



Red Sokz

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Editorial

Hurray we've landed! It's Half Term, we'd like to welcome you to Issue III and wish you a great holiday. This issue is packed but there's more on the School website: click on links to the Red Sokz section if you'd like to read more.

Pream Neote IVP & Barry Kennedy IVN

On Tuesday last week, four Form IVs jetted off to the [Glencree Peace and Reconciliation Centre](#) in Wicklow to find their *chi*. The four students Jason Sibbel, Derek Long, Sarah Gray, and Gillian Lyttle, didn't have clue what they were in for, and the only source of information took great delight in making the place sound like a religious retreat for strange and troubled kids. Don't worry, our source will remain unnamed (it was Robert Hardy).

It actually turned out to be much better than we had originally hoped.

There were loads of international volunteers there; among them some from South Africa, Germany, the U.S.A. and yes, even Canada (there were actually two of them there, although none from Kerry were allowed, funnily enough...).

The kids there were also from mixed backgrounds. One came all the way from Tanzania. Basically the purpose of the three day trip was to open our eyes to events and the stereotypical mindsets that exist among many of us without our knowledge. There were NOT loads of talks around fires with guitars, but debates and games as well. The debates were extremely good, and covered such controversial subjects as "Westlife is a credit to the Irish Music Industry", to "British and U.S. Forces should pull out of Iraq" and "Ireland should be a 32-country, united, Ireland".

It may not be surprising to some, but

the one with the biggest exchanges of heated words was the Westlife debate. This is not a joke. There were some brilliant activities which simulated what it would be like to be a small powerless country in the U.N. (like Bangladesh), and be a powerful, wealthy country (like the U.S.). The most interesting thing about this exercise was the as the game moved on, the longer the people stayed in the persona of their particular country, the more like reality the game became. The funny thing was that the people being the U.S.A. became more power-crazed and unscrupulous, and the poorer countries like Ghana and Bangladesh stuck together more. All in all, the trip was a lot of fun, and although we went there with skeptical expectations, now that we've actually done it, we would all recommend it to everyone.

Jason Sibbel IVP

Features

Form IV Student Committee

The Form IV class representatives committee is up and running. Each Form elected three representatives. From IVP we have Gareth Davis, Pream Neote and Jason Sibbel. From IVQ we have Beth O'Connel, Niamh Ryan and Colm Goode. In IVN we have Ailbhe Mooney, Gerard Thong and Barry Kennedy, and finally, in Form IVM John McCall, Erin McClure and Eoin Walsh are the reps.

Mr. Sutton hopes to schedule meetings early in the next half term and hopes that the committee will help with general organisation, communication.

Barry Kennedy IVN & Pream Neote IVP

Model in our Midst

From all the Red Sokz team, and from all her friends, congratulations to Sohaila Lindheim IVM who won the "Garryowen 2003 Model Search".

As the winner, she took after her mother winning a contract with the Celia Holman Lee Agency. Sohaila, standing 5'9" (and 6'1" in her stilettos) walked down the catwalk in the South Court Hotel on Tuesday the 25th. She said that there was a nervous atmosphere before they announced the winner and that she

was shocked as they called her name.

Well done Sohaila!

Derek Harvey IVP

Get Well Soon Rose!

As most of you will have probably noticed, Rose hasn't been doing her job for the past while. She has been ill in the hospital but thankfully she's at home now resting herself.

A card has been sent around amongst the students for Rose in which we wish her well. Please sign this, it will mean a lot to her, and may even speed up her recovery.

Rose's substitute is Pauline O'Callaghan who is doing a wonderful job. Pauline got the flu this week but we expect she'll back after the holidays. Get Well Soon, Pauline!

Luke Hamilton IVN & Alannab King IVQ

Wonders of the Web

This section of the Newsletter has returned! This time, we'll be giving three links, not just one. This issue's theme will be on art.

www.elfwood.com – if you're into art, writing, poetry and photography with a fantasy theme and looking for your own

personal art gallery, then this site is a great start. What's also great about this site is that you get great advice on how to use materials to make a great piece or how to use words in such a way to grip the reader's attention after two words.

www.deviantart.com - This is a far more casual site where you can have your own gallery. All forms of creativity are welcome here.

www.gorblimey.com – This isn't a public gallery but it has wonderful tutorial and gives great advice on using both digital and natural media. Emily Bourke from Form IVP would like credit for this or else she will eat us all.

Pream Neote IVP

Cake Sale

As you've noticed by now, there have been posters put up around the School (drawn by our incredibly artistic Form IVs) asking for toys and food for our Christmas Charities.

There was a very successful cake sale on Monday last. We were asked to pass on a big Thank You to all who helped out particularly those whose wonderful culinary skills were seen and savoured.

