



Red Sokz

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Editorial

Hello and welcome back to Villiers School! Now that you all have settled in, you might have noticed a few changes; new members of staff and new students. We hope that you will make the new staff feel welcome. Please include the new students in your conversations, just as you would like if you were in a new school.

This is the first Red Sokz production of Transition Year '04-'05 and here are the members that have brought you this edition: Leslie Hayes, Richard Holland, Ciara Harrington, Eric Fogarty, Oscar Barrett Cuixeres, Areti Magoufis, Alva Gallagher, Jose Hermosilla, David Owens Murphy, Aoife Griffin, Sarah Thornton and Kate Dix.

Sarah Thornton & Kate Dix

On behalf of the Red Sokz team and School staff we would like to congratulate all the new prefects and

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wish them the best for the coming year. We also hope our existing prefects keep up the good work from last year and we're sure they will help the new prefects settle into their new roles.

We would also like to congratulate Mark Sheahan and Ciara Hereward Ryan our new Head Boy and Head Girl, while Duncan Brickenden and Heather Stanley are Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl respectively.

This year's prefects are Jason Sibbel, Royston Stoddart, Glenn Wallace, Kathryn Buggy, Barry Kennedy, Gillian Lyttle, Marion Murphy, Jade O'Mahony, Ian Johnston, Robin Van der Klooster, Sarah Gray, Natalie Kennedy, Ruth Court, Kevin McNamara, Rebecca O'Neil, Richard Dodd, Evan Coady, Robert Hardy, Jennifer Dann and Charlie Scott.

Oscar Barrett Cuixeres & Jose Hermosilla Carrasco.

Reflection on Beslan

We held an assembly to reflect on the tragedy in the Russian town of Beslan yesterday. We prayed for the people of Beslan in both Russian and English and lit a candle with these words "We light a candle for the people of Beslan - for those who have died in this terrible outrage and for those who have been left behind, living through the nightmare - for those lying in hospital beds, for parents, relatives and friends - for the whole devastated community."

Staff and students are signing a book of condolences, which we will send to the school in Beslan, along with a letter written by one of our Russian students.

Mr. J. Lawes

We would like to thank Form VI girls Svetlana Babeshko and Ekaterina Mulina who added the beautiful Russian touches to the reflection.

Features

Student Council

We would like to welcome you all back and we'd like to extend a warm welcome to all new students.

We are currently updating the constitution of the Student Council and we plan to hold elections in early November.

*Seán Keane VIM
Student Council PRO*

Tuck Shop Tips

Since we're so happy to see all our regular customers on a daily basis, we sat down and put together a few tips to make both your and our lives a little easier.

When you form a queue we are able to meet you personally on a one-to-one basis. This is a pure delight for us ladies in the Tuck Shop. We could almost make it our anthem: **juniors to the right and seniors to the left.**

Next little tip, try to resist the temptation of that little chat with your friend when you are passing them in the queue as it can lead to congestion in the corridor. And just think, what you are going to have left to say to each other when you finally get to sit down and chat.

Many thanks to the prefects who do a great job here, it really is appreciated.

Remember: **Think quick, think smart, think tuck and then depart.**

*The Tuck Shop Ladies
& Ciara Harrington*

Music

The annual Transition Year Show is to move to this term with a date for late November, yet to be fixed. This year's Show is set to be a little different, more on this in later issues.

Any students who wish to do Voice Training or learn to play an instrument please contact Ms. O'Sullivan in Room 23 as soon as possible.

*Eric Fogarty
& David Owens Murphy*

New Staff

On behalf of the Red Sokz team and all of Villiers School we would like to welcome three new staff to the school: Ms. M. O'Brien and Ms. Keane and Mr. Lawes. We managed to catch up with all three and here is what we discovered.

Ms. Keane and Ms. M. O'Brien are two teachers taking over from Ms. Quinn and Ms. Kirby respectfully. They feel that we Villiers students are very focussed, motivated and well mannered (so far!) and that we're a credit to our parents and the School. Now, how about that! They have found the School to be very different to previous schools in which they have taught where Villiers has a strong community feel about it with a great relationship between students and staff.

