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Editorial

We're back! Yes, Form IV are back from Work Experience & Achill. We would like to thank the Form II students who took over in our two week absence.

This issue contains another of the adventures of the Ski Trip Diary as well as articles on the Achill and Comhairle Na nÓg.

In the Sport Section we have news on the Sport's Championships, Ireland Hockey Call-ups and Caving as well as all the goings on in the Sport's Department.

In the Announcements Section, we have news on new students and teachers, Action Day and the Form IV spelling test.

See you next time!

By Barry Kennedy IVN

Main Stories

Après ski

When lessons were over people would usually come back to the hotel and take hot showers (if you got there early enough), some would stay up on the slopes and ski some more, but whatever was done, you met up with everyone at 18:00 for dinner. There we would eat sausages and rabbit, without realising, and chat with friends about the day we had.

After dinner we had our meeting with the staff and Mr. Sutton told us how great we were or how great we weren't, then it was off to have some organised fun!

Bum boarding, ice-skating, swimming, general knowledge quiz, Ms. Lofers competition and the talent show, this is the kind of activities we would get up to

when we weren't skiing. Although we all did get a bit of fun, injuries just couldn't be helped. The games we played, the fun we had.

When the organised activities were finished, we went out on the town/village for a bit of socialising with the locals, but if you weren't up for that kind of activity some people would gather in the lounge area outside our rooms and chatted until curfew.

Well that's all we have time for in this edition of Villiers Ski Tour '04. I will quietly be working the nights away to bring you another fun filled adventure next time.

In the meantime you can check out all the photos up on the School Intranet. Until then... Good Bye!!!

By Alannah King IVQ

Features

Comhairle Na nÓg

Eight members of the Students Council - Duncan Brickenden, Robert Hardy, Alice Maughan, Rebecca O'Neil, Sean Keane, Barry Kennedy, Marguerite Leech and Sam Ryan - recently went to City Hall to partake in Comhairle na nÓg. They spent the day discussing issues such as "Racism" and the "Image of Limerick" with other teenagers. They also elected representatives for the Limerick Youth Forum which will meet regularly to discuss similar issues.

Wonders of the Web

This week's theme is television and so here are a few sites for you to look at while in the ICT Suite at break times or at home.

www.rte.ie Our national broadcaster's website contains information on all types of Irish programming and entertainment.

www.onthebox.com Lets you check out what's on all your favourite channels

www.savemyshow.com Help save your favourite shows from being cancelled by signing an online petition.

By Barry Kennedy IVN

Form IV Achill Trip

Last week, the majority of Form IV students took a week off their studies and stress of exams and whatnot, to travel to the largest island off Ireland, more commonly known as Achill. We went purely for educational purposes, you'll understand...

The two busloads of excited Transition Year students left on Monday morning at half seven (well, those of whom who weren't sleepwalking were excited at least) and arrived in Achill some hours later, to be involved in activity as soon as rooms, bags, grouping and most lost persons were sorted out (anyone who has seen Malcolm Galbraith, please let us know immediately). This was to start the week as how it was meant to go on, with such sports as surfing, canoeing, kayaking, sit-ons, windsurfing, games and hill walking. However, due to bad weather conditions and mysterious injuries, later in the week some of these activities were swapped for sports such as rock-climbing, archery and bus tours.

In the evenings, various forms of entertainment were initiated. These varied greatly from watching videos, to a King and Queen of Achill (mixed cross-

dressing and egg-splating) competition, which a deserving Rachel Borland and Garath Davis won, and to last, but definitely not least of all, a Bog Walk in one of the local bogs. A mark of recognition must be extended to Roy Stoddart who was the first to jump head-first into bog. Good man Roy!!

On Friday the year were all worn out and looking forward to a good nights sleep at home - this mainly for the twenty-two boys who stayed at the OEC, due to the fact that they had been kept up for hours the night before by a certain Kerryman who was a bit ratty about the fact that his mattress had inexplicably disappeared and mysteriously turned up in a toilet cubicle. As soon as the mystery was solved the group went to bed none the worse for the experience, and the usually quiet breakfast the next morning was provided with a topic of conversation to moan about, which extended to include the whole day until it was time to pack up and leave. A sad farewell was bidden to the building and crew and we left as we had come: with a cheer from the people we were leaving, and disappointment on the faces of those we were returning to.