Jennifer O'Donnell IVM



Sport

Tennis

Well done to Jason Sibbel IVP who was part of the team, who clinched the under-18 Munster Tennis Championship. He is currently ceded in the Irish Top 6 at U 16. Wimbledon, here we come!

Hockey

Congratulations to Aislinn Ryan and Sarah Gray who have been accepted into the last twenty for the Under 16 Munster Hockey Team. We want to wish them the BEST OF LUCK for the rest of their trials and hopefully we'll see them in the red jersey soon.

The Junior Boys and Form I Boys went to Middleton Last Wednesday 15th to play hockey. Form I played a tight and close match and lost to a single goal. The Junior Boys won their match 4-2; all goals were in the first half, Roger Gray scoring 2 and Ricky Power scoring a brace.

On Monday 13th the Senior Hockey Team played a team from Aberdeen in Scotland. It was good experience for the Seniors. Villiers won the match 9-4 but the Scottish team never gave up when Villiers scored. Turlough Adley scored his hat-trick and then got a yellow card because he was too good. Andrew and Roger Gray showing their skill by scoring 2 goals each and Eric Callender also got two. All players played well.

Aberdeen here on their Irish tour played five matches in all. Speaking to one of their players they said it was an experience and they learned a lot.

On Wednesday 15th, Form I Boys played a blitz in Bandon despite a good performance, the A team left without a win.

However the B team won two of their three matches. The Junior Boys played their second league match against Ashton on the same day. Following a convincing performance the team ran out winners 4-0 with goals from Ricky Power, 2 from Eric Callendar with Roger Gray scoring again to add to his impressive total of 11 goals this season.

Rugby

Despite a spirited performance the **Form I** Rugby Team suffered a defeat at the hands of Glenstal. A well-prepared Glenstal Team showed their intentions from early in the game, running in flurry of tries. It would be unfair to mention the score as it does no justice to the strong performance of an inexperienced Villiers team. Two players over everybody else merit mention, John Perrott and Eoin O'Sullivan for their skilful display.

Form II gave a fine display of Rugby skill also against Glenstal. They were defeated 22-12 in a game that they should have won. An early try from Glenstal was the only difference between the sides. Steven Harvey (Captain) and Blaine Cregan were the try scorers for Villiers. All players showed pride in wearing the Villiers Strip.

Team Photos

If you are a sports player, make sure to turn up at all matches during the coming weeks, in order to get yourself in this years team photos. Claiming shyness in front of a camera will not be accepted!

Sport by: Daniel Eve, Ciaran Kelleher, Roy Stoddart IVM, David Fogerty, Hollie Lawlor, Derek Long, Paul Murphy and Glenn Wallace *IVP*



Announcements The weeks ahead

Red Sokz-- on the net!

The Red Sokz e-mail address is up and running. For those of you who haven't already picked this up on the School website, it's "redsokz@villiers-school.com". Please send e-mails to this address if you'd like to get some news into an issue.

A Baby is Born...

The Red Sokz team would like to send a big "Congrats!" to Mr. Fennell, who was recently made the proud father of a beautiful baby girl, named Isabelle.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations also, to Miss. G. Moore, whose got married last weekend. We wish you all the best to you and your new husband, a Kerryman, we believe.

Estonia & Finland trip

Mr. O'Hanlon, Ms. Byrne and a group of very happy students headed off on this trip Wednesday at 4 a.m. Despite the early start we heard that they had a long delay in Dublin airport, six hours, we believe! We haven't heard much from them since, could this be that they are having such a good time that they've forgotten about us?

Choir Practice

Ms. O'Sullivan would like to announce that preparations are underway for the **Christmas Carol Service**.

If you would like to join the Choir please note that rehearsals will run from 18:45 to 20:15 beginning on November 5th in Room 23.

Fashion Show Tickets

Tickets for this years' Fashion Show will be going on sale very shortly, so be sure to pick them up soon! The cost will be €10

for adults & €5 for students. Please remember that all proceeds go towards "Self Help". If you would like more information on this very worthwhile charity, and have access to the net, have a look at www.selfhelp.ie

Religion Notes

Ms. Sexton would like to remind people to bring in any dried food e.g. coffee and cereal, (any non perishable foods) that they would like to donate to the Limerick Food Foundation plus if any one would like to donate toys (in good condition) to the Operation Christmas Child please do. Bring all donations to the Duty Room.

Well she seems to be up to her head in work because she has more to announce. She has organized a Christian Union Group; it is a group in which you can explore your faith through discussion, music and artwork. If you're interested, and would like to try your hand in a bit of artwork, the sessions will be held on Fridays in Room 17 at 13:00.

Science

A number of Form V Chemistry students attended the University of Limerick for a Computer Science seminar supported by Lucent Technologies. All who attended the seminar with Mr Sadleir were intrigued by the advice given to them in relation to possible future careers in the world of science. At present opportunities of work experience in the University during the summer months are being looked into as a result of the visit.

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