Mr. Lawes taught in a small language school (TEFL) in Wensleydal, North Yorkshire. The students of Villiers remind him of the first students he ever taught who were in Uganda - intelligent, thoughtful and friendly! Mr. Lawes is School Chaplain and is also teaching Religious Education although he has taught drama and English before.

We would like to wish Ms. Quinn the best of luck in her new role as Deputy Headmaster. Ms. Kirby has taken a Career Break and we'd like to wish her the very best in that and we look forward to her return.

Alva Gallagher & Areti Magoufis



Sport

Hockey

The hockey season has just kicked off but luck wasn't on the side as our Hockey Senior and Under14 teams lost out to Bandon 4-1 and 2-1. However, it was a good effort by both teams.

Return fixtures for Forms I & II are provisionally planned for Wednesday next. Please see notice board for details.

Again a reminder to all who wish to play Hockey, training takes places as per the timetable below from 15:30 to 17:00.

Rugby

The rugby season is to kick off on Monday so this is just a reminder to all who want to play must come out training as we have been up-graded to a B School and we need more players for matches.

Training for Forms I & II is on after School on Mondays, Forms III - VI training is on Thursdays also after school. Buses depart for Coonagh from outside the front gate at 15:40 and return at 17:15 approximately.

Rugby Coaches this year are Mr. Fennell, Mr. Sadleir and Coach Collopy. We are delighted to announce that we are very fortunate to have another Rugby expert in the guise of Oscar Barrett's father who will be lending his expertise in the

coaching of the Senior Team.

New jerseys have been supplied to the Junior Team and Senior Team.

Health and Fitness Club

After a successful first year this very popular club is reopening next week. Annual membership is €30 and is open to students from Form III - VI. Please register with and make payments to Janet in Reception.

Perhaps some Seniors might be interested in becoming a monitors to help in the running of this club. Anybody from Forms V & VI may apply. Please contact Mr. Fennell ASAP if you wish to take advantage of the very generous package that this role offers

Sports Noticeboard

Please check regularly for fixtures, team news, travel arrangements and for any changes to the regular sports timetable.

We would like to remind new students that this noticeboard is located just beyond Mr. Hardy's office.

Sports Timetable - Autumn 2004

Rugby

Monday
Form I & II Boys

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday
Forms III - VI

Friday

Hockey

Monday
Junior Girls
Senior Girls
Minor Girls
Junior Boys
Senior Boys

Tuesday
Form I Boys
Minor Boys
Junior Boys
Senior Boys

Wednesday

Matches & Training

Thursday
Minor Girls
Junior Girls
Senior Girls
Minor Boys

Friday

All ages
Boys & Girls

Sports Hall

Monday
Badminton &
Table Tennis

Tuesday
Basketball
for Girls

Wednesday
Basketball

Thursday
Badminton &
Table Tennis or
Indoor Hockey

Friday



Announcements The weeks ahead

Careers

Mrs. Sirr would like everyone in Form VI to make an appointment to see her before half term. Please see Duncan Brickenden to book your slot.

Anyone interested in applying to British Universities would need to see Mrs. Sirr as soon as possible as the deadline for application is rapidly approaching. If you are applying to go over there you can check out www.uccas.com for information while www.cao.ie is a great starting place for information on courses in Irish Universities, Institutes of Technology etc.

Would Form V bring €6 to Mrs. Sirr as soon as possible for the Limerick Higher Options event which is taking place on October 5th.

Family Fun Day

On Saturday 18th September from 11am-7pm there is a Family Fun Day at Villiers to celebrate the International Year

of the Family. Booking/further information available from Mrs. Margaret Schultz (061 336141), Mr. Edward Hardy (087 2907553) or ask the new School Chaplain, Mr. Lawes.

Congratulations to Dan Ketchum, Olympic Gold Medalist, who studied at Villiers for two years prior to moving back to his native USA. This gives great encouragement to the growing number of swimming enthusiasts in the School.

Extra Curricular Activities

Villiers has a wide range of extra curricular activities. Yoga and horse riding will be coming soon. Speak with Bean Uí Dot. in Room 1 for more details on these and other activities.

Lost property

Anybody who has lost belongings, go to lost property in the basement on Mondays, Wednesdays AND Fridays at 11:20.