



# Red Sokz

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## Editorial

We would like to thank Ms. Storey's English class for bringing this issue to us. Amid all the excitement of Wednesday, they refocused and got down to work.

So you might ask, what was so exiting about Wednesday? It was results day for them all. They had a long morning of classes and in the afternoon, Mr. Hardy gave them their results individually in the New Block, while students awaited to be called from a very tense and nervous Lecture Theatre. More on the results from Kate Dix.

Also included in this issue is the usual news from the world of Sport in Villiers. Congratulations to all involved

## Main Stories

in Rugby on their very successful first week. Catch up on the latest on sport from Leslie and Eric's articles overleaf.

Check the Announcements section for important notices. Last but not least see the features section below.

### Junior Certificate Results

On Wednesday this week, you would have noticed Form IVs were looking rather nervous. It was of course the day the Junior Cert. results came out.

This was the day the entire year had thought about, consciously or subconsciously for a long time. Naturally, relief was widespread.

Well done to Ricky Power who got the 10 A's, without having to get a recheck!

Paula Schneider was also outstanding, when she received 9 A's and 2 B's. All in all, everybody was very pleased with their results. Some were amazed that they did so well, especially Oscar Barrett and Eric Fogerty.

The School staff asked us to pass on a congratulations to one and all.

*Kate Dix IV Q*

### Beslan

In response to our whole School Assembly last week, students signed a Book of Condolences for the people of Beslan. This has been forwarded to the Russian Ambassador in Dublin.

We would like to thank Ilia Liaskine in VN who translated for us.

## Features

### International Students

This year we have seen a new batch of International students coming to the School, yet a lot our old friends have returned. Many International students have mentioned how homely Villiers School was to them. Our new International students would like to thank the prefects and Mrs M O'Sullivan for their assistance in making life easier for them and also helping them to improve their English.

Every year we have seen so many different nationalities coming to our School such as Spaniards, Germans, Russians, Americans and even people from Kazakhstan and Zambia. I spoke too many of the International Students on how life is different in Villiers from their Schools in their on countries. They mentioned how it is hard to get used to living as a boarder, the differences in food and even the fact they have to wear uniforms. Well we wish all our new International students good luck throughout the year.

*Oscar Barrett Cuixeres &  
Jose Hermosilla Carrasco.*

### ICT

Welcome back to existing users of the School's ICT resources and welcome to all new users.

Current users who can't remember their passwords can arrange to change same at users support times next week. Please just drop into Mr. McCrohan at one of the following times: 8:30(ish) to 9:00, the beginning or the end of break times.

For all new users, we hope to set up your user accounts over the weekend and give you same during the coming week at user support times. Please call to the ICT Suite.

### Dissolving Boundaries

The Dissolving Boundaries through Technology in Education project is designed to support schools in both the Republic and the North to engage in collaborative curricular projects using computer and video conferencing. Dissolving Boundaries is supported by the Department of Education in Northern Ireland and the Department of Education and Science in the Republic.

The project aims to: integrate technology into curricular work; produce educationally valuable collaborative work; and promote mutual understanding on both sides of the border.

Villiers is one of ten post-primary schools joining the project for the academic year 2004 - 2005. In order to set

the ball rolling at this end, Mr. McCrohan is off to a cross-border conference during the week, nice junket!

In terms of technology this project will bring exciting developments in terms of computer and video conferencing amongst other exciting things.

### Adult Education

This is the programme for Autumn 2004. Classes run on Thursday nights except for Golf which runs on Wednesday nights.

- Sculptured Nail craft
- Basic Woodcraft
- Creative Writing
- Basic Computing with Internet
- Pottery
- Therapeutic Massage
- Flower Arranging
- Art for beginners
- Aromatherapy
- Reflexology
- Gardening
- Golf
- Wine Appreciation
- Basic Life Support in association with the Irish Heart Foundation



## Sport

### Gym

Just a **reminder** to all who want to join the gym, it's open on Wednesdays from 15:00 and costs €30 for a year's membership. Please register in Reception with Janet or speak with Mr. Fennell.

