crescent in the first fifteen minutes, following this with 2 goals during the later part of this half. Jennifer Lyttle broke up their string of goals however, with a nicely placed goal from a short corner between Crescents second and third goals. In the second half, Crescent went on to secure their lead with their final goal of the match. Good attacks were made by Edel Martin (1M) and Margaret Gleeson (1P) on their attempted goals during the course of the match, while a great job was done by the goalkeeper, Jessica Milne (1Q). Well done.

By Jade O'Mahony IVN

Boys Hockey

On Wednesday the Minor B and Junior B teams travelled to

play Kilkenny. Many of our players had come out of retirement for the match and were caught off challenge. Unfortunately both teams lost the Minor B's 0-2 and the Junior B's 0-1, unlucky guys. To confirm rumours are true Kilkenny are looking for a trip to Limerick.

Dutch Visitors

An U14 Hockey team from Bosch are on tour from the 20th to the 21st of March and are set to play our U14's on Saturday the 20th here in Villiers starting at 2pm.

By Gillian Lyttle IVP

U14 Rugby

On Wednesday the U14 rugby team travelled to St. Nessans to play them in the city cup. They unfortunately lost to a more experienced team. Robert Brislane was a commanding leader in the pack, while Hugh Kelleher and Oscar Barret combined well in the half backs.

A special mention should go to John Perrot who was a rock in defence in full back. The team performed very well as a unit as this was their first time playing with each other.

By Ciarán Kellaber IVP

Girls Junior Soccer

The girls junior soccer is up and running on Wednesday's after School from 3.15 to 4.30. It is open to all girls aged 14 and under. We are looking for more girls to attend and hope to organise a friendly or two soon. So why not give it a try, you might like it!!

By Gillian Lyttle IVP

Athletics

Well done to all those who took part in an athletics meeting on Tuesday the 9th March in Nenagh.

By Barry Kennedy IVN



Announcements The weeks ahead

Form & Fusion

Unfortunately our entry in this year's Coca-Cola Form & Fusion Art & Design Competition failed to make the National heats. We think we that Villiers should have won.

By Barry Kennedy IVN

Welcome Back

We just want to say a big welcome back to Bean Uí Dot who took a year long break and has just returned to Villiers. The School wasn't the same without you, Miss! We are delighted to have you back.

Work Experience

In two weeks time you may notice a slight decline of noise in and around the corridors, this will be do to Form IV students gone on work experience. It starts on 22nd of march and finishes 2nd of April. It will give the students an insight into the workplace. Good luck to everybody doing it.

By Brian Carney IVN

Jiu Jitsu

Good Luck to the yellow belt Martial Arts students who will be taking their grading for their orange belts on Wednesday the 10th of March. Also, congratulations to those who have already got their grading by taking it in the dojo last Sunday the 29th

February, the orange splash of colour really is dazzling! Hopefully they will be joined by quite a few more by next week.

By Jade O'Mahony IVN

Health and Fitness Club

We are currently looking for new members and have opened membership to third years. To supplement we ask for a special rate of €10, for all new members until the end of April. Please contact Janet in the office for details and booking forms.

St Paddy's Day

Just a note of reminder to all students and parents that there will be no school on the Wednesday the 17th March all boarders will be staying in school unless they have other arrangements.

By Gillian Lyttle IVP

Exams

Best of Luck to students in Form III and Form VI as they are faced with their practicals in various subjects over the next few weeks.

In the case of Form VI, they have orals for their language subjects hanging over them which are set to take place in the shortly. All the practice in the café and other places is adding to the cosmopolitan air of the School - it sounds great.

By Jade O'Mahony IVN