Jade O'Mahony IVN



Sport

Sports Championships

The Junior and Senior Championships for badminton and table tennis are coming up soon. Talk to your Form Tutor or the Sports Department for details.

Caving

Recently three Form IV students took part in a Youth Cave Training Weekend in the Turlough Outdoor Education Centre in the Burren. The course was organised by the Speleological Union of Ireland (SUI) which is the national body for caving (Speleology).

All three of us had a great time and we learned lots of useful things that we hope to use in future Speleological outings. Anyone interested in Caving should contact Mr Lillis or come to Room 7 on Wednesday at 3pm.

By Barry Kennedy IVN

Hockey Blitz

A number of teams from Doon, Laurel Hill and St. Anne's visited the School on Wednesday 5th for a mini Girls Hockey Blitz, in which the Villiers Form I Hockey Team also played. It was a great day and was enjoyed by all, giving everyone a chance to show their tremendous hockey skills which they acquired during this, their first year, at the School.

The overall winner of the Blitz was St. Annes, a well-deserved victory. Well done to all the other teams though, great effort was put in by all. Thanks to all who helped organise the day, especially to Mr. Sutton and his band of merry Transition Years!

By Gillian Lyttle IVP

Congrats

CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Gray who has made the Under 16's Irish Hockey Team. Sarah had been training hard for this achievement and was delighted to receive the great news last Wednesday that she had made the team.

Sarah will be playing her first match for Ireland on the 18th June against Scotland. The Europeans will then start on the 13th July. We would like to wish Sarah the best of luck for her future matches!!!!

By Hollie Lawlor IVP

Teacher Student Hockey Match

Last Wednesday at approximately 2:30pm something strange and wonderful happened in a small in place in Limerick called Villiers School. The Form VI students and teachers set out on a journey against each other to see who made the better hockey team.

The Form VI year boys came equipped with skirts, lipstick and brassiere. The girls rolled out of bed and on to the astropitch and as for the teachers...they stole uniforms, played 16 against 11 and still lost the match. It was long and treacherous but the students prevailed as they deserved.

By Alannah King IVQ

Well Done

Congratulations to all Hockey and Rugby players who were recently awarded Sports Ties at assembly.

North Munster Athletics

A very fit bunch of students competed in the North Munster Athletics competition in the University of Limerick during the last week. Good Luck!

By Barry Kennedy IVN



Announcements The weeks ahead

Bands Night

For all of you who did not know there is a bands night coming up and it's on Wednesday 26th May. It will include bands that you have heard before such as Fubar and Emergency Exit and bands that are new on the scene such as Subject to Change, Penelope and so on.

This great event is being organised by Jennifer O' Donnell and Kiernan Mc Mullen, if you have any queries we would suggest that you go to them.

Classical Concert

There will be a summer concert for music students taking place on Wednesday 19th May at 8:00.

By Laura Cooke IVN & Alannah King IVQ

Newbies

We would like to welcome two new international students to Form IV. They are Paul from France and Magdalena from Germany.

Also welcome new teacher Ms. Williams who is covering for Ms Sullivan as well as a group of student teachers who are currently at the school. Welcome one and all to Villiers.

Spelling Test

Form IV took a Spelling Aptitude Test on Friday 23rd April. It just proves we can spell.

Get Well Soon!

The Red Sokz team would like to wish Jason Sibble a speedy recovery. School isn't the same without you.

Action Day

That very fun day that draws the school year to an end is fast approaching. For those new students who wouldn't be familiar with the concept, Action Day is a Sport/Fun Day on the last school day before the exams. As with every year, all students will be spilt into colour groups and participate in several activities on behalf of your group. This year's events include Villiers' Strongest Person, the Picture Trail, the every popular Obstacle Course and all the regular sport's events.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Mr Fennell who turned "30" on Tuesday. Lets hope he got all the presents he wanted. Remember students, he likes people singing the "Happy Birthday" song to him in the corridor.

By Barry Kennedy IVN

Missing

A Musto jacket has been lost. It is navy, with red on the inside and it has no name on it. Also missing is a yellow wash bag belonging to one of the boarders. The contents of it have not been disclosed, but they are very important. If found please return it to Janet's office ASAP.

By Brian Carney IVN