### Rugby

The Junior and the Senior Teams got off to a brilliant start against Waterpark College. You might recall, in rugby terms, we jumped from being a C School to a B School.

The Seniors went 5-0 down at half time but they had a great come back in the second half with a try from Glenn Wallace, which was converted brilliantly by Jason Thong to secure the win 7-5. Notable performances by Richard Dodd, Jason Thong and Oscar Barrett who were outstanding in the match.

The Juniors also had had a fantastic start to the season as they went up 7-0 within 10 mins with a try from Kris O'Shea and a conversion by Leslie Hayes. Nearing the end of the first half Waterpark got a try to bring the score back to 7-5, but in the second half the Juniors gave it everything and with a bit of class from Diarmuid Quinlan to set up Kealan Murphy for the second try to bring the score to 12-5. Notable performances by Henry O'Grady and Leslie Hayes.

These victories were highly significant as Villiers were

competing for the first time as "B" level school. Our success at this level is very encouraging for all involved.

### Basketball

Basketball starts in the hall on Wednesdays after School.

### Hockey

**Congratulations** to Kate McCrossan who was recently elected captain of the Minor Girls Team also well supported by Emma Doherty who was vice captain. They start with an in-school blitz next Wednesday.

**Belated congrats** to Sarah and Roger Gray for playing Hockey for Ireland against Scotland and the European U-16 Tournament in Bristol in July with Sarah scoring 3 goals.

Ciara Hereward-Ryan is captain of Senior Girls with Sarah Gray as vice-captain.

Welcome to Phillipa Scholl and Charlotte Beckmann to the Senior panel.

The U-14 Boys travelled to Newtown on Wednesday and played out a 0-0 draw. They are improving! Robert Brislane, Colin Crawford and Roger Clarke shone through in a tight game.

Notice to all boys hockey to keep looking at the notice board for a possible game with Kilkenny next week.

*Leslie Hayes & Eric Fogerty*



## Announcements ..... The weeks ahead

### Reminder

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 our new School Chaplain, Mr. Lawes.

Mrs. Hardy would like to announce that we're expecting over 300 people on Saturday. Both the Café and Tuck Shop will be open selling refreshments, so come along, you might recognise someone!

*Alva Gallagher 4N*

### Caving

The Caving Club started last Tuesday. Anybody else interested in joining, please go to Room 7 after School on Thursdays.

### An Environmentally Friendly School

As you all know by now we are a very conscious school, environmentally. Over the years we have engaged in a number of projects, between planting trees, recycling and colour coding rubbish bins.

To go a step further we need more ideas to help improve the School environmentally. Anybody that has any brainwaves, please go to Ms. Gowing in Room 18.

### Adult Education

Thursday night is Night Classes night and so next Thursday September 23rd, Mrs. Callender and her merry bunch of helpers: parking attendants, and Night Café staff will begin another season of Adult Education.

That said, the Golf classes begin one night earlier as these classes run on Wednesday nights only.

We would like to welcome all Night Students to the School

and wish you all the best in your Night studies.

Should anybody be interested in joining a night class, we have a few places available, please telephone the School for more information 061 451 447. See over leaf for full list of classes.

### Musical

Auditions are already underway for the show which will be held on Nov 23rd, 24th and 25th.

Final auditions will take place next week, so we wish the best of luck to all involved and we look forward to another great show.

### Remembrance Mass

This Sunday at 12 o'clock in Christ The King Church, Caherdavin there will be a remembrance mass for all those who lost their lives in the school in Beslan and their families. All are welcome.

### Reminders

Mrs. Donegan wishes to remind Form V students to bring in €6 for the pending Careers Trip.

### Café

Rose would like to welcome all Form Is and new student, and she's looking forward to seeing good manners and queuing nicely at the café like everyone else.

### Student Council

There is a meeting next Wednesday for all members of the Student Council in Room 2 at 15:00. Looking forward to seeing you all.

*Ciara Harrington, Aoife Griffin and Sarah Thornton*